



MINUTES

SOUTHERN NEVADA DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

April 25, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.

Meeting was conducted In-person and via Webex

Southern Nevada Health District, 280 S. Decatur Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89107
Red Rock Trail Rooms A and B

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Marilyn Kirkpatrick, Chair – Commissioner, Clark County (*in-person*)
Scott Nielson, Vice-Chair – At-Large Member, Gaming (*in-person*)
Frank Nemec, Secretary – At-Large Member, Physician (*in-person*)
Scott Black – Mayor Pro Tempore, City of North Las Vegas (*in-person*)
Bobbette Bond – At-Large Member, Regulated Business/Industry (*in-person*)
Nancy Brune – Council Member, City of Las Vegas (*in-person*)
Pattie Gallo – Council Member, City of Mesquite (*via WebEx*)
Joseph Hardy – Council Member, City of Boulder City (*via WebEx*)
Brian Knudsen – Mayor Pro Tempore, City of Las Vegas (*in-person*)
Tick Segerblom – Commissioner, Clark County (*in-person*)
- ABSENT:** Jim Seebock – Council Member, City of Henderson
- ALSO PRESENT:** Samantha Barnes, David Bichsel, Jennifer Budzinski, Stephen Johnson,
(In Audience) Carme Jones, Kimberly Krumland, Deborah Kuhls, Rachel Mack, Andria Peterson, Sheri McPartlin, Vincent Queano, Lisa Rogge, Jason Roth, Stacie Sasso, Gina Stroughter, Shana Tello, Mahogany Turfley, Quintella Winebush
- LEGAL COUNSEL:** Heather Anderson-Fintak, General Counsel
- EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:** Fermin Leguen, MD, MPH, District Health Officer
- STAFF:** Jason Agudo, Adriana Alvarez, Emily Anelli, Jacqueline Ayala, Maria Azzarelli, Tawana Bellamy, Mark Bergtholdt, Haley Blake, Todd Bleak, Murphy Boudreaux, Jennifer Bowers, Rachel Bryant, Cory Burgess, Dan Burns, Victoria Burris, Donna Buss, Joe Cabanban, Matthew Catalano, Nicole Charlton, Andria Cordovez Mulet, Carol Cottam, Shea Crippen, Susan Crutchfield, Cherie Custodio, Gerard Custodio, Natalya DeCicco, Aaron DelCotto, Brandon Delise, Karin Dinda, Liliana Dominguez, Jessica Donnell, Rebecca Drew, Tabby Eddleman, Lisa Falkner, James Foley, Jason Frame, Nicolas Gabler, Cheri Gould, Jacques Graham, Maria Gueco, Sarah Hall-Lugo, Heather Hanoff, Amineh Harvey, Richard Hazeltine, Reyna Herrera, Carmen Hua, Dan Isler, Danielle Jamerson, Markia Jefferson, Loretta Jennings, Jessica Johnson, Micah King, Mikki Knowles, Dann Limuel Lat, Josie Llorico, Cassius Lockett, Randy Lockett, Sandy Lockett, Hetal Luhar, Anilkumar Mangla, Cassondra Major, Blanca Martinez, Eric McIntyre, Bernadette Meily, Samilla Neal, Todd Nicolson, Kimberly Noches, Brian Northam, Mirelly Orea-Valencia, Veralynn Orewyler, Kyle Parkson, Neleida Pelaez, Desiree Petersen, Shannon Pickering, Luann Province, Yin Jie Qin, Cheryl Radeloff, Devin Raman, Vivek Raman, Larry Rogers, Alexis Romero,

Arc Rufo, Kim Saner, Aivelhyn Santos, Chris Saxton, Rabea Sharif, Karla Shoup, Jennifer Sizemore, Randy Smith, Autum Sparlin, Amy Stines, Shaqweta Summerville, Ronique Tatum-Penegar, Candyce Taylor, Will Thompson, Greg Tordjman, Sasit Udomwattawee, Lizbeth Vasquez, Gabriela Villafuerte, Jorge Viote, Donnie Whitaker, Michelle Wong, Heather Woods, Edward Wynder, Lourdes Yapjoco, Merylyn Yegon, Ying Zhang

I. CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL

The Chair called the Southern Nevada District Board of Health Meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Andria Cordovez Mulet, Executive Assistant, administered the roll call and confirmed quorum. 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. RECOGNITIONS

1. Public Health Heroes

As an extension of Public Health Week, annually, the Health District recognized Public Health Heroes that were individuals and/or organizations whose contributions had positively affected the health and well-being of our community. This year we had the following Public Health Heroes:

- Dr. Andria Peterson, Executive Director, Roseman University of Health Sciences, EMPOWERED Program

Dr. Peterson was nominated as part of the EMPOWERED program. Dr. Peterson recognized the alarming rates of neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS) in Nevada through her work in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) and took proactive measures to address this public health issue. She identified gaps in care for infants and new parents affected by substance use disorder (SUD), leading to the development of comprehensive protocols and interventions. She has been instrumental in raising public awareness about SUD and NAS, both within the healthcare community and among the general population, through education campaigns and training initiatives. As the Executive Director of the EMPOWERED Program, Dr. Peterson fostered collaborations with state, local, and grassroots stakeholders to create a network of support and facilitated access to comprehensive services for pregnant and postpartum individuals and their babies. Her involvement in policy development has helped implement training programs for healthcare providers in identifying and treating individuals with SUD. Rachel Mack, Associate Director of the EMPOWERED Program accepted the award on Dr. Peterson's behalf.

