



MINUTES

SOUTHERN NEVADA DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

January 8, 2024 – 8:30 A.M.

Meeting was conducted via Webex Event

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Francisco Sy – Chair, Environmental Health (*via WebEx*)
Kenneth Osgood – Vice-Chair, Physician (*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*)
Jennifer Young – Member, City of Las Vegas (*via WebEx*)
- ABSENT:** Ronald Kline – Member, City of North Las Vegas
- ALSO PRESENT:** Linda Anderson, Lisa Kelso, Stacie Sasso, Susan Waschevski
(In Audience)
- LEGAL COUNSEL:** Edward Wynder, Associate General Counsel
- EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:** Fermin Leguen, MD, MPH, District Health Officer
- STAFF:** Maria Azzarelli, Sean Beckham, Tawana Bellamy, Nicole Bungum, Daniel Burns, Andria Cordovez Mulet, Carmen Hua, Horng-Yuan Kan, Cassius Lockett, Jeff Quinn, Larry Rogers, Kim Saner, Chris Saxton, Karla Shoup, Randy Smith, Rosanne Sugay, Greg Tordjman, Donnie Whitaker, Ying Zhang

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Sy called the Public Health Advisory Board meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Andria Cordovez Mulet, Executive Assistant, administered the roll call and confirmed a quorum was present. Ms. Cordovez Mulet provided clear and complete instructions for members of the general public to call in to the meeting to provide public comment, including a telephone number and access code.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. OATH OF OFFICE

There was no Oath of Office administered.

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.

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

Member Young joined the meeting at 8:33 a.m.

V. ADOPTION OF THE JANUARY 8, 2024 MEETING AGENDA *(for possible action)*

A motion was made by Member Serafica, seconded by Member Osgood, and carried unanimously to approve the January 8, 2024 Agenda, as presented.

VI. 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: October 9, 2023 *(for possible action)*

A motion was made by Member Osgood, seconded by Member Serafica, and carried unanimously to approve the January 8, 2024 Consent Agenda, as presented.

VII. REPORT / DISCUSSION / ACTION

- 1. Update on Obesity;** direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*
- 2. Update on Food Insecurities;** direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*

Nicole Bungum, Health Education Supervisor, Office of Chronic Disease and Public Health Promotion (OCDPHP), presented on the increasing incidence of obesity in children and adults in Clark County, along with food insecurities.

Further to an inquiry from Member Klouse, Ms. Bungum advised that the Health District had worked with Three Squares in the past regarding childhood obesity and would follow up with Three Squares on any potential further collaboration.

Member Serafica raised whether there was any collaboration with school nurses. Ms. Bungum advised that school nurses could be key messengers regarding childhood obesity and food insecurities and would continue to raise that during the state-wide and partner meetings.

Member Osgood advised that he had extensive experience with responding to food insecurities and encouraged collaboration with schools and various other partners to develop programs that address personal behaviors related to food insecurities.

- 3. Firearm-Related Incidents in Clark County, Nevada: Understanding Trends, Assessing Risks and Implementing the CARDIFF Prevention Model;** direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*

Dr. Ying Zhang, Senior Scientist, presented on firearm-related incidents in Clark County, Nevada, Understanding Trends, Assessing Risks and Implementing the CARDIFF Prevention Model.

Further to an inquiry from Member Klouse on any efforts on firearm safety education, Jeff Quinn, Manager of the Office of Public Health Preparedness, advised that the Health District did not do targeted outreach or specific gun safety classes for children. However, the Office of Public Health Preparedness had other outreach efforts, such as the issuance of the annual Emergency Planning Calendar, which included information on safety and the importance of reporting suspicious activity.

Dr. Leguen advised that the Health District did not have a comprehensive injury violence program due to limited resources. The Health District operated at a very restricted capacity in terms of public health needs across the community.

- VIII. 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.

IX. HEALTH OFFICER & STAFF REPORTS (Information Only)

- DHO Comments

Dr. Leguen advised that seven cases of mpox was reported during October/November 2023, which came after 2-3 months of no identified transmission in the community. Dr. Leguen further advised that staff, along with the assistance of community partners, administered more than 11,000 doses of the mpox vaccine across the community.

Dr. Leguen advised that staff in the Division of Disease Surveillance and Control worked very closely with the Clark County School District (CCSD) on an investigation due to several cases of tuberculosis (TB) identified in the school system at the end of 2023. Staff screened individuals to identify possible exposures across the school system. Further, staff worked with the state to determine a better long-term solution, which would require legislative action. This was an ongoing monitoring of policies to prevent this situation in the future.

Further to an inquiry from Chair Sy on the increase in flu, COVID-19 and RSV, Dr. Lockett advised that staff was monitoring the increase and issued a Public Health Advisory to providers to encourage vaccination efforts. Chair Sy proceeded to inquiry as to the effects of Paxlovid and long-term COVID-19. Dr. Lockett advised that there was not enough scientific information. Dr. Leguen indicated that there was no surveillance system for long-term COVID-19, which may be due to the difficulty of defining long-term COVID-19 and reliability of information.

Further to a request from Chair Sy, Dr. Leguen confirmed to bring an update on the COVID-19 vaccination campaign at the next meeting.

- X. 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.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:44 a.m.

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

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