



## MINUTES

### Southern Nevada District Board of Health Meeting May 26, 2016 – 8:30 A.M.

Southern Nevada Health District, 280 S. Decatur Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89107  
Red Rock Trail Conference Room A and B

Bob Beers, Chair, called the Southern Nevada District Board of Health meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. and noted that Members Giunchigliani, Marz and Tarkanian were excused from this meeting.

**BOARD:**  
**(Present)** Bob Beers – Chair – Councilmember, City of Las Vegas  
Richard Cherchio – Councilmember, City of North Las Vegas (*arrived at 8:35 a.m.*)  
Cynthia Delaney – Councilmember, City of Mesquite  
Douglas Dobyne – At-Large Member, Regulated Business/Industry  
Marilyn Kirkpatrick – Commissioner, Clark County (*arrived at 8:37 a.m.*)  
Frank Nemec – At-Large Member, Physician  
Scott Nielson – At-Large Member, Gaming  
Rod Woodbury – Vice-Chair – Mayor, Boulder City

**(Absent):** Chris Giunchigliani – Commissioner, Clark County  
John Marz – Councilmember, City of Henderson  
Lois Tarkanian, Secretary – Councilmember, City of Las Vegas

**ALSO PRESENT:**  
**(In Audience)** None

**LEGAL COUNSEL:** Annette Bradley, Esq.

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:** Joseph P. Iser, MD, DrPH, MSc, Chief Health Officer

**STAFF:** Heather Anderson-Fintak, Victoria Burris, Karen Carifo, Richard Cichy, Rachell Ekroos, Regena Ellis, Tony Fredrick, Andrew Glass, Victoria Harding, Shandra Hudson, Michael Johnson, Sarah Lugo, Edie Mattox, Michelle Nath, Veralynn Orewyler, Philip Pilares, Jacqueline Reszetar, Scot Rutledge, John Sande, Jennifer Sizemore, Adele Solomon, Marlo Tonge, Leo Vega, Jacqueline Wells, Deborah Williams

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

#### **II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### **III. RECOGNITIONS:**

- Silver Syringe Award – Sarah Lugo, RN, was recognized for being this year's recipient of the Silver Syringe award for Outstanding Immunization Nurse (Southern Nevada) from Immunize Nevada.
- Dr. Iser presented a commission for Jacqueline Reszetar, Director of Environmental Health, as an officer in the Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The commission will enable Ms. Reszetar to receive and review official FDA documents on policy matters unavailable to the public.

**IV. 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 step up to the speaker's podium, 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 Chairman or the Board by majority vote.

Victoria Harding, SNHD, SEIU, reported there was another flooding incident shortly after the last Board meeting and complimented the Facilities staff for their rapid response in containing the water. Due to their diligence, the issues that happened with the last flood were avoided. In regard to the class specifications on the agenda, Ms. Harding noted they were sent to her the night before and she may have an issue with the Social Worker specification as the petition lists it as a Schedule 20 and on the classification it is listed as a Schedule 18.

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

**V. ADOPTION OF THE MAY 26, 2016 AGENDA (for possible action)**

*A motion was made by Member Dobyne seconded by Member Woodbury and unanimously carried to adopt the May 26, 2016 agenda as presented.*

**VI. CONSENT AGENDA:** Items for action to be considered by the Southern Nevada District Board of Health 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/BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING:** April 28, 2016 (for possible action)
2. **PETITION #15-16:** Approval of an Interlocal Contract between the Southern Nevada Health District and Clark County Department of Family Services: Public Health Nurse Liaison Services; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (for possible action)
3. **PETITION #16-16:** Approval of Interlocal Contract between the Clark County Fire Department and Southern Nevada Health District: Reimbursement for SNHD Costs Incurred During 2014 Moapa Flood; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (for possible action)
4. **PETITION #19-16:** Approval of an Amendment to an Interlocal Contract between the Southern Nevada Health District and the Clark County School District: Southern Nevada Partnerships to Improve Community Health Grant Amendment Awarded to the Southern Nevada Health District by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (for possible action)
5. **PETITION #20-16:** Approval of an Amendment to an Interlocal Contract between the Southern Nevada Health District and the City of North Las Vegas: Southern Nevada Partnerships to Improve Community Health Grant Amendment Awarded to the Southern Nevada Health District by the Centers for Disease Control; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (for possible action)
6. **PETITION #21-16:** Approval of Augmentation to the Southern Nevada Health District Bond Reserve (Building) Fund Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (for possible action)
7. **PETITION #22-16:** Approval of Interlocal Agreement for Government Agency Distribution of Transit Bus Passes; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (for possible action)
8. **PETITION #23-16:** Approval of Classification Specifications to Establish a Clinical Pharmacist, Schedule 38, (\$128,980 - \$179,670) and Pharmacy Technician, Schedule 16, (\$41,870 - \$58,427), and to Activate and Reclassify the Social Worker position at Schedule 20 (\$54,080 -

