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MINUTES

CLARK COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

625 Shadow Lane
Las Vegas, Nevada 89106
Clemens Room

Thursday, April 28, 2005 - 8:00 A.M.

Chairman Reese called the meeting of the District Board of Health to order at 8:02 a.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was held. He noted that he had been provided with the Affidavits of Posting and Mailing of Agenda meeting notices, as required by Nevada's Open Meeting Law. The Affidavits will be incorporated into the Official Minutes.

Board Members Present:

Gary Reese
Sherry Colquitt, RN
Susan Crowley
Tom Collins
Andrea Anderson
Jim Christensen, MD
Donalene Ravitch
Donna Fairchild
Steven Kirk

Chairman, Councilman, Las Vegas
Appointee, Las Vegas
Appointee, Henderson
Commissioner, Clark County
Councilwoman, Boulder City
Secretary, Physician-at-Large
Interim Appointee, Boulder City
Vice Chair, Councilmember, Mesquite
Councilman, Henderson

Absent:

Mary Jo Mattocks, RN
Stephanie Smith
Rory Reid
Robert Eliason

Appointee, Mesquite
Councilwoman, North Las Vegas
Commissioner, Clark County
Councilman, North Las Vegas

Executive Secretary:

Donald S. Kwalick, MD, MPH

Legal Counsel:

Stephen Minagil, Esquire

Staff: Karl Munninger, Sylvia Claiborne, Dr. Larry Sands, Ed Wojcik, Jane Shunney, Angus MacEachern, Ann Markle, Rory Chetelat, Glenn Savage, Paul Klouse, Steve Goode, Doug Joslin, Mary Ellen Britt, Mary Ellen Harrell, Bonnie Carlisle, Debbie Martin, Diana Daniels, Alice Costello, Pat Armour, Bonnie Sorenson, Patricia Rowley, Jennifer Sizemore, Susan Eiselt, Diana Lindquist, Shelli Clark, Leo Vega, Forrest Hasselbauer, Keith Zupnik, Adina Ombadykow

ATTENDANCE:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Jenae Christensen	Self
Stephanie Kirk	Self
Chad Smith	Las Vegas Athletic Clubs
Evan Klouse	Self
Bill Fairchild	Self
Gary Loberg	Clark County Public Works
Richard C. Hicks	Clark County Vector Control
Mary V. Spagnuolo	Nevada State College
Megan Hullinger	Self
Francisco Claiborne	Self

Board Chairman Gary Reese recognized children in attendance for Bring Your Children to Work. On a sad note, Chairman Reese stated that Councilman Eliason's mother-in-law passed away on Tuesday. Members of the Board and staff expressed their condolences.

Dr. Kwalick stated the Great Basin Public Leadership Institute program began this past year, and that 5 individuals from the Health District were represented. The second class has started. The leadership institute involves a year of training and includes representatives from Nevada and Utah. This is a good avenue for leaders to move forward in their respective public health careers.

The following staff was recognized by the Board of Health for their participation in the Great Basin Public Health Leadership Institute:

RECOGNITION – Great Basin Public Health Leadership Institute Graduates 2005:

Nicole Bungum – Health Education
Alice Costello – Nursing & Clinics
Patricia Rowley – Office of Epidemiology
Jennifer Sizemore – Public Information Office
Ed Wojcik – Environmental Health

RECOGNITION – Great Basin Public Health Leadership Institute Scholars 2006:

Jo Alexander– Nursing & Clinics
Nancy Gerken – Office of Public Health Preparedness
Steve Goode – Environmental Health
Doug Joslin – Environmental Health
Linda Kern – Information Technology
Linda Verchick – Office of Epidemiology

I. CONSENT AGENDA

These are matters considered to be routine by the District Board of Health and may be enacted by one motion. Any item, however, may be discussed separately per Board Member request before action. Any exceptions to the Consent Agenda must be stated prior to approval.

1. **Minutes/Board of Health Meeting:** 3/24/05
2. **Approve Payroll/Overtime for Periods of:** 2/26/05 – 3/11/05 & 3/12/05 - 3/25/05
3. **Approve Accounts Payable Register:** #965: 3/03/05 -3/09/05; #966: 3/10/05 - 3/16/05; #967: 3/17/05 -3/23/05; #968: 3/24/05- 3/30/05
4. **Petition #17-05:** Approval of Revised Classification Specification for Disease Data Collection Specialist - Recommended Schedule 14 (\$31,730 - \$44,281)
5. **Petition #18-05:** Approval of New Classification Specification for Social Work Technician – Recommended Schedule 20 (\$43,151 - \$60,147) and Revised Classification Specification for Social Worker – Recommended Schedule 24 (\$52,881 – 73,785)
6. **Petition #19-05:** Approval of Revised Classification Specification for Human Resource Analyst – Recommended Schedule 23 (\$50,242 - \$70,085)
7. **Petition #20-05:** Approval of Renewal of the Interlocal Agreement with Clark County Social Service for Provision of HIV/AIDS Evaluation Services to CCSS Clients for FY 2006
8. **Petition #21-05:** Approval of Renewal of the Interlocal Agreement with Clark County Social Service for Provision of Tuberculosis Test Services to CCSS Employees for FY 2006

A motion was made by Member Crowley to approve, seconded by Donalene Ravitch and was unanimously approved.

