



## MINUTES

### SOUTHERN NEVADA DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

April 10, 2023 – 8:30 A.M.

Meeting was conducted via Webex Event

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kenneth Osgood – Chair, Physician (*in-person*)  
Ronald Kline – Member, City of North Las Vegas (*via WebEx*)  
Paul Klouse – Member, City of Boulder City (*via WebEx*)  
Holly Lyman – Member, City of Henderson (*via WebEx*)  
Reimund Serafica – Member, Nurse (*via WebEx*)  
Francisco Sy – Member, Environmental Health (*via WebEx*)  
Jennifer Young – Member, City of Las Vegas (*via WebEx*)
- ABSENT:** Dick Tomasso – Member, City of Mesquite
- ALSO PRESENT:** N/A  
(In Audience)
- LEGAL COUNSEL:** Edward Wynder, Associate General Counsel
- EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:** Fermin Leguen, MD, MPH, District Health Officer
- STAFF:** Malcolm Ahlo, Maria Azzarelli, Tawana Bellamy, Victoria Burris, Andria Cordovez Mulet, Rebecca Cruz-Nanez, Aaron DelCotto, Carmen Hua, Victoria Hughes, Jessica Johnson, Michael Johnson, Josie Llorico, Cassius Lockett, Katarina Pulver, Larry Rogers, Karla Shoup, Ying Zhang
- I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**  
Chair Osgood called the Public Health Advisory Board meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. Andria Cordovez Mulet, Executive Assistant, administered the roll call and confirmed a quorum was present.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. 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.
- Seeing no one, the Chair closed this portion of the meeting.
- IV. ADOPTION OF THE APRIL 10, 2023 MEETING AGENDA (*for possible action*)**
- A motion was made by Member Klouse, seconded by Member Serafica, and carried unanimously to approve the April 10, 2023 Agenda, as presented.*
- V. CONSENT AGENDA:** Items for action to be considered by the Southern Nevada District Board of Health Public Health Advisory Board 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/PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD MEETING:** January 9, 2023 *(for possible action)*

*A motion was made by Member Serafica, seconded by Member Young, and carried unanimously to approve the April 10, 2023 Consent Agenda, as presented.*

## VI. REPORT / DISCUSSION / ACTION

- 1. Presentation on Cannabis and Vaping trends in Southern Nevada;** direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*

*Member Kline joined the meeting at 8:36 a.m.*

Malcolm Ahlo, Tobacco Control Program Coordinator, presented on cannabis and vaping trends in Southern Nevada.

Further to an inquiry from Member Sy on the educational interventions with youth, Mr. Ahlo advised that the Health District partnered with the Clark County School District (CCSD) and was in 32 high schools, providing teen training, teen influencers, along with mass media campaigns dispelling the myths about electronic vaping products.

Further to an inquiry from Member Young on whether COVID-19 influenced the decrease in funding, Mr. Ahlo advised that COVID-19 did not have a role in the decrease in prevalence.

Further to an inquiry from member Serafica regarding the role of behavioral health and the use of vaping and cannabis, Mr. Ahlo advised that the Health District worked with behavioral health facilities and policies that would increase the price and restrict or eliminate the flavors of the vaping products that would decrease the prevalence.

Further to an inquiry from Member Sy regarding restrictions on vaping lounge locations, Mr. Ahlo advised that there was a restriction for vaping lounges to be located more than 1,000 feet away from schools, parks, places of worship, casinos, or other lounges, however the City of Las Vegas had a waiver process, if needed.

- 2. Presentation on Overdose Data to Action: Addressing Overdose in Clark County;** direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*

Katarina Pulver, Health Educator II, presented on the Overdose Data to Action: Addressing Overdose in Clark County.

Further to an inquiry from Chair Osgood, Ms. Pulver advised that the Linkage to Action (L2A) program has a mobile unit that is used to access communities that previously were difficult to reach and staff is working with community partners to identifying area for additional outreach.

Further to an inquiry from Member Sy regarding the types of interventions at the root cause of drug use at the primary level to prevent adopting and use of drugs, Ms. Pulver advised that the PACT Coalition goes out into the community to provide primary prevention education to schools, along with parenting classes which would address any concerns at a familial level. Chair Osgood advised that the Health District has worked with school counsellors to provide resources to students.

Further to an inquiry from Member Young regarding how medical providers are informed of the Health District's activities, Ms. Pulver advised that the Health District partners with the medical community including the UNLV Student Health Center, however staff is looking to expand to medical providers to provide more targeted outreach. Chair Osgood suggested that the Health District connect with the Nevada Hospital Association.

Chair Osgood encouraged Health District staff to connect with the Nevada Psychiatric Association and Nevada Psychology Association, along with the state social workers association.

- VII. BOARD RECORDS:** The Southern Nevada District Board of Health Public Health Advisory Board 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 Public Health Advisory Board unless that subject is on the agenda and scheduled for action. ***(Information Only)***

There were no items raised.

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

- DHO Comments

There were no items raised.

- Implications for ending the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency for Public Health

Dr. Cassius Lockett, Director of Disease Surveillance and Control, advised that the CDC COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) will end on May 11, 2023, however, that did not mean that the Health District would end its response to COVID-19.

As of May 11, 2023, there would be no requirement to report COVID-19 test results and immunization data. Dr. Lockett advised that the Health District would continue to follow-up on cluster and outbreak reports, water, and syndromic surveillance, and investigate any COVID-19 related hospitalizations and deaths.

Further to an inquiry from Member Sy regarding the COVID-19 vaccinations, Dr. Lockett suggested that a presentation on the COVID-19 vaccination initiative be brought at the next meeting.

- IX. 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.

Seeing no one, the Chair closed this portion of the meeting.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:48 a.m.

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

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