



MINUTES

SOUTHERN NEVADA DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

June 27, 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 (*via WebEx*)
Pattie Gallo – Council Member, City of Mesquite (*via WebEx*)
Joseph Hardy – Council Member, City of Boulder City (*in-person*)
Brian Knudsen – Mayor Pro Tempore, City of Las Vegas (*in-person*)
Jim Seebock – Council Member, City of Henderson (*in-person*)
Tick Segerblom – Commissioner, Clark County (*in-person*)
- ABSENT:** N/A
- ALSO PRESENT:** Linda Anderson, Jen Bertolani, Michelle Brzycki, George Buzzas, Antony
(In Audience) Chen, Georgi Collins, Harold Collins, Trey Delap, Kyle Devine, Sean Dort,
Calai Elumalai, Allison Genco, Kiran Gill, Aaron Gutierrez, Maya Holmes,
Deborah Kuhls, Jimmy Lau, Jennifer Lopez, Bradley Mayer, Teddy Parker, Lisa
Rogge, Stacie Sasso, Paul Shubert, Todd Sklamberg, Debbie Springer,
Shauna Tello, Mahogany Turfley, Susan VanBeuge
- LEGAL COUNSEL:** Heather Anderson-Fintak, General Counsel
- EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:** Fermin Leguen, MD, MPH, District Health Officer (*absent*)
- STAFF:** Elizabeth Adelman, Talibah Abdul-Wahid, Malcolm Ahlo, Chelle Alfaro,
Adriana Alvarez, Rashida Alvarez, Kristen Anderson, Renita Anderson, Emily
Anelli, Anna Angeles, Lisa Archie, Larry Armstrong, Jonna Arqueros,
Jacqueline Ayala, Maria Azzarelli, Tawana Bellamy, Mark Bergtholdt, Haley
Blake, Murphy Boudreaux, Amanda Brown, Cory Burgess, Daniel Burns,
Nikki Burns-Savage, Victoria Burris, Donna Buss, Erika Bustinza, Joe
Cabanban, Belen Campos-Garcia, Andy Chaney, Nicole Charlton, Jonathan
Contreras, Mary Cooper, Andria Cordovez Mulet, Rebecca Cruz-Nañez,
Corey Cunnington, Cherie Custodio, Gerard Custodio, Brendan Dalton,
Liliana Davalos, Banessa Diaz Villa, Chris DeLisle, Aaron DelCotto, Edna
DelRosario, Lily Dominguez, Rayleen Earney, Regena Ellis, Brian Felgar, Ina
Fincher, Kaylina Fleuridas, Adelina Folkes, Jason Frame, Kimberley Franich,
Monica Galaviz, Cheri Gould, Jacques Graham, Heather Hanoff, Jeremy
Harper, Maria Harris, Sheila Harris, Amineh Harvey, John Hammond,
Richard Hazeltine, Dan Isler, Lorretta Jennings, Jessica Johnson, Horng-

Yuan Kan, Mikki Knowles, Greg Lang, Cassius Lockett, Erick Lopez, Jennifer Loysaga, Randolph Lockett, Sandy Lockett, Hetal Luhar, Anilkumar Mangla, Cassondra Major, Blanca Martinez, Roni Mauro, Kimberly Monahan, Gabriela Montaldo, Stephanie Montgomery, Samantha Morales, Christian Murua, Todd Nicolson, Brian Northam, Lorraine Oliver, Veralynn Orewyler, Taimi Ortega, Kyle Parkson, Neleida Pelaez, Tasheka Powell, Luann Province, Yin Jie Qin, Zuwen Qiu-Shultz, Patricia Quiroz, Cheryl Radeloff, Larry Rogers, Alexis Romero, Lester Rossi-Boudreaux-Thibodeaux, Arc Rufo, Kim Saner, Myra Santillan, Aivelhyn Santos, Chris Saxton, Kris Schamaun, Rabea Sharif, Dave Sheehan, Karla Shoup, Rosanna Silva-Minnich, Marnita Smith-Dent, Bruno Stephani, Amy Stines, Shaqweta Summerville, Ronique Tatum-Penegar, Will Thompson, Rebecca Topol, Greg Tordjman, Renee Trujillo, Justin Tully, Shylo Urzi, Lizbeth Vasquez, Yolanda Villalobos, Jorge Viote, DJ Whitaker Jules Wilson, Lourdes Yapjoco, Merylyn Yegon, Adrienne Young, Christian Young

