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*Mission: To protect and promote the health, the environment and the well-being of Clark County residents and visitors.*

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## **MINUTES**

### **CLARK COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**

625 Shadow Lane  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89106  
Clemens Room

**Thursday, May 26, 2005 - 8:00 A.M.**

Chairman Reese called the meeting of the District Board of Health to order at 8:00 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	Chairman, Councilman, Las Vegas
Sherry Colquitt, RN	Appointee, Las Vegas
Susan Crowley	Appointee, Henderson
Tom Collins	Commissioner, Clark County
Andrea Anderson	Councilwoman, Boulder City
Jim Christensen, MD	Secretary, Physician-at-Large
Donna Fairchild	Vice Chair, Councilmember, Mesquite
Steven Kirk	Councilman, Henderson
Robert Eliason	Councilman, North Las Vegas
Stephanie Smith	Councilwoman, North Las Vegas
Mary Jo Mattocks, RN	Appointee, Mesquite

**Absent:**

Rory Reid	Commissioner, Clark County
Donalene Ravitch	Interim Appointee, Boulder City

**Executive Secretary:**

Donald S. Kwalick, MD, MPH

**Legal Counsel:**

Stephen Minagil, Esquire

**Staff:** Karl Munninger, Ed Wojcik, Steve Goode, Jane Shunney, Angus MacEachern, Rory Chetelat, Eddie Tajima, Patricia Beckwith, Rae Pettie, Glenn Savage, Doug Joslin, Mary Ellen Harrell, Patty O'Rourke-Langston, Bonnie Sorenson, Nicole Bungum, Jennifer Sizemore, David Tonelli, Susan Eiselt, Diana Lindquist, Shelli Clark, Leo Vega, Forrest Hasselbauer, Michael Palmer, Chris Schermuly

**ATTENDANCE:**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Fred Couzens	Boulder City View
Steve Blaich	North Las Vegas Fire Dept.
William Botos	North Las Vegas Fire Dept.
Scott M. Gorgon	North Las Vegas Fire Dept.
Frank Simone	North Las Vegas Fire Dept.
Phillis Beilfuss	North Las Vegas Fire Dept.
Agustin Villa	American Medical Response
Kate Bejarano	American Medical Response
Derek Cox	American Medical Response
Roy Keefer	American Medical Response
David Petersen	Mesquite Fire
Derek Hughes	Mesquite Fire
Terri Davis	North Las Vegas Fire Dept.
Al H. Gillespie	North Las Vegas Fire Dept.
Anthony Galloway	North Las Vegas Fire Dept.
Jay Craddock	North Las Vegas Fire Dept.
Jim Cavalieri	Henderson Fire Dept.
Scott Vivier	Henderson Fire Dept.
Mallory Jones	Visitor/High School Student
Mike Sager	North Las Vegas Fire Dept.
Molly Ball	Las Vegas Sun
Gail Yedinak	University Medical Center

**RECOGNITION: 2005 EMS Responders of Year Recipients:**

Trish Beckwith, Paramedic and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) field representative for Clark County Health District, stated that last week was National EMS Week and the health district sponsored the first annual EMS Responders of the Year Award. Nine people were nominated by their peers, one person from each permitted agency. They were nominated based upon the following criteria: consistent demonstration of excellent patient care, clinical skills, exemplary professionalism, exceptional contributions and dedication to the commitment and success of the advancement of EMS. A brief videotape was shown.

The Board members expressed their appreciation and support for those recognized.

- Brian Arboreen, Paramedic – Henderson Fire Department
- Troy Cabral, Paramedic – Las Vegas Fire & Rescue
- Brent Hall, Paramedic/Supervisor – Clark County Fire Department
- Roy Keefer, Paramedic – American Medical Response – Las Vegas
- Jim Kindel, Paramedic – Mesquite Fire & Rescue
- Jason Parsons, EMT-Intermediate – Boulder City Fire Department
- Rob Rodgers, Paramedic – Mercy Air
- Frank Simone, Paramedic – North Las Vegas Fire Department
- Ron Tucker, Paramedic/Supervisor – Southwest Ambulance – Las Vegas

## 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:** 4/28/05
2. **Approve Payroll/Overtime for Periods of:** 3/26/05 - 4/08/05 & 4/09/05 - 4/22/05 & 4/23/05 - 05/06/05
3. **Approve Accounts Payable Register:** #969: 3/31/05 - 4/06/05; #970: 4/07/05 - 4/13/05; #971: 4/14/05 - 4/20/05; #972: 4/21/05 - 4/27/05; #973: 4/28/05 - 5/04/05
4. **Petition #22-05:** Approval of Interlocal Contract with Clark County Child Protective Services: Public Health Nurse Liaison Services (Renewal)
5. **Petition #23-05:** Approval of Interlocal Agreement with Nevada State Division of Environmental Protection for Local Underground Storage Tank Program (Four year Renewal)
6. **Petition #24-05:** Approval to Proceed as a Self-Insured Employer in the State of Nevada Worker's Compensation Program

*A motion was made by Member Kirk to approve, seconded by Member Mattocks and was unanimously approved.*

## II. PUBLIC HEARING/ACTION

1. **Memorandum #03-05:** Request for Approval of the Acquisition of the Indian Springs Sewage Company by Clark County Water Reclamation District in Accordance with the *Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 318.170(2)*.

Edmund Wojick, Environmental Health Engineer/Plan Review Manager, recommended approval. Mr. Marty Flynn, Clark County Water Reclamation District was also present.

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 Smith made a motion to approve seconded by Member Crowley 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) has had another meeting. St. Rose Sienna will be providing trauma services sometime in June. The exact date is yet to be determined.

