



Memorandum

Date: June 24, 2010
To: Southern Nevada District Board of Health Members
From: Chris Giunchigliani, Board Chair

Subject: At-Large Member Selection Committee Recommendations

The At-Large Member Selection Committee met June 3, 2010 and offers the following recommendations for At-Large Members and Alternates for the two-year term becoming July 2010:

Environmental Specialist
Lonnie Empey

Environmental Specialist Alternate
Kathleen Peterson

Physician
Jim Christensen, MD

Physician Alternate
Frank Nemeč, MD

(selected on the basis of education, training, experience or demonstrated abilities in the provision of health care services to members of minority groups and other medically underserved populations)

Physician
John Onyema, MD

Physician Alternate
Joe Hardy, MD

Registered Nurse
Nancy Menzel, RN

Registered Nurse Alternate
Michael Collins, RN

Regulated Business / Industry
James Vigilante

Regulated Business / Industry Alternate
Timothy Jones

If an at-large member resigns, the Board would have the option to: 1) appoint the alternate to the member seat; 2) go back to the pool of applicants to consider a new appointment; 3) commence a new recruitment. The Committee further recommends switching the member and alternate after one-year to allow for growth and experience serving on the Board.

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MINUTES

SOUTHERN NEVADA DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH AT-LARGE MEMBER SELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING

625 Shadow Lane
Las Vegas, Nevada 89106
Administration Conference Room #1
Thursday, June 3, 2010 – 3:30 P.M.

Chair Giunchigliani called the meeting of the At-Large Member Selection Committee to order at 3:35 p.m. She noted that the meeting had been properly noticed in accordance with Nevada's Open Meeting Law. The Affidavits are incorporated into these Official Minutes.

Committee Members Present (all participated telephonically):

Chris Giunchigliani
Anita Wood

Chair, Commissioner, Clark County
Councilwoman, North Las Vegas Alternate

Committee Members Absent:

Lawrence Weekly

Commissioner Clark County

Executive Secretary:

Lawrence Sands, DO, MPH

Legal Counsel:

Stephen F. Smith, Esq.

Staff:

Scott Weiss
Bonnie Sorenson
Shelli Clark

Director of Administration
Director of Clinics & Nursing Services
Executive Assistant

Chair Giunchigliani noted Member Weekly had a conflicting meeting, but a quorum was present with Member Wood participating via telephone.

II. DISCUSSION - ACTION

A. Review and Consider Applications for At-Large Members and Alternates of the Southern Nevada District Board of Health for Two-Year Term Beginning 2010; Make Recommendations to Elected District Board of Health Members on June 24, 2010 for the Following At-Large Member and Alternate Positions:

1. Two representatives who are physicians licensed to practice medicine in this State, one of whom is selected on the basis of his education, training, experience or demonstrated abilities in the

provision of health care services to members of minority groups and other medically underserved populations;

2. One representative who is a nurse licensed to practice nursing in this State;
3. One representative who has a background or expertise in environmental health or environmental health services; and
4. One representative of a business or from an industry that is subject to regulation by the health district

Chair Giunchigliani noted that the four physician incumbents currently serving all expressed interest in continuing on the Board.

Chair Giunchigliani said with Dr. Hardy campaigning for office and the possibility of serving in the legislature in early 2011 he would miss a large number of meetings; keeping him as an alternate would allow the Board to continue to rely on his expertise when needed. Mrs. Clark noted the motion needs to include that Dr. Nemecek would serve as alternate for Dr. Christensen due to the qualifications set for by statute for one of the physician member seats.

A motion was made by Chair Giunchigliani to recommend Jim Christensen and John Onyema to serve as Physician Members with Frank Nemecek and Joe Hardy as their respective alternates, due to the qualifications set forth in statute for one of the physician member seats; seconded by Member Wood.

Dr. Sands indicated that due to personal circumstances neither incumbent Mary Jo Mattocks nor her alternate Barbara Ruscigno are able to continue serving on the Board. Chair Giunchigliani said all the applicants had intriguing backgrounds and experience. Bonnie Sorenson, director of clinics & nursing services, said that Nancy Menzel would bring much to the Board, as she teaches at the university and is very involved with the Nevada Public Health Association – she has a tremendous background in public health and would be a contributing member of the Board. Chair Giunchigliani said Michael Collins has vast experience working with HIV patients at UMC. Having him serve as an alternate would give him exposure to public health. She said perhaps membership could be shifted slightly in the next year or so.

A motion was made by Chair Giunchigliani to recommend Nancy Menzel as the Registered Nurse member with Michael Collins as alternate; seconded by Member Wood.

Chair Giunchigliani suggested that Jimmy Vigilante be considered as either the environmental health or regulated business/industry member with a new alternate. Member Wood said with his background he is better suited for the regulated business/industry seat.

Dr. Sands stated the Susan Crowley has served as the environmental health member with Lonnie Empey as the alternate. Chair Giunchigliani said Mr. Empey has only missed one meeting during his four year service as an alternate, which is similar to Mr. Vigilante's service. She said we need to thank people for their service, but allow others the opportunity to serve. Member Wood noted that Kathleen Peterson has been an instructor for environmental law and sciences. Chair Giunchigliani suggested giving Mr. Empey an opportunity to serve as the member and rotate membership the following year.

A motion was made by Chair Giunchigliani to recommend Lonnie Empey as the Environmental Health Services member with Kathleen Peterson as alternate; seconded by Member Wood.

A motion was made by Chair Giunchigliani to recommend Jimmy Vigilante as the Regulated Business / Industry member with Tim Jones as alternate; seconded by Member Wood.

Chair Giunchigliani expressed her excitement over the number of applicants this year. She asked legal counsel if the applications can be retained for further consideration if for some reason the selected members and/or applicants are no longer able to serve. Mr. Smith counseled the position must be vacant in order to consider a replacement. Chair Giunchigliani said if someone were to resign, the alternate would then be appointed to the regular seat and we could reconsider the applicants to fill the resulting alternate vacancy. Mr. Smith said the Board could either appoint the alternate to the position or reconsider the applicant pool for a regular member appointment.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment is 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. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of this Agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken pursuant to NRS 241.020.

Chair Giunchigliani asked if anyone wished to address the Board. Seeing none, she closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

Mr. Smith noted he attended a public lawyers conference and referenced Chair Giunchigliani's request that Board Legal Counsel be familiar with ethics rules. Mr. Smith recommended Board members become acquainted with the *Basic Obligations of Nevada's Elected and Appointed Officials* manual prepared by the Nevada Commission on Ethics. This manual includes statutes, opinions and guidance on how to request opinions. Chair Giunchigliani suggested that all Board members participate in ethics training. Mr. Smith said Board members should be familiar with the law because the onus is on them to make full disclosure and have familiarity with certain obligations.

Chair Giunchigliani suggested an agenda item come forward after the new Board and officers are seated to discuss ethics training. Dr. Sands said all new Board members receive an orientation manual and we can include the ethics manual with these materials. Mrs. Clark will update the manuals to include this information.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Giunchigliani adjourned the meeting at 3:49pm.

Respectfully Submitted,


Chris Giunchigliani, Chair

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