I. **CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL**

The Chair called the Southern Nevada District Board of Health Meeting to order at 9:00 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. **Dr. Erick Lopez, Lei Zhang, Rebecca Topol, Greg Lang, and Dr. Cassius Lockett**

- Poster Award in Health Equity and Tribal Epidemiology at the 2024 Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) Annual Conference for co-authoring “*Advancing Health Equity through Health Information Exchange: Augmenting Socio-Demographic Surveillance Data Completeness*”

The Chair recognized Dr. Lopez, Mr. Zhang, Ms. Topol, Mr. Lang and Dr. Lockett for receiving an award in Health Equity and Tribal Epidemiology at the CSTE Annual Conference for co-authoring a poster on “*Advancing Health Equity through Health Information Exchange: Augmenting Socio-Demographic Surveillance Data Completeness*”. Posters were chosen by a review committee based on scientific content, public health impact and whether it exemplifies the effective and innovative application of epidemiologic methods in an investigation or study. On behalf of the Health District and the Board, the Chair congratulated the employees for their accomplishment.

2. **Southern Nevada Health District – June Employees of the Month**

- Brian Felgar and Lester Rossi Boudreaux-Thibodeaux

The Chair recognized the Employees of the Month. Each month the Health District, and the Board of Health, recognized those employees that went above and beyond for the Health

District and our community and that best represented the Health District's C.A.R.E.S. Values. On behalf of the Health District and the Board, 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.

Jules Wilson has been a Lab Assistant for the Health District at the Southern Nevada Public Health Laboratory for the past two years; however, had worked in hospitals for 19 years. Mr. Wilson stated that he knew when healthcare employees were valued and not valued. Mr. Wilson was speaking on behalf of Health District employees, who were on the front lines during the pandemic, putting themselves and their families at risk. Mr. Wilson stated that management did not care, nor appreciated, the employees. Mr. Wilson advised management that, if they cared, they would help the employees' families to keep up with the cost of living and fix the staffing situation that has left many overworked and underpaid. Mr. Wilson stated that the management's offer (related to the Collective Bargaining Agreements) was not good enough and did not go far enough to fix the challenges faced by employees.

Regina Ellis, a Community Health Nurse at the Health District, spoke on the resolution regarding the budget and the need to prioritize the resources for the workforce. Ms. Ellis stated that the Health District employees were on the front lines of any public health crisis, such as the pandemic, which put their families at risk for the community. Ms. Ellis stated that management said that they were grateful and called healthcare workers heroes. The union was hopeful at the start of the negotiations that a real solution to staffing shortages would be addressed; however, not enough had been done to invest in public health workers and the negotiations remained at a standstill. Ms. Ellis urged the Board to use the funding that would be discussed during the meeting to resolve the issues she raised. Ms. Ellis stated that the cost of living had skyrocketed, housing had increased, along with food, gas, diapers, and formula, but the employees' wages had not caught up. Ms. Ellis recalled that the state provided flexible funding to invest in public health and in the workforce; not investing in the workforce would create a public health crisis and meant that the workforce would not be prepared when the next pandemic struck. Ms. Ellis requested the Board's leadership to help the public health workforce in the community.

Arc Rufo, a Disaster Recovery Specialist at the Health District, spoke on behalf of the individuals that supported health care providers behind the scenes to protect the community. Mr. Rufo advised that as he worked in the Information Technology (IT) Department, they were also dealing with the same issues as his coworkers, of being short-staffed, overworked and that management's refused to hire needed positions. Mr. Rufo outlined that the Health District did not have a dedicated cybersecurity position, and recently had to deal with an issue of the website being hacked, wherein payment information was placed on a fake website that appeared to look like the Health District's website. Once the issue was identified, the IT team was able to work throughout the weekend to fix the issue, but Mr. Rufo stated that the issue could have been avoided with the proper staff. Mr. Rufo stated that IT staff were asked to work more without overtime when their salaries already weren't competitive. Mr. Rufo advised that the systems engineers and technicians were dramatically underpaid, not by a few percentage points, but significantly under market value. Mr. Rufo stated that inflation had been as high as 8-10% and

that management's offer (related to the Collective Bargaining Agreements) did not bring staff to market value and did not address staffing issues. Mr. Rufo stated that things had to change or experienced workers would not stay and if those experienced workers did not stay, then public health in the community would suffer. Mr. Rufo concluded that that they would make their voices heard and continue to fight.