The hospital's final inspection is scheduled for the first week in June. A catchment area has been defined for St. Rose and will go before the Medical Advisory Board next Wednesday for approval. The

final draft of the system plan is in place and we expect approval of the plan next month. The RTAC Board nominees should be forwarded to the district by the end of this month as well.

Member Crowley asked about the recycling program and asked staff for an update as some activity has occurred recently relative to increasing recycling rates. Dr. Kwalick confirmed that there had been some activity in this area and a report will be forthcoming next month.

Member Smith asked about the kettle corn situation. Steven Goode, Environmental Health Manager, responded that we have maintained contact with the complainant and are working toward a public hearing. We will publish a notice in the newspaper as soon as possible and maintain contact with the complainant at least every two weeks. The Board of Health would be asked to approve any action required.

Member Fairchild thanked Glenn Savage, Director of Environmental Health, and Vivek Raman, Environmental Health Specialist, for attending the council meeting in Mesquite and reporting on West Nile virus situation. Their presence was very much appreciated by the community.

#### **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**

Mary Ellen Harrell, Public Health Nurse Manager, gave a report on the Tuberculosis Clinic. This clinic specializes in education, prevention, diagnosis and treatment of tuberculosis. Its mission is to protect residents of Clark County from tuberculosis and the ultimate goal is elimination of tuberculosis in Clark County. The clinic performs functions that include surveillance, case finding, epidemiologic analysis, contact tracing and diagnostic and treatment services. Services provided also include:

- Diagnosis of active and latent tuberculosis infection
- Case management
- Contact investigation
- Directly observed therapy
- Education and information services
- Surveillance

A copy of the Power Point presentation is attached (**Attachment 1**)

Member Christensen asked about the drug resistance rate. Ms. Harrell indicated the rate is at an all time low, perhaps 10 percent, but for multiple drug resistance, perhaps 2 percent at this point in time.

Member Fairchild asked about tuberculosis rates of those incarcerated in Clark County. Mary Ellen Harrell responded that we do know of one individual in jail and on occasion we do hear from the facility or another agency that an inmate has active TB. We will then return to the facility and check all the personnel who have been in contact with that individual.

Chairman Reese asked why a patient would not take medication. The response is that sometimes it is culture – that is, the patient is often stigmatized and does not wish family or friends to know they have the disease. Dr. Christensen indicated that some individuals do not like the medicine, do not believe in the medications, and if they have side effects, they will discontinue treatment.

Dr. Kwalick indicated some individuals are sociopaths and refuse to take the medicine. We have a case right now, the first in the state, which will test a new 2003 law on involuntary commitment of uncooperative patients. The individual refuses to take medication and has stopped on several occasions. The danger exists of the individual developing into a multiple drug resistant case. There is a due process which must be followed. There are two physicians who must assess and/or examine the patient and report to the courts as to the danger of this individual. This is a test case and the outcome will be reported to the Board.

### **Update on AB 380 – Board of Health Structure**

Dr. Kwalick gave a brief status report on AB 380 which addresses structure of the Board of Health. He stated we have not received the reprint reflecting the final amendments; however, as it stands now there would be a 13-member Board, with eight electeds – two from the largest city, two from the county, and one each from the other cities in the county. The electeds would then select five members: two physicians, one nurse, one member with an environmental health background and one individual representing an association of the regulated community.

The other change to the bill would increase from 3.25 cents to 3.5 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation the funding allocated to the district. Hopefully, the language will emerge as we expect. These changes may come into effect July 1 and the Board of Health could have an organizational committee appointed to provide recommendations as to how to proceed with the changes. The jurisdictions that are going to be losing a seat will have to decide which elected would remain on the Board. There could be a transitional period. We currently have two physicians that have been on our Board, Dr. Christensen and Dr. Hardy, two nurses, Mary Jo Mattocks and Sherry Colquitt. We also have an environmentalist, Susan Crowley. The mechanism to be used for the regulated community association representative would have to be decided upon by the Board. All thirteen members would be voting members. Dr. Kwalick stated that these changes appear to be proceeding in an acceptable manner.

Chairman Reese indicated that he is uncomfortable with the fact that the County and the City of Las Vegas will have two elected members on the Board while the other entities will only have one. He stated that it was important to have equal representation on the Board.

### **Update on Program Services Exchange**

Dr. Kwalick indicated we are now in the process of negotiating an exchange of program services with Clark County. Ryan White Title I Program Administration will be going to Clark County Social Services and Clark County Vector Control will be moved to the Clark County Health District. A conceptual plan for this exchange will be presented to the Clark County Board of Commissioners at their June 7 meeting. It will be finalized at their June 21 meeting and we will present the Board of Health with the Interlocal agreement that will include the financial details at the June 23, 2005 Board of Health meeting.

**VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**A. Chief Health Officer and Administration:**

1. Monthly Activity Report, Mid-April 2005 – Mid-May 2005
  - i. Letter from Department of Health and Human Services regarding Audit Report
  - ii. Letter from Des Moines University regarding Public Health Intern
2. Financial Data: Revenue and Expenditure Report for General Fund, Capital Reserve Fund and Public Health Laboratory Fund for the Month of April 2005
3. Public Information Monthly Report, Mid-April – Mid-May 2005

**B. Community Health Services:**

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

**C. Environmental Health:**

Monthly Activity Report, April 2005

**D. Nursing and Clinics:**

Monthly Activity Report, April 2005

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Reese adjourned the meeting at 8:45a.m.

SUBMITTED FOR BOARD APPROVAL

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

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