



## MINUTES

### SOUTHERN NEVADA DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

July 14, 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 (*in-person*)  
Paul Klouse – Member, City of Boulder City (*via Teams*)  
Brian Labus – At-Large Member, Environmental Health (*in-person*)  
Holly Lyman – Member, City of Henderson (*via Teams*)  
Jennifer Young – Member, City of Las Vegas (*in-person*)

**ABSENT:** N/A

**ALSO PRESENT:** Victoria Abramowitz, Linda Anderson, Ishmael Carroll, Toluwanimi Babarinde, Cade Grogan

**LEGAL COUNSEL:** Edward Wynder, Associate General Counsel

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:** Cassius Lockett, PhD, District Health Officer

**STAFF:** Adriana Alvarez, Emily Anelli, Tawana Bellamy, Jacob Billings, Daniel Burns, Nikki Burns-Savage, Nancy Cadena, Andria Cordovez Mulet, Christian DeHaan, Xavier Gonzales, Heather Hanoff, Richard Hazeltine, Daniel Isler, Randy Lockett, Brian Northam, Luann Province, Vivek Raman, Emma Rodriguez, Larry Rogers, Alexia Romero, Chris Saxton, Ronique Tatum-Penegar

#### I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Chair called the Public Health Advisory Board meeting to order at 8:33 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 JULY 14, 2025 MEETING AGENDA** *(for possible action)*

*A motion was made by Member Kline, seconded by Member VanBeuge, and carried unanimously to approve the July 14, 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:** April 14, 2025 *(for possible action)*

*A motion was made by Member Klouse, seconded by Member Kline, and carried unanimously to approve the July 14, 2025 Consent Agenda, as presented.*

**VI. REPORT / DISCUSSION / ACTION**

- 1. Presentation on the Business Impact Statement (BIS) for the Regulations governing the Sanitation and Safety of Public Accommodation Facilities;** direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*

Vivek Raman, Environmental Health Supervisor, and Christian DeHaan, Senior Environmental Health Specialist, presented the Business Impact Statement (BIS) on the proposed 2025 Public Accommodation Regulations. Mr. Raman outlined the process taken by staff in reviewing the regulations and how comments were collected from the industry.

The BIS survey was sent to 434 recipients, posted at governmental offices, and on the Health District's website. Mr. Raman further advised that a workshop was held in January 2025, along with a meeting with industry partners in February 2025. The BIS survey was open for nine weeks for comments, and during that time two responses were received. Mr. Raman proceeded to summarize the major changes in the proposed regulation.

Further to an inquiry from the Vice-Chair, Mr. Raman advised revisions to the regulations are normally based on industry need. The COVID pandemic raised certain concerns in the regulations that needed to be addressed. It is anticipated that a review of the regulations will be on regular intervals.

*A motion was made by Member VanBeuge, seconded by Member Kline, and carried unanimously to accept the Business Impact Statement and Proposed 2025 Public Accommodation Regulations, as presented, and recommend approval of same to the Southern Nevada District Board of Health.*

Further to an inquiry from the Chair, Mr. Raman advised that the Public Accommodations Program had six field staff and one administrative assistant. Mr. Raman further advised that the program also does vector control. Further, Mr. Raman advised that last year when he presented on mosquito control, there were approximately 25 human cases of West Nile, compared to no mosquitoes with West Nile this year. Further to a follow-up from Member Klouse on a possible cause to the decrease, Mr. Raman advised that as West Nile as a disease of the birds, mosquitoes had to pick it up from birds to then pass it along. Last year there was an intense amplification of West Nile in the bird population that either birds perished from it or developed an immunity to it.

**2. Update on Unpermitted Food Vending;** direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*

Larry Rogers, Environmental Health Manager, provided an update from the presentation in July 2024 on unpermitted food vending.

The Chair commended staff on their efforts addressing unpermitted food vending. The Chair further inquired whether the Health District kept a record of hospitalizations and emergency department visits from potential medical complications from unpermitted food vending. Mr. Rogers advised that there were not many notifications of food borne illness. Dr. Lockett advised that, during any investigation, staff would ask specific questions related to sidewalk vendors, however there was no direct monitoring of those vendors. Dr. Lockett further advised that the Health District had to rely on clinicians to report it to the Health District. Dr. Lockett confirmed that these cases were generally under-reported.

**3. Receive and Discuss a Legislative Update;** direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*

Emma Rodriguez, Communications and Legislative Affairs Administrator, outlined the following bills that were signed into law:

- AB591 – State Public Health Funding – \$15 million statewide, per capita, non-categorical public health funding; SNHD to receive \$10,786,480 for the biennium, equally split between FY26 and 27
- AB360 – Revises provisions relating to testing for sexually transmitted diseases. (Syphilis Testing)
- AB50 – Revises provisions relating to victims of a mass casualty incident. (Mass Casualty Database)
- AB325 – Revises provisions relating to artificial intelligence. (AI in Emergencies)
- AB76 – Revises provisions relating to cannabis. (Cannabis Consumption Lounges)
- AB326 – Revises provisions relating to the designation of hospitals as centers for the treatment of trauma. (Rural Access Hospital Trauma Designation)