Lorraine Oliver, a retired Community Health Nurse, stated that she was voted onto the bargaining team for the Health District employees due to her years of service and was then removed from the bargaining team. Ms. Oliver stated that she considered SEIU and the Health District as her family. Ms. Oliver further stated that approximately three weeks ago, she received an email from the nursing management at the Health District requesting that she return to the Health District. Ms. Oliver advised that Human Resources (HR) decided that they wanted to use individuals that were not trained and pay more. Ms. Oliver stated that she participated in many bargaining teams at the Health District and that everyone on the management bargaining team was new, except for one member. Ms. Oliver stated that one of the items for bargaining that had not been resolved was that management would not consider seniority of an individual when promoting or hiring individuals. Ms. Oliver stated that at the beginning of negotiations, staff were asked to give up their right to speak to the Board. Ms. Oliver further raised concerns regarding the NEOGOV system, which was used by many public entities for timekeeping, etc. Ms. Oliver advised that every bargaining team member was not paid adequately through that system, and it took more than a week to fix it. Further, there were still issues related to correct time balances. Ms. Oliver stated that management needed to show that they care about their employees.

Harold Collins, representing himself, was a resident of Southern Nevada and did not have any financial interest in aquatic facilities. Mr. Collins referenced the June 27, 2024, District Health Officer Report on the topic of the revocation of lifeguard waivers. Mr. Collins stated that private athletic clubs and aquatic facilities played an important part in the health of the community and were a great benefit for senior citizens. Mr. Collins noted an article in the Las Vegas Review Journal on May 21, 2024, on the enforcement of lifeguard requirements putting access to health benefits at risk. Mr. Collins stated that he did not see a risk assessment study performed by the Health District to support the elevation of risk of exercising in a four-and-a-half-foot pool for exercise and other activities. Mr. Collins stated that there was a risk with almost everything, including lifting weights, hiking, even crossing the street, but the Health District did not impose requirements for spotters at every weight workout station or someone to accompany every hiker on the trail. Mr. Collins encouraged the Health District to conduct a scientific fact-based risk assessment study of the risk and benefit from aquatic facilities, exercise facilities, and not rely on anecdotal incidences.

Stacie Sasso, the Executive Director for the Health Services Coalition (Coalition), spoke regarding trauma systems. Ms. Sasso advised that the Coalition, and its' members, had been involved in the regulation and oversight of the Southern Nevada Trauma System for more than 20 years, as an effective trauma system was vital to the community. Ms. Sasso expressed her thanks to the Health District for the work done to ensure that the trauma system remained stable and effective. Ms. Sasso stated that they supported smart growth that was consistent with national guidelines, was based on comprehensive data and proactive assessments of community needs to safeguard the ability to get the right patient to the right care at the right time. Unneeded proliferation of trauma centers would oversaturate the system, dilute the quality of care, strain resources and undermine the stability of existing trauma centers. Ms. Sasso proceeded to advise that both the state and local health district trauma system regulations indicate trauma system expansion should be based on a determination of need or unmet need, and that any expansion would not

