



## MINUTES

### SOUTHERN NEVADA DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

January 27, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.

Meeting was conducted via Webex Event

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Scott Black – Chair, Council Member, City of North Las Vegas (*in-person*)  
Brian Knudsen – Vice-Chair, Council Member, City of Las Vegas (*via Webex*)  
James Adams – Council Member, City of Boulder City (*via Webex*)  
Olivia Diaz – Council Member, City of Las Vegas (*via Webex*)  
Karen Dutkowski – Council Member, City of Mesquite (*via Webex*)  
Marilyn Kirkpatrick – Commissioner, Clark County (*via Webex*)  
Frank Nemec – At-Large Member, Physician (*via Webex*)  
Scott Nielson – At-Large Member, Gaming (*via Webex*)  
Michelle Romero – Council Member, City of Henderson (*via Webex*)  
Tick Segerblom – Commissioner, Clark County (*via Webex*)
- ABSENT:** Bobbette Bond – At-Large Member, Regulated Business/Industry
- ALSO PRESENT:** (In Audience) Sal Alvarez, Linda Anderson, Raul Avendano, Jason Bailey, Isabelle Beaumont-Frenette, Andrew Belanger, Mitch Bishop, Nancy Bowen, Jordan Bunker, Miriam Ceballos, Chaunsey Chau-Duong, Georgi Collins, Brian Coombs, Chris Darling, Mike Dishari, Alejandra Fazekas, Kathy Foley, Douglas Fraser, Elizabeth Hammack, Katie Horn, Serena Kasama, Alisa Kelly, Dale Martin, Bradley Mayer, Colby Pellegrino, Kenny Ramis, Jonathan Rodriguez, Doa Ross, Kate Ryan, Julie Schoolmeester, Irene Skarlatos, Debbie Springer, Cassidy Wilson
- LEGAL COUNSEL:** Heather Anderson-Fintak, General Counsel
- EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:** Fermin Leguen, MD, MPH, District Health Officer
- STAFF:** Vicentiu Anghel, Maria Azzarelli, Stephanie Bethel, Haley Blake, Amanda Brown, Cory Burgess, Nikki Burns-Savage, Victoria Burris, Erika Bustinza, Robert Cole, Andria Cordovez Mulet, Stephanie Cortes, Shea Crippen, Aaron DelCotto, Joanne Engler, Jennifer Fennema, Jason Frame, Joseph Franceschini, Kimberly Franich, Robert Fyda, Joe Ginty, Heather Hanoff, Jeremy Harper, Carmen Hua, Richard Hazeltine, Dan Isler, Brenda Jamison, Chris Johnson, Michael Johnson, David Kahananui, Theresa Ladd, Brittany Lewis, Cassius Lockett, Cort Lohff, Kim Monahan, Deborah Moran, Kristina Moreno, Veralynn Orewyler, Kyle Parkson, Luann Province, Devin Raman, Vivek Raman, Larry Rogers, Christopher Saxton, Karla Shoup, Jennifer Sizemore, Ronique Tatum-Penegar, Will Thompson, Karen White, Saba Wube, Ying Zhang

#### I. CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL

The Chair called the Southern Nevada District Board of Health Meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. Andria Cordovez Mulet, Executive Assistant, administered the roll call and confirmed quorum.

#### II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

*Member Nemec joined the meeting at 9:02 a.m.*

### III. **OATH OF OFFICE**

The Oath of Office was administered to Member Romero by Andria Cordovez Mulet, Executive Assistant.

### IV. **FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT**: A period devoted to comments by the general public about those items appearing on the agenda. Comments will be limited to five (5) minutes per speaker. Please clearly state your name and address and spell your last name for the record. If any member of the Board wishes to extend the length of a presentation, this may be done by the Chair or the Board by majority vote.

Elizabeth Hammack submitted a comment in writing and requested that it be read during the Second Public Comment. Ms. Hammack proceeded to raise a frustration about the information that was being provided to the public, which continue to state surges in COVID-19 cases due to the Omicron variant when it is very clear by the CDC that only current infections can be detected from testing and in order to know what kind of variant someone had, they would have to do further lab testing. Another issue is not providing informed consent or notifying people of adverse events with the promotion of COVID-19 strategies.

Seeing no one further, the Chair closed the First Public Comment portion.

