



## MINUTES

### SOUTHERN NEVADA HEALTH DISTRICT FACILITIES ADVISORY BOARD MEETING May 2, 2023, 3:00 P.M.

#### MEMBERS PRESENT

**Chair** Alexis Mussi, *CEO, (Southern Hills) HCA* Sam Kaufman, *CEO, (Henderson) UHS VHS*  
**Vice-Chair** Todd Sklamberg, *CEO, (Sunrise) HCA* Mason Van Houweling, *CEO, UMC*  
William Caron, *CEO, VA Southern Nevada* Vince Variale, *CEO, North Vista*  
Leo Gallofin, *Director, Rawson-Neal* Robert Freymuller, *CEO, (Summerlin) UHS VHS*  
Thomas Burns, *CEO, (Rose de Lima) Dignity Health* Hiral Patel, *CEO, (Mountainview) HCA*  
Christopher Loftus, *CEO, (Desert Springs) UHS VHS* Vince Variale, *CEO, North Vista*

#### MEMBERS ABSENT

Pat Kelly, *CEO, Nevada Hospital Association* Claude Wise, *CEO, (Valley) UHS VHS*  
Thomas Maher, *CEO, Boulder City Hospital* Purcell Dye, *CEO, Spring Mountain Treatment Center*  
Collin McLaughlin, *CEO, Valley Hospital* Sajit Pullarkat, *CEO, (Centennial Hills) UHS VHS*  
Jon Van Boening, *CEO, (Dominican) Dignity Health*

#### SNHD STAFF PRESENT

Fermin Leguen, *District Health Officer* Cortland Lohff, *Chief Medical Officer*  
Edward Wynder, *Associate General Counsel* Christopher Saxton, *Director of Environmental Health*  
Michael Johnson, *Director of Community Health* Christian Young, *Medical Director EMS*  
John Hammond, *EMS Manager* Joseph Yumul, *IT System Administrator*  
Jacques Graham, *Administrative Secretary*

#### GUESTS

Josederic Scott, *COO, (Dominican) Dignity Health* Deb Moran, *SNHD Medical Reserve Corps of Southern Nevada Coordinator*  
Sarah Lugo, *SNHD RN* Carmen Hua, *SNHD Health Educator*

**I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Chair Mussi called the Southern Nevada Health District Facilities Advisory Board to order at 3:06 p.m. Jacques Graham, Community Health Administrative Secretary conducted a roll call and determined that a quorum was present.

**II. FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment is a period devoted to comments by the general public on items appearing on the Agenda. All comments are limited to five (5) minutes.

Chair Mussi asked if anyone wished to address the Board pertaining to items appearing on the agenda. Hearing no one, the Public comment portion of the meeting was closed.

**III. ADOPTION OF THE OCTOBER 25, 2022 AGENDA (for possible action)**

*A motion was made by Member Van Houweling seconded by Member Variale and carried unanimously to adopt the October 25, 2022 agenda as presented.*

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

Items for action to be considered by the Southern Nevada Health District Facilities 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/Facilities Advisory Board Meeting: May 2, 2023 (for possible action)

*A motion was made by Member Van Houweling seconded by Member Variale and carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.*

**V. REPORT/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION**

The Facilities Advisory Board may take any necessary action for any item under this section. Members of the public are allowed to speak on action items after the Board's discussion and prior to their vote. Once the action item is closed, no additional public comment will be accepted.

1. Receive, Discuss initiatives to identify areas that need to be improved or topics hospitals would like to discuss further such as logistical barriers – Sarah Lugo, SNHD RN; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed appropriate (for possible action)

Dr. Lohff gave an introduction of Sarah Lugo and the topic that she would cover. Sarah supplemented her PowerPoint presentation by giving an oral narrative and explanation for each slide. This presentation was an overview of COVID vaccination facilitation & administration. The attempt was to get COVID vaccines into provider offices, hospitals, urgent care centers and the like, as a sustainable plan to be able to continue to provide the vaccine, especially once SNHD COVID vaccination funding ends in 2024. Sarah offered to provide training to nurses/staff at the convenience of the requesting facility. Questions & comments were posed by Chair Mussi, Members Freymuller, Variale & Dr. Young. All responses were provided by Sarah Lugo.

2. Receive and Discuss presentation regarding SNHD's Medical Reserve Corps and possible utilization of volunteers by hospitals – Deborah Moran, SNHD Medical Reserve Corps of Southern Nevada Coordinator; (for possible action)

Deb Moran discusses a volunteer program, the Medical Reserve Corps, which has over 754 units across the US and offers a wide range of volunteers. She described the process for signing up volunteers and verifying their credentials. Her presentation included the benefits &

features of the SNHD Medical Reserve Corps, also explaining who the volunteers were and how they can service medical facilities during major events (i.e. crisis, emergencies). Deb recited some of the confusion that transpired in the Las Vegas “October 1” tragedy and when COVID was recognized as a Pandemic here in Las Vegas. The goal was to have a plan of preparedness and offer services to work with community partners in the Southern Nevada medical arena.

3. Receive and Discuss Annual Community Health Needs Assessment – Carmen Hua, SNHD Health Educator; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed appropriate (**for possible action**)

Carmen presented a Community Health Needs Assessment proposal, outlining the partnership process and benefits to hospitals/medical facilities. The proposal focuses on identifying needs, assets, resources, and strategies for Southern Nevada residents' health equity by working collaboratively with hospitals in completing surveys and collecting data during the trial process. Hospitals will be involved in prioritizing target populations while eliminating duplication of efforts in the community through joint efforts that build stronger relationships between organizations to create an effective sustainable Community Health Needs Assessment.

## VI. SNHD REPORT/STAFF REPORT

There were no reports at this time.

## VII. FACILITIES ADVISORY BOARD REPORTS

1. Receive and Discuss the impact of Desert Springs Hospital – Chris Loftus, CEO of Desert Springs Hospital (**for possible action**)

Chris Loftus explained that Desert Springs has collaborated with the State of Nevada since about the middle of 2022, in transitioning the facility from an acute care license to a freestanding emergency department that will operate under the license of Valley Hospital. The goal is to build a brand new freestanding emergency department right across the street from our main entrance at the facility in our employee parking lot.

2. Discuss the Sexual Assessment Nurse Exam (SANE) – Mason Van Houweling, CEO of University Medical Center

Mason Van Houweling explained the statistics of sexual assaults and requested community engagement from other hospitals & facilities. He advised that UMC is the only hospital in Southern Nevada that is certified in servicing Sexual Assaults. Patients are transported to UMC for Sexual Assault Exams (averaging 200 transfers monthly). Mason also advised that this population of patients/victims exhibits exponential growth. This subject will carryover coupled with speakers at the following FAB Meeting to support and/or explain this process. Other CEOs demonstrated support of obtaining certified SANE staff for their facilities.

## VIII. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Mussi asked if anyone wished to address the Board. Hearing no one, the Public comment portion of the meeting was closed.

## IX. ADJOURNMENT

Before adjourning, Chair Mussi inquired of the next meeting date. "At Call of Chair" was the response given. Chair Mussi, commented that meetings were moved from quarterly to semiannually and to send agenda topics to Chair, Vice-Chair or SNHD Community Health Admin Secretary. Mason Van Houweling requested to go back to quarterly meetings. Vice-Chair Skalmberg commented that he supported as well. Chair Mussi asked if one wanted to make a motion. Legal Counsel Wynder advised that it hadn't been agendized but would be at the next meeting for motion & vote. Chair Mussi agreed and adjourned the meeting at 4:21 p.m.