negatively impact the existing trauma centers. Ms. Sasso recalled that in 2016, the Board directed the Regional Trauma Advisory Board (RTAB) to conduct a comprehensive needs assessment before bringing forward applications for trauma centers. A subcommittee of RTAB did a lot of work over several years to develop objective criteria to assess trauma system needs, and much of that work resulted in data that was available in the Southern Nevada Trauma System Report. Ms. Sasso looked forward to RTAB reviewing the data in depth, and any additional data it required to fulfill its advisory role and make a recommendation on system needs to the Board. Ms. Sasso addressed the high-level presentation on trauma systems on this meeting agenda. Ms. Sasso looked forward to having detailed data-driven presentations and discussions on the trauma system, especially if the Board were asked to consider making changes to the existing trauma system. Ms. Sasso noted the growth of free-standing emergency departments and raised concern about the rapid growth in the community, often not far from existing hospitals and often in higher income areas. Ms. Sasso stated that, in 2016, hospitals opened 11 free-standing emergency departments and 6 micro or limited hospitals, and there were at least 5 applications pending. Ms. Sasso stated that patients attempted to access urgent care at a free-standing emergency department because the building looked like an urgent care facility. The patient was then billed at the hospital rates. On the other hand, if patients experienced a true emergency, they would need to be transferred to a hospital, which would delay care and take patients far away from their homes. Ms. Sasso recalled that several years ago, the Health District changed EMS protocols to permit EMS transports to micro-hospitals and free-standing emergency departments, which significantly reshaped healthcare delivery in the community and impacted patients. Ms. Sasso urged reporting of those transports to understand EMS transports, transfers, discharges, admissions, and other information at these new facilities and the micro hospitals. Further, Ms. Sasso advised that free-standing emergency departments' transfer transport protocols, trauma transport protocols, and changes to EMS catchment areas should be brought before the Board for review and approval.

Maya Holmes, the Health Policy Director for the Culinary Health Fund and a representative on the RTAB, echoed the goals and concerns stated by Ms. Sasso. Ms. Holmes wished to comment on issues in the trauma system presentation that she hoped would be clarified and presented to RTAB. Ms. Holmes raised that the presentation showed an annual growth in trauma patients of 10% from 2019 to 2023, mainly among step four patients who do not have trauma level injuries but have certain risk factors. Ms. Holmes stated that there has been a growth in step four patients since the EMS protocol changed in 2018, which mandated transfer of all step fours to a trauma center. Ms. Holmes indicated that the protocol was not consistent with national guidelines, and they support its reversal. Ms. Holmes stated that the transport times in the presentation were skewed as they were not broken down by step level. Ms. Holmes noted that excellent transport times over the last five years. Ms. Holmes also noted that the presentation references population growth but does not specify the location of growth and noted that population growth did not automatically correlate with trauma growth. Further, Ms. Holmes noted that the presentation compared the Health District's trauma system to other trauma systems, and noted that it was not an equal comparison, as comparisons should consider capacity, geography, physician workforce availability, and the planning behind each trauma system. Ms. Holmes concluded that she looked forward to having robust and comprehensive data to determine any need for trauma system change or growth, along with RTAB reviewing the 2023 Clark County Trauma System Report.

Dr. Deborah Kuhls, Chief of Trauma at UMC, commented on trauma systems. Dr. Kuhls outlined her knowledge of shock trauma, which was one of the first systems of trauma centers and continued to be a model of care. Dr. Kuhls advised that trauma systems required detailed analysis, including geospatial modeling, to ensure that southern Nevada residents had access to

a trauma center. Dr. Kuhls looked forward to working with the RTAB to better examine the information that would be presented to the Board.

Aaron Gutierrez submitted a written public comment and addressed the Board regarding the revocation of lifeguard waivers. Mr. Gutierrez requested that the Board reinstate the lifeguard waivers until the Board could study the impacts of the revocation. Mr. Gutierrez stated that the CDC required lifeguards for pools that were deeper than 5 feet or 5 meters. Mr. Gutierrez further commented that most swimming incidents do not happen at commercial gym pools. Mr. Gutierrez stated that individuals signed waivers and attended gyms at their own risk. Mr. Gutierrez raised that pools were overcrowded with people standing in the pool when he tried to swim laps. Mr. Gutierrez stated that he felt that he did not need a lifeguard babysitting him in three and a half feet of water. He advised that his gym followed the rules, and that the Las Vegas Athletic Club (LVAC) should be punished for not following the rules. Mr. Gutierrez felt that the lack of lifeguards would be more of a liability issue for a gym's liability insurance as opposed to a health department issue. Mr. Gutierrez requested that the Board reconsider the revocation of lifeguard waivers.

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

V. ADOPTION OF THE JUNE 27, 2024 MEETING AGENDA *(for possible action)*

Item VI.2 was removed from the Consent Agenda.

