



MINUTES

SOUTHERN NEVADA DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

January 13, 2025 – 8:30 A.M.

Meeting was conducted In-person and via Microsoft Teams

Southern Nevada Health District, 280 S. Decatur Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89107
Red Rock Trail Conference Room

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kenneth Osgood, Chair – At-Large Member, Physician (*in-person*)
Susan VanBeuge, Vice-Chair – At-Large Member, Nurse (*in-person*)
Ronald Kline – Member, City of North Las Vegas (*via Phone*)
Paul Klouse – Member, City of Boulder City (*in-person*)
Brian Labus – At-Large Member, Environmental Health (*in-person*)
Holly Lyman – Member, City of Henderson (*in-person*)
Jennifer Young – Member, City of Las Vegas (*in-person*)

ABSENT:

N/A

ALSO PRESENT:

(In Audience)

Linda Anderson, Kimberly Carter, Nadine Kienhoefer, Staniela Nikolova

LEGAL COUNSEL:

Edward Wynder, Associate General Counsel

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

Fermin Leguen, MD, MPH, District Health Officer

STAFF:

Emily Anelli, Maria Azzarelli, Tawana Bellamy, Daniel Burns, Donna Buss, Nancy Cadena, Andria Cordovez Mulet, Aaron DelCotto, Jacques Graham, Cassius Lockett, Anil Mangla, Brian Northam, Kyle Parkson, Luann Province, Larry Rogers, Chris Saxton, Tiana Wright, Lourdes Yapjoco

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Chair 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. **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 JANUARY 13, 2025 MEETING AGENDA *(for possible action)*

A motion was made by Member Klouse, seconded by Member Labus, and carried unanimously to approve the January 13, 2025 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: October 14, 2024 *(for possible action)*

Further to an inquiry from the Chair regarding whether there have been additional cases of Tuberculosis, Dr. Anil Mangla, Director of Disease Surveillance and Control, advised that there were new cases in the community.

A motion was made by Member Klouse, seconded by Member VanBeuge, and carried unanimously to approve the January 13, 2025 Consent Agenda, as presented.

VI. REPORT / DISCUSSION / ACTION

1. Update on Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV), Influenza, and COVID-19; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*

Member Young joined the meeting at 8:37 a.m.

Dr. Manga provided an update on Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV), Influenza, and COVID-19.

Further to an inquiry from Chair Osgood regarding the locations of wastewater monitoring stations, Dr. Mangla advised that monitoring stations were distributed by the Clark County Water Reclamation District and would follow up regarding the locations.

Further to an inquiry from Chair Osgood regarding bird flu and wastewater detection, Dr. Mangla advised that there have not been any cases reported in Nevada. Dr. Cassius Lockett, Deputy District Health Officer-Operations, advised that, in wastewater surveillance, there was no way to distinguish whether the wastewater was from humans or animals.

Member Labus referenced a slide in the presentation regarding COVID-19 cases this year and last year and inquired whether COVID-19 had settled into seasonal patterns. Dr. Mangla

advised that it would take a few more years of data trends before concluding that COVID-19 was in a seasonal pattern.

Member Labus inquired as to the pharmacy-based surveillance program. Dr. Lockett advised that the pharmacy-based surveillance program monitors over-the-counter medication sales to help identify outbreaks of infectious disease outbreaks.

- 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)**

Member Lyman requested an update on the Community Health Assessment. Dr. Lockett advised that staff could provide an update on the Community Health Assessment, along with the Health Equity Report, at a future meeting.

Member Labus requested an update on immunization rates, specifically the Health District's efforts to address and improve low immunization rates.

VIII. HEALTH OFFICER & STAFF REPORTS (Information Only)

- DHO Comments

Dr. Leguen advised that the new Behavioral Health Clinic, which was part of the Southern Nevada Community Health Center, at the Main Facility, will have its Grand Opening on January 14, 2025 and encouraged members to attend. The Behavioral Health Clinic would be part of the integrated health care delivery system being implemented by the Community Health Center and be an additional resource to the community.

Dr. Leguen advised that this would be his last Advisory Board meeting as the District Health Officer for the Health District. Dr. Leguen introduced Dr. Lockett, who had been appointed the District Health Officer, effective February 24, 2025. The Advisory Board members thanked Dr. Leguen for his years of service and leadership to the Health District.

- 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.

Staniela Nikolova read into the record a written public comment regarding inhabitable living conditions at her apartment building. The written public comment will form part of the record. The Chair suggested that Ms. Nikolova attend the Southern Nevada District Board of Health meeting on January 23, 2025 to provide her public comment.

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

X. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:16 a.m.

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

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