- Jennifer Budzinski, RN, Employee Occupational Health Strategy Director, and Sheri McPartlin, MEd, BSN, RN, Health Services Director III/Chief Nurse, Clark County School District, Health Services Department

Ms. Budzinski and Ms. McPartlin were nominated for their collaboration with the Health District related to a Tuberculosis exposure in the Clark County School District (CCSD). In 2023, our community experienced 5 active Tuberculosis exposures in the CCSD. SNHD's Office of Disease Surveillance conducted contact investigations for all 5 exposures. CCSD Health Services collaborated to disseminate the TB risk questionnaire to new hires for the 2023-2024 school year. Soon after, another exposure was discovered and Jennifer Budzinski stepped up, hands on, and assisted with coordination and implementation of a large-scale testing event. At this event ~250 individuals were tested. The 5th exposure was discovered during the planning phase of that event CCSD staff again stepped up to help SNHD navigate, plan and execute large scale testing. CCSD Health Services provided staff, facilities, and support. The collaboration between CCSD and the Health District has developed into a close working relationship. These exposures and testing events can be scary for parents, students and staff. CCSD has helped educate, support, and calm the community.

- Kimberly Krumland, Director III, and Stephen Johnston, Safety Coordinator, Clark County School District, Risk Management Department

Ms. Krumland and Mr. Johnston were nominated for their continued collaboration with the Health District. Ms. Krumland and Mr. Johnston supervise the CCSD Risk Management and Safety Department consisting of fifteen staff members who work tirelessly to eliminate or mitigate life-changing or life-ending hazards on school campuses throughout the Valley. These hazards include playgrounds with equipment that has potential strangulation, laceration, or puncturing hazards as well as schools with sanitary water issues, sewage spills and chemical storage hazards in custodial closets and science laboratories. They also works in conjunction with the Health District to identify infestations of rodents, mosquitos, or other vectors and to remove these infestations thus ensuring that children and school staff are not exposed to infectious diseases. In addition, they assist the Health District in responding to communicable disease outbreaks in an efficient manner by disseminating the knowledge, tools, and resources to respond to said outbreaks and facilitate the cleaning and sanitizing of effected area. Ms. Krumland and Mr. Johnston perform their duties with the utmost professionalism and courtesy; even under the most difficult circumstances they maintain their composure, goodwill, and humor.

On behalf of the Southern Nevada Health District and District Board of Health, the Chair congratulated the Public Health Heroes for their support and contributions to the Health District and the community.

2. Rachel Bryant, Brandon Delise, Ying Zhang, Niema Beckford, Cassius Lockett

- Co-authored "*Assessment of risk factors for Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) using a Standardized Surveillance Case Definition in Clark County, NV*" in the publication "*Journal of Maternal and Child Health*"

The Chair recognized Rachel Bryant, the Applied Epidemiology Fellow at the Health District through the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists. Ms. Bryant spearheaded an article on the "*Assessment of risk factors for Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) using a Standardized Surveillance Case Definition in Clark County*" in the *Journal of Maternal and Child Health*. NAS is a withdrawal syndrome in neonates that can occur due to drug exposure during pregnancy. The study utilized hospital discharge data from 2016 to 2022. The study resulted in the need to collect substance and diagnosis-specific data about prenatal substance use to identify unmet service care and disparities. On behalf of the Health District

and Board of Health, the Chair congratulated Ms. Bryant and the entire team for this well-deserved honor.

Member Knudsen joined the meeting at 9:17 a.m.

3. Southern Nevada Health District – Employees of the Month

- Carol Cottam and Desiree Petersen (December 2023)
- Ronique Tatum-Penegar and Jessica Andrade (January 2024)
- Robert (Bob) Chamberlain, Dennis Morala, and Samantha Hamilton (February 2024)
- James Foley and Amy Stines (March 2024)
- Mirelly Orea-Valencia and Toby Ashmore (April 2024)

The Chair recognized the above-named Health District employees for being awarded the Employee of the Month award. Starting in December last year, the Health District introduced a new employee recognition program – the Employee of the Month Award. Nominations were peer-to-peer and designed to recognize those that go above and beyond expectations for the Health District and our community, and that best represent our C.A.R.E.S. Values. Each month two individuals will be selected by a group of their peers. On behalf of the Health District and the Board of Health, the Chair congratulated these exceptional employees.

4. Southern Nevada Health District – Manager/Supervisor of the Quarter

- Jason Agudo and Sarah Lugo

The Chair recognized Jason Agudo, IT Manager, and Sarah Lugo, Community Health Nurse Supervisor for being awarded the Manager/Supervisor of the Quarter Award. Starting earlier this year, the Health District introduced a new employee recognition program for Supervisors and Managers – the Manager/Supervisor of the Quarter Award. Nominations were from staff and designed to recognize leadership, teamwork efforts, ideas or accomplishments, and that best embodies our C.A.R.E.S. Values. Each quarter two individuals are selected. On behalf of the Health District and Board of Health, the Chair congratulated Mr. Agudo and Ms. Lugo for their contribution to the Health District and our community.