A motion was made by Member Hardy, seconded by Member Nielson, and carried unanimously to approve the June 27, 2024 Amended 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: May 23, 2024 *(for possible action)*

~~**2. PETITION #40-24: Approval of a contract for Data Security Posture Management Software as a Service (SaaS) between Escape Velocity Holdings Inc. dba Trace3 LLC and the Southern Nevada Health District;** direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*~~

Item VI.2 (Petition #40-24) was removed from the Consent Agenda and may be brought back at a later date.

A motion was made by Member Nielson, seconded by Member Black, and carried unanimously to approve the June 27, 2024 Consent Agenda, as amended.

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 Recommendations from the June 6, 2024 At-Large Member Selection Committee Meeting; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*

a. Southern Nevada District Board of Health

Chair Black provided a summary from the At-Large Selection Committee meeting on June 6, 2024 with the recommendation of Dr. Frank Nemec as the physician representative on the Board. After further discussion, the following motion was made:

A motion was made by Chair Kirkpatrick, seconded by Member Hardy, and carried unanimously to accept the recommendation from the At-Large Member Selection Committee and approve Dr. Frank Nemec as the Physician representative to the Southern Nevada District Board of Health for a two-year term beginning on July 1, 2024.

Chair Black provided a summary from the At-Large Selection Committee meeting on June 6, 2024 with the recommendation of Richard Eide as the regulated business/industry representative on the Board. After further discussion, the following motion was made:

Member Brune left the meeting at 9:49 a.m.

A motion was made by Chair Kirkpatrick, seconded by Member Knudsen, and carried unanimously to approve Bobbette Bond as the Regulated Business/Industry representative to the Southern Nevada District Board of Health for a two-year term beginning on July 1, 2024.

Member Brune returned to the meeting at 9:51 a.m.

Chair Black provided a summary from the At-Large Selection Committee meeting on June 6, 2024 with the recommendation of Scott Nielson as the gaming representative (as recommended by the Nevada Resort Association) on the Board of Health. After further discussion, the following motion was made:

A motion was made by Chair Kirkpatrick, seconded by Member Knudsen, and carried unanimously to accept the recommendation from the At-Large Member Selection Committee and approve Scott Nielson as the Gaming representative to the Southern Nevada District Board of Health for a two-year term beginning on July 1, 2024.

b. Southern Nevada District Board of Health Public Health Advisory Board

Chair Black provided a summary from the At-Large Selection Committee meeting on June 6, 2024 with the recommendation of Dr. Kenneth Osgood as the physician representative on the Public Health Advisory Board. After further discussion, the following motion was made:

A motion was made by Chair Kirkpatrick, seconded by Member Hardy, and carried unanimously to accept the recommendations from the At-Large Member Selection Committee and approve Dr. Kenneth Osgood as the Physician representative to the Southern Nevada District Board of Health Public Health Advisory Board for a two-year term beginning on July 1, 2024.

Chair Black provided a summary from the At-Large Selection Committee meeting on June 6, 2024 with the recommendation of Dr. Susan VanBeuge as the nurse representative on the Public Health Advisory Board. After further discussion, the following motion was made:

A motion was made by Chair Kirkpatrick, seconded by Member Hardy, and carried unanimously to accept the recommendations from the At-Large Member Selection Committee and approve Dr. Susan VanBeuge as the Registered Nurse representative to the Southern Nevada District Board of Health Public Health Advisory Board for a two-year term beginning on July 1, 2024.

Chair Black provided a summary from the At-Large Selection Committee meeting on June 6, 2024 with the recommendation of Dr. Brian Labus as the environmental health representative on the Public Health Advisory Board. Dr. Antony Chen, who was an applicant for the environmental health representative on the Public Health Advisory Board, was in attendance, virtually, and addressed the Board in support of his application. After further discussion, the following motion was made:

A motion was made by Member Hardy, seconded by Chair Kirkpatrick, and carried unanimously to accept the recommendations from the At-Large Member Selection Committee and approve Dr. Brian Labus as the Environmental Health representative to the Southern Nevada District Board of Health Public Health Advisory Board for a two-year term beginning on July 1, 2024.

2. Receive, Discuss, and Approve Clark County's Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Pages for SNHD's Schedules B for Funds 7050, 7060, 7070, 7090, and Schedules F-1 & F-2 for Fund 7620; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (for possible action)

Donnie (DJ) Whitaker, Chief Financial Officer, advised that Clark County increased the property tax revenue allocated to the Health District, which revised the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget that was previously approved by the Board. Ms. Whitaker advised that Clark County requested that the revision be presented to the Board for approval.