- SB24 – Provides for the certification and regulation of emergency medical responders. (Emergency Medical Responders)
- AB104 – Revises provisions relating to water. (Water Rights)
- AB352 – Revises provisions relating to businesses. (Cottage Food & Cosmetics)
- SB466 – Revises provisions governing the authority of the State Department of Agriculture relating to food and water. (Department of Agriculture Transfer)
- AB211 – Revises provisions relating to substandard properties. (Substandard Properties)
- SB9 – Revises provisions relating to Medicaid. (Medicaid Claims)
- SB348 – Makes revisions relating to laboratory testing. (Newborn Screening Fees)
- SB494 – Makes revisions relating to health and human services. (Nevada Health Authority)
- AB394 – Authorizes the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada to require certain institutions to adopt emergency response plans related to opioid overdoses. (Opioid Emergency Response Plans in Higher Education)
- AB331 – Makes an appropriation to the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services for a grant program to expand the biennial survey administered pursuant to the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the United States Department of Health and Human Services. (YRBS)
- AB444 – Revises provisions relating to governmental administration. (Regulation Notifications)
- AB269 – Revises provisions relating to education. (Student Loan Repayment)

Ms. Rodriguez outlined the vetoed bills:

- SB295 – Revises provisions relating to food establishments. (Mobile Food Vendor)
- AB244 – Enacts prohibitions relating to the use of disposable foodware containers containing polystyrene foam by certain food establishments. (Styrofoam Ban)
- AB205 – Revises provisions governing sexual education. (Sexual Education Consent)

Ms. Rodriguez outlined the following legislation that did not advance:

- SB423 - Revises provisions governing public health. (Base Public Health Funding)
- SB435 - Revises provisions relating to nicotine products. (Vape Registry)
- AB536 - Revises provisions relating to tobacco. (Heated Tobacco Products)
- SB78 - Revises provisions relating to boards, commissions, councils and similar bodies. (State Licensing Board Overhaul)
- AB186 - Revises provisions governing pharmacists. (Expanded Authority for Pharmacists)
- SB118 - Revises requirements relating to coverage under Medicaid for certain services provided by pharmacists. (Medicaid Reimbursement for Pharmacists)
- AB297 - Revises provisions relating to Medicaid. (Postnatal Support)
- SB244 - Requires Medicaid to provide coverage of certain treatments for obesity. (Medicaid Obesity Treatment Coverage)

Further to an inquiry from Member Klouse regarding the capacity of the Department of Agriculture to undertake inspections that would have previously been done by the Health District, Dr. Lockett advised that, during the bill testimony, it was stated that staff would be relocated to the Department of Agriculture to ensure continuity.

Member VanBeuge noted that, as the bills did not take effect for approximately two years, there was time to move personnel and draft the appropriate regulations.

- VII. BOARD REPORTS:** 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)**

Dr. Lockett reminded the Advisory Board of the following items scheduled for the October 2025 meeting:

- Approval of the 2026 Meeting Schedule
- Nutrition/Food Insecurity Update
- CredibleMind Update / Behavioral Health Clinic
- Wastewater Surveillance update

**VIII. HEALTH OFFICER & STAFF REPORTS (Information Only)**

- DHO Comments

Dr. Lockett acknowledged Commissioner Kirkpatrick and the Governor's office for the State Public Health Fund, which would provide \$10.7M in funding over a biennium to the Health District. Dr. Lockett advised that the funding would help establish a Healthcare Acquired Infection (HAI) team to monitor multi-drug-resistant organisms, such as Candida Auris, in health care facilities. Further, as previously mentioned, due to the funding claw back from the federal government of approximately \$20M, the State Public Health Fund would allow for the continued funding of laboratory and disease surveillance staff. Dr. Lockett further noted that the Health District received notification of an increase in funding to support the Ending the HIV Epidemic and HIV Prevention and Surveillance grants.

Dr. Lockett advised that the Health District began the Back-to-School Immunization campaign in June to ensure that students were up to date on their required vaccines. Dr. Lockett advised that, from June through October 2024, the Health District administered a total of 3,495 vaccinations, which was an increase from the previous year. Dr. Lockett advised that the peak months were July and August. Dr. Lockett advised that the Health District has expanded clinic hours, added Friday and Saturday appointments, and scheduled outreach events until the middle of August. Dr. Lockett noted that a decline in vaccinations was anticipated this year.

Dr. Lockett advised that, last week, the Department of Health and Human Services released a federal registry notice that impacted 44 programs, including the Healthy Start Program and the Southern Nevada Community Health Center (SNCHC), which is the Health District's federally qualified health center (FQHC). The notice announced changes to a policy regarding who was qualified to receive Federal public benefits. The notice was issued on July 10, 2025, and the Health District was in the process of a financial analysis on any potential impact.

Dr. Lockett advised that the investigations into two unrelated outbreaks of Legionnaires' disease, at The Grandview and South Point, were in the process of being closed. Dr. Lockett

confirmed that both facilities fully cooperated with the investigations. Dr. Lockett advised that an investigation has been initiated at a third facility, the Harrah's Laughlin.

- 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.

Ishmael Carroll from Congressman Horsford's office shared the following statement: *"Thank you for your continued dedication to protecting and promoting health of our community. Your guidance and commitment make(s) a meaningful difference, and we truly appreciate your service. Sincerely the Office of Congressman Steven Horsford. We are grateful for your continued collaboration and partnership and please note that we have an open-door policy regarding any concerns that you would need assistance with on the federal level."*

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

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:48 a.m.

Cassius Lockett, PhD  
District Health Officer/Executive Secretary

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