



MINUTES

SOUTHERN NEVADA DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

May 23, 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 (*via WebEx*)
Bobbette Bond – At-Large Member, Regulated Business/Industry (*via WebEx*)
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*)
Jim Seebock – Council Member, City of Henderson (*in-person*)
- ABSENT:** Nancy Brune – Council Member, City of Las Vegas
Tick Segerblom – Commissioner, Clark County
- ALSO PRESENT:** Linda Anderson, Wayne Carlson, Georgi Collins, Jessika Dragna, Jennifer Green, Maya Holmes, Carmen Jones, Deborah Kuhls, Chase Marable, Bradley Mayer, Vincent Queano, Zachary Rees, Lisa Rogge, Stacie Sasso, Mahogany Turfley, Christian Young
(In Audience)
- LEGAL COUNSEL:** Heather Anderson-Fintak, General Counsel
- EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:** Fermin Leguen, MD, MPH, District Health Officer
- STAFF:** Adriana Alvarez, Emily Anelli, Jacqueline Ayala, Maria Azzarelli, Tawana Bellamy, Haley Blake, Murphy Boudreaux, Amanda Brown, Andria Cordovez Mulet, Shea Crippen, Gerard Custodio, Aaron DelCotto, Liliana Dominguez, Jason Frame, Jacques Graham, Heather Hanoff, Amineh Harvey, John Hammond, Carmen Hua, Dan Isler, Danielle Jamerson, Horng-Yuan Kan, Heidi Laird, Josie Llorico, Sandy Luckett, Anilkumar Mangla, Cassandra Major, Blanca Martinez, Aminta Martinez-Hermosilla, Alicia Mitchell, Kimberly Monahan, Semilla Neal, Todd Nicolson, Verallynn Orewyler, Joi Oliveros, Kyle Parkson, Luann Province, Yin Jie Qin, Abegail Reyes, Larry Rogers, Alexis Romero, Kim Saner, Aivelhyn Santos, Chris Saxton, Rabea Sharif, Dave Sheehan, Karla Shoup, Jennifer Sizemore, Randy Smith, Candice Stirling, Ronique Tatum-Penegar, Will Thompson, Renee Trujillo, Jorge Viote, Edward Wynder, Lourdes Yapjoco, Merylyn Yegon

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. 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. Southern Nevada Health District – May Employees of the Month

- Abegail Reyes, Nicol McNee, and Keri Price

The Chair recognized this month's Employees of the Month. Each month the Health District, and the Board of Health, recognize those employees that go above and beyond for the Health District and our community and that best represent our C.A.R.E.S. Values. On behalf of the Health District and the Board of Health, the Chair congratulated these exceptional employees.

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 MAY 23, 2024 MEETING AGENDA *(for possible action)*

A motion was made by Member Nielson, seconded by Member Nemeč, and carried unanimously to approve the May 23, 2024 Amended 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: April 25, 2024 *(for possible action)*

2. PETITION #30-24: Approval of an Interlocal Contract between the Southern Nevada Health District and the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada RTC) to provide services to support the Southern Nevada Health District Community Partnership to Promote Health Equity, Year 1 grant awarded to the SNHD by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) (Award #NU58DP007746). The CDC refers to this grant

award as **Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH)**; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (*for possible action*)