### V. **ADOPTION OF THE JANUARY 27, 2022 MEETING AGENDA (for possible action)**

The Chair requested that the presentation from the Las Vegas Water District / Southern Nevada Water Authority, under Item VIII.1, be heard immediately following the Consent Agenda, Item VI.

*A motion was made by Member Knudsen, seconded by Member Nielson and carried unanimously to approve the January 27, 2022 Agenda, as amended.*

### VI. **CONSENT AGENDA**: Items for action to be considered by the Southern Nevada District Board of Health which may be enacted by one motion. Any item may be discussed separately per Board Member request before action. Any exceptions to the Consent Agenda must be stated prior to approval.

1. **APPROVE MINUTES/BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**: November 18, 2021 *(for possible action)*
2. **PETITION #03-22: Approval of an Interlocal Agreement between Clark County, Nevada on behalf of the Department of Family Services and the Southern Nevada Health District for services provided to the Thrive by Zero to Three Prevention Services Program for the period from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022**; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*
3. **PETITION #21-22: Approval of a Construction Agreement between the Southern Nevada Health District and SHF International LLC for the expansion of SNP HL Lab**; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*
4. **PETITION #23-22: Approval of an Amendment to the Agreement between the Southern Nevada Health District and Med-Strategies Inc. dba Branson Management Group**; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*
5. **PETITION #24-22: Approval of the Agreement to Grant a Sub-Award of the Clark County Fiscal Recovery Funds between Clark County, Nevada and the Southern Nevada Health District**; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*

6. **PETITION #25-22 – Approval of an Interlocal Agreement between the Southern Nevada Health District and the County of Clark, Nevada on behalf of its Clark County Office of the Coroner/Medical Examiner related to the CDC’s State Unintentional Drug Overdose Reporting System (“SUDORS”)**; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*
7. **PETITION #26-22 – Approval of an Interlocal Agreement between the Southern Nevada Health District and the County of Clark, Nevada on behalf of its Clark County Office of the Coroner/Medical Examiner related to the CDC’s National Violent Death Reporting Systems (“NVDRS”)**; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*
8. **PETITION #27-22 – Approval of the Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement between the Southern Nevada Health District and Maxim Healthcare Services Inc. DBA Maxim Staffing Solutions**; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*
9. **PETITION #28-22 – Approval of the Southern Nevada Geographic Information Interlocal Contract between County of Clark, State of Nevada and Southern Nevada Health District**; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*

*A motion was made by Member Knudsen, seconded by Member Diaz and carried unanimously to approve the January 27, 2022 Consent Agenda as presented.*

*Member Kirkpatrick joined the meeting at 9:16 a.m.*

#### **VIII. REPORT / DISCUSSION / ACTION**

1. **Receive Update from the Las Vegas Valley Water District / Southern Nevada Water Authority on recent rule changes**; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)* **(Heard out of order)**

Doa Ross and Colby Pellegrino of the Southern Nevada Water Authority presented on the recent rule changes to water services and septic systems. ([Attachment #1](#))

Chair Black advised that the basis for the presentation and discussion was to address consumptive use and maintain the access to water and support and enhance the quality of water. Chair Black stated that this was an opportunity for the Health District and the Southern Nevada Water Authority to collaborate in a meaningful way.

*A motion was made by Member Knudsen, seconded by Member Adams and carried unanimously to accept the presentation from the Southern Nevada Water Authority.*

- VII. **PUBLIC HEARING / ACTION**: Members of the public are allowed to speak on Public Hearing / Action items after the Board’s discussion and prior to their vote. Each speaker will be given five (5) minutes to address the Board on the pending topic. No person may yield his or her time to another person. In those situations where large groups of people desire to address the Board on the same matter, the Chair may request that those groups select only one or two speakers from the group to address the Board on behalf of the group. Once the public hearing is closed, no additional public comment will be accepted.

1. **Variance Request for an Application to Construct Septic System to allow modification to an existing septic system, SNHD Permit #ON0021747, located at 9150 W Hammer Ln, Las Vegas.**

**NV where public sewer is available for connection**; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (*for possible action*)

Robert Fyda, Environmental Health Engineer/Supervisor, presented the variance request for an Application to Construct a Septic System located at 9150 W Hammer Ln, Las Vegas, Nevada. The application is for a modification to an existing septic system due to the construction of a garage over the existing septic systems. ([Attachment #2](#)) Mr. Fyda advised that staff recommended denial of the application.