Further to an inquiry from Member Segerblom, Ms. Whitaker confirmed that the property tax revenue allocation increased by \$1,056,272.

A motion was made by Member Knudsen, seconded by Member Black, and carried unanimously to accept the recommendations from the Finance Committee and approve the

Clark County's Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Pages for SNHD's Schedules B for Funds 7050, 7060, 7070, 7090, and Schedules F-1 & F-2 for Fund 7620, as presented.

3. PETITION #39-24 – Approval of Augmentation to the Southern Nevada Health District FY2024 Budget; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (*for possible action*)

Donnie (DJ) Whitaker, Chief Financial Officer, presented the resolutions regarding the budget augmentation, as follows:

- **Resolution #04-24**
 - General Fund: Increase the appropriation of the General Fund by \$894,900, from \$93,837,590 to \$94,732,490
- **Resolution #05-24**
 - Grant Fund, Special Revenue: Decrease the Grant Fund (Special Revenue) by \$23,298,806, from \$96,721,598 to \$73,422,792

*Member Brune left the meeting at 10:06 a.m. and did not return.
Member Knudsen left the meeting at 10:17 a.m. and did not return.*

A motion was made by Chair Kirkpatrick, seconded by Member Black, and carried unanimously to accept the recommendations from the Finance Committee and approve Petition #39-24 related to the Budget Augmentation to the Southern Nevada Health District (i) General Fund (Resolution #04-24) and (ii) Grant Fund (Special Revenue) (Resolution #05-24) Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024, as presented, to meet the mandatory financial requirements of NRS 354.598005.

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)**

Chair Kirkpatrick advised that, after consultation with Member Nielson, who served as the Chair of the Finance Committee, the Finance Committee meetings would move from quarterly to bi-annually (twice a year).

Chair Kirkpatrick encouraged the Board members to educate their communities on heat related issues and vector control.

Member Hardy left the meeting at 10:24 a.m.

X. HEALTH OFFICER & STAFF REPORTS (Information Only)

- DHO Comments

On behalf of Dr. Leguen, Dr. Cassius Lockett, Deputy District Health Officer-Operations, advised that the CDC Director, Dr. Mandy Cohen, was in Las Vegas earlier in the month and

visited the Trac-B Impact Exchange, the Health District's Decatur location and UNLV School of Public Health. There were discussions on substance use, wastewater surveillance and family planning.

Dr. Lockett advised that the Vector Surveillance Team was busy trapping mosquitos. Dr. Lockett advised that, as of June 21st, there had been 230 West Nile Virus positive mosquito pools, across 30 zip codes. Dr. Lockett further advised that in addition to West Nile Virus, there was also detection of St. Louis encephalitis.

Member Hardy returned to the meeting at 10:26 a.m.

Member Bond left the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

The Chair inquired whether the Office of Communications could do educational videos for children and seniors related to mosquito bites using Tik Tok. Dr. Lockett advised that he would raise it with Jennifer Sizemore, the Chief Communications Officer.

Member Bond returned to the meeting at 10:29 a.m.

Further to an inquiry from Member Segerblom regarding the creation of a mosquito abatement district, the Chair confirmed that legislators continued to discuss this topic, however, any creation of a mosquito abatement district would have to include funding.

- Educational Presentation on Free-Standing Emergency Departments

Paul Shubert, Chief of the Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance, and Kyle Devine, Deputy Administrator of the Regulatory and Planning Branch, from the Department of Health and Human Services Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH), provided an educational presentation on Free-Standing Emergency Departments.

The Chair advised that a joint meeting with Clark County and the Health District to discuss free-standing emergency departments would be scheduled.

Member Black left the meeting at 10:38 a.m.

Further to an inquiry from the Chair regarding the complaint process for free-standing emergency departments, Mr. Shubert advised that complaints should be filed with the Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance. Mr. Shubert advised that free-standing emergency department services must be integrated with the parent hospital services.

Further to an inquiry from Member Nemeck on the credentialing process for providers, Mr. Shubert advised that that vetting of staff and requirements for qualification standards were the same as at the parent hospital. The credentialing process would be completed by the governing body for the parent hospital.