3. **PETITION #33-24: Approval of an Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement between the Southern Nevada Health District and the Clark County Office of the Coroner/Medical Examiner (CCOCME) to collaborate on the abstraction of drug overdose data for entry into the State Unintentional Drug Overdose Reporting System (SUDORS)**; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (*for possible action*)
4. **PETITION #34-24: Approval of an Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement between the Southern Nevada Health District and the Clark County Office of the Coroner/Medical Examiner (CCOCME) to collaborate on the abstraction of violent death data for entry into the National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS)**; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (*for possible action*)
5. **PETITION #35-24: Approval of an Interlocal Agreement between the Southern Nevada Health District and the Clark County Office of the Coroner/Medical Examiner (CCOCME) to collaborate on the abstraction of sudden unexpected infant death/sudden death in the young data for entry into the National Fatality Review Case Reporting System (NFR-CRS)**; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (*for possible action*)
6. **PETITION #37-24: Approval of New Insurance Policies for Southern Nevada Health District's Commercial Property, Automobile, General Liability, and Professional Liability coverages for policy period 07/01/2024-07/01/2025**; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (*for possible action*)
7. **PETITION #38-24: Approval of the new Workers' Compensation Insurance Policy Agreement between the Southern Nevada Health District and Risk Administration Services (RAS) for policy period 07/01/2024-07/01/2025**; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (*for possible action*)

A motion was made by Member Knudsen, seconded by Member Hardy, and carried unanimously to approve the May 23, 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.

VIII. REPORT / DISCUSSION / ACTION

There were no items heard.

- 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 advised that she was organizing a joint meeting of the Health District and the Clark County Commission on the trauma system and the catchment areas.

X. HEALTH OFFICER & STAFF REPORTS (Information Only)

- DHO Comments

In addition to his written report, Dr. Leguen advised that the CDC Director, Dr. Mandy Cohen, would be in Las Vegas on June 11, 2024, with scheduled visits to the Health District, Trac-B (Impact Exchange), and UNLV.

Further, Dr. Leguen advised that the Health District, in collaboration with Clark County, rolled out the Beat the Heat campaign, with resources on the Health District website which includes a link to the CDC website on the expected risk of heat during the summer. The Chair indicated that the Fire Chief wanted to remind the community that children and pets should not be left in cars, even with air conditioning. Individuals are encouraged to call 911 should they see children or pets left in a car. Dr. Leguen further raised a concern of the unhoused population in the community and advised of cooling stations offered by Clark County and local jurisdictions. Dr. Leguen indicated that the Health District would try to keep information on the cooling stations on its website.

- Aquatic Health Program -Our Role in Protecting Public Health

Alicia Mitchell, Environmental Health Supervisor, and Candice Stirling, Environmental Health Supervisor, presented on the Aquatic Health Program.

Further to an inquiry from the Chair on the testing requirements, Ms. Stirling advised that the main focus of the 2017 update to the federal law of the testing requirements related to the pipe size and the flow rate, which required new drain covers. (The federal law referenced is the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act of 2008, also referred to as “VGB Act”). Ms. Stirling further advised that people were not aware of the 2017 update, causing people to look for old drain covers. A newer concern had been created which had people leaving drain covers beyond their lifespan, which is normally 5-7 years, causing them to get brittle and more likely to break.

Further to an inquiry from Member Hardy, Ms. Stirling confirmed that the drain cover attachment was identical from the old to the new drain covers.

Member Black joined the meeting at 9:27 a.m.

Ms. Stirling further confirmed that there was no grace period to repair a broken drain cover, as manufacturers do not ensure the integrity of the drain cover if it was chipped or cracked, and any degree of damage was grounds for closing the pool, as an imminent health hazard, until the drain cover was replaced. Ms. Stirling indicated that the Health District inspectors work

with facilities to ensure that they were aware of the drain cover that they had and try to determine the certification year. Health District inspectors encourage communication with pool professionals before they install a new cover to ensure that it was the proper drain cover and not something that would not be approved.

Member Knudsen inquired as to the education and information to the pool industry. Ms. Stirling advised that Aquatic Health program holds two industry meetings annually, in addition to two industry meetings held by Aquatic Plan Review. Additionally, information may be obtained from the Health District website.

Further to an inquiry from Member Nemeck regarding the waiver process, Ms. Stirling advised that it was determined that facilities were not maintaining compliance with the conditions outlined in the waivers.

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.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION

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 9:43 a.m.

The Chair closed the Closed Session at 10:18 a.m.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:21 a.m.

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