*Member Segerblom left the meeting at 9:58 a.m. and did not return*

Chair Black opened Public Comment.

Dale Martin, the applicant's representative, raised that an individual may be inclined to connect to sewer if there was some kind of assistance to help with the cost and stated that it was complicated as the property was in Clark County and the sewer was part of Las Vegas.

Sal Alvarez wanted to make a comment regarding the presentation from the Southern Nevada Water Authority. Chair Black requested that Mr. Fyda connect with Mr. Alvarez to discuss his particular situation.

Seeing no one further, the Chair closed the Public Comment portion.

*A motion was made by Member Kirkpatrick seconded by Member Nemece and carried unanimously to deny the Variance Request for an Application to Construct a Septic System to allow modification to an existing septic system located at 9150 W Hammer Ln, Las Vegas, Nevada.*

## VIII. **REPORT / DISCUSSION / ACTION (cont'd)**

2. **Receive Update, Discuss and Appoint the Southern Nevada District Board of Health Secretary, for the term ending June 30, 2022**; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (*for possible action*)

Chair Black advised as Dan Stewart from the City of Henderson was no longer on the Board of Health and served as Secretary, a vote would have to take place to appoint a Secretary.

*A motion was made by Chair Black, seconded by Member Diaz and carried unanimously to appoint Marilyn Kirkpatrick as the Southern Nevada District Board of Health Secretary for the term ending June 30, 2023.*

3. **PETITION #22-22 – Approval of Augmentation to the Southern Nevada Health District FY2021 Budget and Recommendations from the January 21, 2022 Finance Committee Meeting**; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (*for possible action*)

Ms. White presented the two resolutions regarding the budget augmentation, as follows: ([Attachment #3](#))

- The balance in the General Fund will potentially increase to \$112.9M (from \$110.0M)
- **Resolution #1-22**
  - General Fund: Increase the appropriation of the general fund by \$2.8M, from \$110,036,384 to \$112,877,341
- The balance of the Special Revenue Fund will potentially increase to \$87.6M (from \$66.8M)
- **Resolution #2-22**

- Grant Fund, Special Revenue: Increased Grant Awards of \$20.8M, increasing SNHD Fund 7090 from \$66,756,446 to \$87,627,442

*A motion was made by Member Nielson, seconded by Chair Black and carried unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Finance Committee and approve the Budget Augmentation to the Southern Nevada Health District (i) (General) Fund and (ii) Grant Fund (Special Revenue) Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022 to meet the mandatory financial requirements of NRS 354.598005.*

**4. Receive, Discuss and Accept Recommendations from the Public Health Advisory Board meeting on January 21, 2022 regarding the Amendments to the Public Health Advisory Board By-laws; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (for possible action)**

Heather Anderson-Fintak, General Counsel, provided an overview of the revisions related to minor language revisions and a revision to the meeting schedule, due to various sets of regulations that staff would like to Advisory Board to review. Ms. Anderson-Fintak advised that staff recommended only two regular meetings a year, with the ability to call additional special meetings, however, the Advisory Board requested to maintain four meetings, but not limit them to a specific quarter.

*A motion was made by Member Knudsen, seconded by Member Nielson and carried unanimously to approve the amendments to the Public Health Advisory Board By-laws, as presented.*

**5. Receive, Discuss and Accept Recommendations from the DHO Annual Review Committee meeting on January 21, 2022 regarding the DHO Annual Review; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (for possible action)**

Dr. Leguen presented a brief overview of the District Health Officer and Division Accomplishments for 2021 and Goals for 2022. ([Attachment #4](#))

Member Knudsen thanked Dr. Leguen and advised that, in his interaction with staff, he found everyone to be knowledgeable, thoughtful, and committed to the Health District, which is a representation of the leadership. Member Knudsen requested that Dr. Leguen provide an update on the goals outlined, not at every Board of Health meeting, but at certain intervals.

Member Kirkpatrick recognized Dr. Leguen's commitment to staff and the community and remained calm under pressure. Member Kirkpatrick noted that the Health District was a driving force for COVID-19 response efforts in the entire State, which was a result of Dr. Leguen's leadership.

Member Diaz commented that Dr. Leguen has a passion and vocation for public health. Member Diaz noted that Dr. Leguen was always accessible to the community and participated in many events/interviews, even with the Spanish speaking community.