II. PUBLIC HEARING/ACTION

1. **Variance Request:** To Allow Operation of a Child Care Facility Not in compliance with the District Board of Health Regulations Governing the Sanitation of Child Care Facilities (APN 138-22-803-001) **Petitioner:** LVC Acquisition Corporation, dba Las Vegas Athletic Club/Las Vegas, Chad O. Smith, Executive Vice President for Andrew J. Palluck, President.

Petitioner Chad Smith, Executive Vice President for Las Vegas Athletic Club, was present and agreed to the conditions. Staff recommended approval of this variance with conditions as listed. Member Fairchild asked about the method for controlling the number of children. Mr. Smith stated that the licensing regulations assure there is a separate area for a certain number of infants as well as toddlers and there are ratios of attendants versus number of children. If the maximum number of children has been

reached, then requests for childcare will be denied. Mr. Smith noted that the daycare area has been expanded in the past.

Chairman Reese asked if any member of the public wished to speak on this item. No one came forward. Chairman Reese closed the public portion of this hearing.

Member Crowley made motion to approve the variance with conditions, seconded by Member Fairchild and was unanimously approved.

III. REPORT/DISCUSSION - ITEMS ON WHICH ACTION MAY BE TAKEN

1. Update on Trauma System Development

Rory Chetelat, EMS Manager, updated the Board of Health on the Trauma System. The Regional Trauma Advisory Committee (RTAC) will meet again next week. At that time it is anticipated the consultant will be present to finalize the plan for the trauma system with the participants of the RTAC. The transport numbers up to April 24, were 444 transports to both facilities, UMC and Sunrise, with 361 to UMC, 83 to Sunrise. Percentages were 81 percent to UMC and approximately 19 percent to Sunrise, which is getting closer to the numbers which were originally envisioned upon the opening of the new trauma center. Mr. Chetelat also reported that St. Rose expects to open after June 1, 2005 as a Level III trauma center.

IV. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Chairman Reese asked if any member of public wished to be heard. No one came forward.

Chairman Reese closed this portion of the agenda.

V. HEALTH OFFICER & STAFF REPORTS

Dr. Kwalick spoke regarding AB 380 which is the bill that would reorganize the District Board of Health. The most recent reprint allocates 3.25 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation to be placed in a fund in the county treasury for the Health District. The number of seats on the Board would remain the same; however, there would be two from the county, two from the City of Las Vegas, one each from the other four cities along with five appointed members selected by the eight elected representatives. Due to a drafting error, the bill sent over to the Senate provided that the five appointive seats would be chosen by the Board of County Commissioners. The County will be presenting an amendment on the Senate side that would allow the eight elected members to choose the five appointed members. The latter seats would include: two doctors, a nurse, an environmentalist and a new seat which would be representative of the business community. The bill passed the Assembly by a vote of 39-2-1, with Assemblywoman Angle and Assemblyman Christensen voting no and Assemblyman Joe Hardy abstaining because of his position on the Board of Health. The bill is scheduled to be heard before the Senate Taxation Committee on May 12 at 2:00 pm. The hearing will be videoconferenced at the Grant Sawyer building. Hopefully, the measure will pass with the County's amendment as agreed upon by all parties and will move forward

to the full Senate. There are still concerns that the 3.25 cents, which is predicated on \$64 billion total assessed valuation, was determined before the 3 and 8 percent caps are applied. The caps could result in a budget shortfall of approximately \$160,000 to \$170,000. Total revenue to the District cannot be confirmed at this time.

Chairman Reese asked Member Kirk if he had an issue with losing a member representative from the City of Henderson. Member Kirk stated that there wouldn't necessarily be a loss of a member as Member Crowley, being an environmentalist, does fit that position. Chairman Reese felt that the City of Henderson has every right to have two members as representatives on the Board of Health. Member Kirk stated that he needed to give this item more thought.

Member Anderson stated that Boulder City would like to retain both representatives. She expressed concern for the rural areas. Chairman Reese indicated that he wanted all members to be assured that everyone has a voice about what is happening. Member Fairchild expressed her appreciation that a nurse from Mesquite was representing the health care needs of their community.

Further discussion of the representative issues ensued. Dr. Kwalick indicated that there will be a July organizational meeting of the Board of Health with operating procedures and by-laws to be set by the Board. The Board could entertain that the five selected seats would come from the county at large or specific municipalities. Chairman Reese stated that he could support these amendments if the Board so chooses, but he wanted to be sure that the eight member board has the ability to make the appointments rather than the County Commission.