- 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 the First Public Comment period.

V. ADOPTION OF THE APRIL 25, 2024 MEETING AGENDA *(for possible action)*

A motion was made by Member Nielson, seconded by Member Black, and carried unanimously to approve the April 25, 2024 Agenda, as presented.

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:** March 28, 2024 *(for possible action)*
- 2. PETITION #32-24: Approval of an Interlocal Service Agreement between the Southern Nevada Health District and the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department to collaborate on training and enhancement activities related to pre-arrest and pre-trial diversion for those with substance use and those vulnerable to overdose;** direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*

A motion was made by Member Black, seconded by Member Nielson, and carried unanimously to approve the April 25, 2024 Consent Agenda, as presented.

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.

There were no items heard.

VIII. REPORT / DISCUSSION / ACTION

- 1. Receive, Discuss and Approve Proposed Amendments to the Southern Nevada District Board of Health By-laws and the Public Health Advisory Board By-laws;** direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*
- 2. Receive, Discuss and Approve Proposed Amendments to the Southern Nevada District Board of Health Board Governance Policies;** direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*

Heather Anderson-Fintak, General Counsel, highlighted the proposed amendments to the Southern Nevada District Board of Health By-laws, the Public Health Advisory Board By-laws, and the Board Governance Policies.

A motion was made by Member Brune, seconded by Member Bond, and carried unanimously to approve the proposed amendments to the Southern Nevada District Board of Health By-laws, the Public Health Advisory Board By-laws, and the Board Governance Policies, as presented.

- 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)**

The Chair indicated that, further to a request from Senator Doñate, the Health District agreed to provide his office with assistance on the food vendor program so they may do things in Spanish. The Chair confirmed that things were moving forward in Clark County. The Chair further advised that there were a couple individuals that were interested in going through the process.

The Chair indicated that Health District staff were working with Clark County on its Opioid Task Force. The Chair requested a presentation later in the summer on the Task Force's projects/initiatives.

The Chair indicated that the Health District staff reached out to the State for a presentation on the licensing process of the free-standing emergency departments. It is anticipated that the presentation will be held at either the May or June Board of Health meeting.

Member Brune requested a presentation on the outreach initiatives for the Back-to-School immunizations. The Chair requested that the calendar of events related to Back-to-School immunizations be circulated to the Board so they may share it with their constituents.

X. HEALTH OFFICER & STAFF REPORTS (Information Only)

- DHO Comments

In addition to his written report, Dr. Leguen introduced Dr. Anil Mangla, as the new Director of Disease Surveillance and Control, effective April 22, 2024.

Dr. Leguen recognized the Board members for their support and going above and beyond to coordinate events for employees across all locations of the Health District for Public Health Week.

Further, Dr. Leguen advised that, as part of Public Health Week, the Health District hosted a State of Public Health and Legislative Advocacy event. Health District staff members provided a comprehensive presentation about Congenital Syphilis. Also, Health District staff members and partners also participated in a presentation and panel discussion about the Overdose Burden in Clark County. The event was very successful.

- Identification and Rapid Expansion of *Ae. aegypti* in Clark County, NV 2017-2023

Vivek Raman, Environmental Health Supervisor, presented on the identification and rapid expansion of *Ae. aegypti* in Clark County.

Further to an inquiry from the Chair, Mr. Raman advised that the Health District worked well with the various jurisdictions, however, the issue was that municipalities handled mosquito control differently, as mosquito control is under the jurisdiction of the municipalities.

The Board was in agreement that Mr. Raman prepare a brief infomercial regarding mosquitos in the community that they may sent to their constituents. The Board requested that any messaging amplify that the community plays an important role in ensuring their properties remain free of items that contribute to mosquitos in the community.

Member Black encouraged the Board members to participate in a program for larvicide spray.

Member Segerblom left the meeting at 10:13 a.m. and did not return.

Further to an inquiry from Member Bond, Mr. Raman advised that the larvicide spray was not harmful and that in some areas it is inserted into drinking water.

Dr. Leguen advised that staff would prepare a plan, along with sustainability options, to report back to the Board so they may provide guidance to their staff.

XI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Administration Division Monthly Activity Report
2. Community Health Division Monthly Activity Report
3. Community Health Center (FQHC) Division Monthly Report
4. Disease Surveillance and Control Division Monthly Activity Report
5. Environmental Health Division Monthly Activity Report
6. Primary & Preventive Care Division Monthly Activity Report

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.

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

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:24 a.m.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION (*heard out of order*)

Go into closed session, pursuant to NRS 288.220 for the purpose of conferring with Health District attorney regarding labor issues.

The Chair started the Closed Session at 10:32 a.m.

The Chair closed the Closed Session at 10:51 a.m.

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District Health Officer/Executive Secretary
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