*A motion was made by Chair Black, seconded by Member Nemecek and carried unanimously to (1) accept the recommendations of the DHO Annual Review Committee, (2) accept the District Health Officer and Division Accomplishments & Goals, (3) approve a 2.5% salary increase, and (4) approve a 5% one-time bonus.*

**IX. BOARD REPORTS: The Southern Nevada District Board of Health members may identify and comment on Health District related issues. Comments made by individual Board members during this portion of the agenda will not be acted upon by the Southern Nevada District Board of Health unless that subject is on the agenda and scheduled for action. (**Information Only**)**

Member Kirkpatrick requested a presentation on the timeline and process for pool permits.

Member Nemec requested a presentation on initiatives of addressing COVID-19 long-haulers. Dr. Leguen advised that this would be addressed as part of the Southern Nevada Community Health Center and would be a partnership with local providers and hospitals.

**X. HEALTH OFFICER & STAFF REPORTS (Information Only)**

- DHO Comments

In addition to the DHO Monthly Report, Dr. Leguen raise a project regarding the availability of fentanyl test strips for the public as an intervention to save lives of fentanyl overdose.

- BOH By-laws and Ethics

Heather Anderson-Fintak, General Counsel, provided an overview presentation of the Board of Health By-laws, Conflicts of Interest and the Nevada Commission on Ethics. ([Attachment #5](#))

- Unpermitted Food Vending

Larry Rogers, Environmental Health Manager, provided an update on unpermitted food vending. ([Attachment #6](#))

- COVID-19 Surveillance and Contact Tracing Update ([Attachment #7](#))

Dr. Cassius Lockett, Director Disease Surveillance & Control, advised that, from January 9-22, the 7-day moving average of COVID-19 cases declined by 52%, with approximately 60% of cases being unvaccinated. The 7-day moving average of deaths declined by 29%, with approximately 86% being unvaccinated. The test positivity rate has declined by 25%, from 42.8% to 32.2%. Dr. Lockett advised that the Health District would like to see the test positivity rate to be under 10%.

Member Nemec inquired (1) whether the Health District was performing genotype testing, (2) any change in contact tracing efforts, and (3) whether the Health District received a supply of Plaxovid. Dr. Lockett advised that the SNPHL is increasing the capacity to do more sequencing, however there is a limited supply of reagent that is required for sequencing. Dr. Lockett further advised that contact tracing efforts adjust when needed, with the most recent focusing on targeted cases and vulnerable populations. Dr. Leguen advised that the Health District received 120 courses of Plaxovid from HRSA and the Southern Nevada Community Health Center started administering it lastweek.

- Vaccination Campaign Update

Dr. Cortland Lohff, Chief Medical Officer & Director of Primary and Preventive Care, advised that, to date, 3.3 million vaccine doses have been administered, with over 70% of the population having initiated vaccine and 57% of the population having completed vaccination. Dr. Lohff confirmed that the Health District continues to have adequate staffing for vaccine efforts.

**XI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**1. Board of Health**

A. Letter from the City of Henderson appointing Councilwoman Michelle Romero as member of the Southern Nevada District Board of Health for the term December 21, 2021 – June 30, 2023.

**2. Monthly Reports**

- A. Administration Monthly Activity Report (Nov 2021 / Dec 2021)
- B. Community Health Monthly Activity Report (Nov 2021 / Dec 2021)
- C. Disease Surveillance and Control Monthly Activity Report (Nov 2021 / Dec 2021)
- D. Environmental Health Monthly Activity Report (Nov 2021 / Dec 2021)
- E. Primary & Preventive Care Monthly Activity Report (Nov 2021 / Dec 2021)

- XII. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT:** A period devoted to comments by the general public, if any, and discussion of those comments, about matters relevant to the Board's jurisdiction will be held. Comments will be limited to five (5) minutes per speaker. If any member of the Board wishes to extend the length of a presentation, this may be done by the Chair or the Board by majority vote.

Elizabeth Hammack submitted a comment in writing regarding the reported number of positive COVID-19 cases amongst vaccinated and unvaccinated residents. ([Attachment #8](#))

Seeing no one further, the Chair closed the Second Public Comment portion.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

Fermin Leguen, MD, MPH  
District Health Officer/Executive Secretary

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