Member Black returned to the meeting at 10:42 a.m.

Further to an inquiry from Member Bond, Mr. Devine confirmed that integrated referenced in the presentation meant that the free-standing emergency department would be the same as any other hospital department in a hospital system, which would have to meet all the same standards as an out-patient service.

Further to an inquiry from the Chair on the agency that regulates urgent care facilities, Mr. Shubert advised that urgent care facilities would be the same as a physician's office, as in the personnel would be regulated by their professional licensure board.

Member Nemec left the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Member Nemec returned to the meeting at 10:57 a.m.

Member Segerblom left the meeting at 11:00 a.m. and did not return.

The Chair requested a one-page fact sheet of information on the services provided by urgent cares, free-standing emergency departments, hospitals, and micro hospitals, that Board members could circulate to educate the community on the services provided.

Mr. Devine advised that the free-standing emergency department had to provide the exact same services as an emergency department in a parent hospital. Mr. Devine clarified that the difference would be when someone needed to be admitted; in a hospital, the individual would be transported to another floor, however, in a free-standing emergency department, the individual would need to be transported by motorize transportation. Mr. Devine further advised that if an individual went to a free-standing emergency department and that facility could not provide the same services as the parent hospital, then a complaint would need to be submitted to the Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance to be investigated.

- Trauma System of Southern Nevada

Dr. Christian Young, Board-certified emergency physician at UMC and Medical Director for SNHD's Office of Emergency Medical Services & Trauma System (OEMSTS), and John Hammond, Manager of the Office of EMSTS, provided an overview of trauma systems in Southern Nevada.

Further to an inquiry from the Chair regarding where transfer agreements were filed, Dr. Young advised that transfer agreements were submitted with an application for a trauma center. Mr. Hammond advised that transfer agreements were between facilities, not with the jurisdictions.

Further to an inquiry from Member Bond on the number of ambulances in the community, Dr. Young advised that the information is closely tracked by various agencies, including first response, municipal and private transport.

Member Hardy left the meeting at 11:26 a.m.

Member Nemec left the meeting at 11:27 a.m. and did not return.

Mr. Hammond advised that his office had the data related to ambulances, including the number of ambulances permitted, non-transport ambulances, the level of care provided and the owners. Mr. Hammond confirmed that he will provide that information to the Board.

Member Hardy returned to the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Member Bond requested information on the shortages of specialists in the community.

Member Bond requested that the information in the presentation be compared to the 2022 Clark County Trauma System Report to ensure that the information is accurate related to the Trauma Field Triage Criteria steps.

Member Black left the meeting at 11:52 a.m. and did not return.

The Chair confirmed that staff would provide the Board with the information related to the ambulances.

XI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. SNHD Financial Report, as at March 31, 2024
2. Administration Division Monthly Activity Report
3. Community Health Division Monthly Activity Report
4. Community Health Center (FQHC) Division Monthly Report
5. Disease Surveillance and Control Division Monthly Activity Report
6. Environmental Health Division Monthly Activity Report
7. 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.

Dr. Deborah Kuhls raised a comment from an earlier presentation regarding different trauma systems. Dr. Kuhls indicated that there was published data on different trauma systems, both the level of trauma centers, the number, the proliferation, and its impact upon the health outcomes of citizens. Dr. Kuhls urged the Board to look at other data sources related to trauma systems.

Harold Collins spoke regarding the lifeguard pool waivers. Mr. Collins indicated that he signed a risk waiver when he became a member of the LVAC. Mr. Collins indicated that for retired people on a fixed income, aquatic facilities were an economical option to exercise and socialize with others. Mr. Collins stated that the thin profit margin of athletic clubs was at risk if they were forced to have pool side lifeguards on staff. Mr. Collins further stated that many people had to exercise when they had an opportunity and closing aquatic facilities would have a negative impact on the health and well-being of the community. Mr. Collins requested that the Board allow for the extension of the pool side lifeguard variance so residents could continue having the health benefits of aquatic facilities throughout the community.

John Perazzo submitted a written public comment that was read into the record regarding the revocation of lifeguard waivers for LVAC pools.

Seeing no one further, 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 12:02 p.m.

The Chair closed the Closed Session at 12:39 p.m.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

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