Presentation on West Nile Virus

Prior to the West Nile Virus presentation, Glenn Savage, Director of Environmental Health, stated that the Wynn property has opened. Staff worked with Wynn employees; there were over 150 food permits, as well as pool and spa permits. Staff worked after hours and weekends to complete this project and meet the new resort's grand opening time frame.

Daniel Maxson, Environmental Health Supervisor of Special Projects, gave a presentation on the efforts of staff regarding West Nile Virus (WNV) surveillance. The presentation included background, environmental surveillance, early detection and control, and prevention and education efforts. WNV is usually transmitted to humans primarily through mosquito bites. Mosquitoes bite birds which are then infected and die. Horses may receive a vaccine which will prevent WNV. There is no vaccine for humans. Most humans who are bitten experience no symptoms. About 1 in 150 human infections result in a severe illness.

Clark County Health District received a grant from CDC, via the Nevada State Health Division, in the amount of \$42,000. This grant will assist CCHD to provide surveillance in the counties of Clark, Lincoln and Nye. Surveillance includes collection and testing of dead birds, sentinel chickens, mosquitoes and horse testing, which involves working with local veterinarians. In addition to testing for WNV, the State lab testing also includes Western Equine and Saint Louis encephalitis.

There were 150 birds which tested positive in 2004. There are none so far this year. Early detection efforts began in February. Mosquito emergence was identified in March and the setting of mosquito traps began in March. The environmental health staff will be working

with the city councils and county commissions as well as attending town board meetings. Last year there were 5 sentinel chicken flocks all located in Clark County. This year there are 4 chicken flocks at locations in Nye and Lincoln counties, areas where birds will meet mosquitoes. Any complaints from the public will result in placing traps. All mosquitoes tested to date have been negative. No harmful chemicals are used to treat mosquito infestations in water source areas.

In Clark County backyard swimming pools offer breeding areas. Draining and emptying bird baths and wheelbarrows is helpful. Next week we will be going live with a 24 hour hotline which will provide one telephone number for the public to call. Those calls will be referred to appropriate response team or other agencies. Public education efforts from the Public Information Office include news releases, media interviews, public service announcements, flyers, and distribution of informational brochures to the public. People who call with medical questions will be referred to the Epidemiology department. Channel 4 is running a public service videotape completed by Health District staff last year. Another method of public education includes the Four D's response: Draining standing water, curtailing outdoor activities at Dawn and Dusk, using DEET repellent, and Dressing appropriately to avoid being bitten.

There is a significant underreporting of WNV by clinicians. We encourage early testing. WNV fever is often missed. We are performing outreach efforts to encourage early testing for WNV. Mr. Savage indicated that we are working with property owners, realtors and property management owners. We are also working with Mr. Minagil with respect to legal and private property issues as well. Mr. Savage also indicated staff is willing and able to bring this presentation to any commissions or boards. Staff is taking a proactive approach to this issue. Dr. Kwalick indicated while we are controlling this disease, it was important the Health District receive full cooperation from all the jurisdictions. We will be sending information to various county and city managers as to areas of flooding and timeliness to public response issues. Communication with workers and supervisors regarding prevention and responses will assist in preventing West Nile Virus outbreaks in Clark and rural areas as well.

Member Collins asked about monitoring of storm drainage areas and related structures. Mr. Savage indicated that indeed last year we did find that there was runoff into soccer fields from flood control channels. Golf courses had standing water; the baseball field in Henderson had standing water. Mr. Savage indicated we are focused on all areas. Dr. Kwalick asked for community cooperation in alerting staff to such areas of standing water and to call the hotline number.

Update on Health Aid to Counties

Dr. Kwalick gave an update on the Public Health Improvement Fund, formerly known as Health Aid to Counties. Both houses, Assembly and Senate, signed a resolution supporting a statewide Chronic Disease Control Plan and Alliance. However, in the joint budget subcommittee this line item was defeated, 11-0. Basically, the subcommittee indicated that the alliance was an excellent way to work together – but is it a county problem. The subcommittee also made it clear staff should not return in 2007 and ask for reconsideration. Dr. Kwalick stated that we will have to seek chronic disease funding elsewhere.

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Chief Health Officer and Administration:

1. Monthly Activity Report, Mid-March 2005 – Mid-April 2005
2. Financial Data: Revenue and Expenditure Report for General Fund, Capital Reserve Fund and Public Health Laboratory Fund for the Month of March 2005
3. Public Information Monthly Report, March 2005

B. Community Health Services:

1. Emergency Medical Services Monthly Report, March 2005
2. Epidemiology Monthly Report, March 2005
3. Health Education Monthly Report, March 2005
4. Office of Public Health Preparedness Monthly Report, March 2005

C. Environmental Health:

Monthly Activity Report, March 2005

D. Nursing and Clinics:

Monthly Activity Report, March 2005

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Reese adjourned the meeting at 8:40 a.m.

SUBMITTED FOR BOARD APPROVAL

Donald S. Kwalick, MD, MPH, Chief Health Officer
Executive Secretary

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