\$75,421); direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (**for possible action**)

Regarding Item VI.2., Petition #15-16, Chair Beers disclosed that his wife is employed by the Department of Family Services, however, she was not involved in negotiating nor has signatory authority over this contract, therefore it does not impose any real or potential conflict of interest and unless directed by Counsel, he plans on voting on the Consent Agenda, including this item.

The Chair also noted immediately prior to the meeting, the Board was provided with a request to amend Petition #23-16 (*Attachment 1*), changing the Clinical Pharmacist classification specification from Schedule 38 to Schedule 36.

Shandra Hudson, Human Resources Administrator, apologized to Ms. Harding and the Union for forgetting to send the Pharmacy Technician classification specification for review, which is required by contract. The Social Worker position was sent previously, however upon second review, due to market and internal value, it was determined that this position should be at Schedule 20. Member Kirkpatrick asked if the new positions were grant funded. Ms. Hudson stated currently Ryan White grant funds are used for the Social Worker and staffed from a temporary agency. In reviewing the District's needs, bringing this position in-house provides better linkage to care. Rick Cichy, Community Health Nurse Manager, noted that the Ryan White grant is a multi-year grant. Chair Beers asked that the termination date of the current Ryan White grant and extension arrangements are provided to Member Kirkpatrick. Dr. Iser stated previous discussion has occurred regarding the AIDS Drugs Assistance Program (ADAP), which provides drugs for individuals with HIV/AIDS. Since the closure of the UMC Lied Clinic pharmacy, the District has met with the State, who provided a consultant pharmacist. Both the Clinical Pharmacist and the Pharmacy Technician should be entirely covered by a grant from the State and/or reimbursement from ADAP. Member Kirkpatrick would like to see pharmacy usage information on a regular basis.

*A motion was made by Member Nielson seconded by Member Woodbury and carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as amended, changing the Clinical Pharmacist from a Schedule 38 to Schedule 36.*

- VII. PUBLIC HEARING / ACTION:** Members of the public are allowed to speak on Public Hearing / Action items after the Board's discussion and prior to their vote. Each speaker will be given five (5) minutes to address the Board on the pending topic. No person may yield his or her time to another person. In those situations where large groups of people desire to address the Board on the same matter, the Chair may request that those groups select only one or two speakers from the group to address the Board on behalf of the group. Once the public hearing is closed, no additional public comment will be accepted.

*There were no items to be heard.*

**VIII. REPORT/DISCUSSION/ACTION**

- 1. Review/Discuss Presentation on BMI (Tabled from March 24, 2016 meeting);** direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (**for possible action**)

Dr. Iser presented information regarding Body Mass Index (BMI) stating it can be used as a screening tool for body fatness but is not diagnostic. Member Nemec commented that a principal flaw in the use of BMI is that a person grows in three dimensions, not two, so a population that is taller will be skewed with a higher BMI than a shorter population. Member Kirkpatrick hopes that grants can be found to promote physical outdoor activity, as some of the schools no longer offer Physical Education. Dr. Iser advised the Partnerships to Improve Community Health (PICH) grants are designed to fight obesity and thereby reduce rates of diabetes, heart disease and a variety of other illnesses.

*There was no action taken on this item.*

**2. Review/Discuss Southern Nevada Health District Proposed Legislative Agenda; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (*for possible action*)**

Dr. Iser presented the SNHD Proposed Legislative Agenda as:

- Provide funding for supporting the EMS and Trauma System in Southern Nevada
- Separate operations and funding of the Northern Nevada Public Health Laboratory from the Southern Nevada Public Health Laboratory
- Core Public Health Funding
- Funding for chronic disease intervention
- Reinstate TB and STD Funding
- Expand Investment in Chronic Disease
- Re-institute Body Mass Index (BMI) Screening in School
- Funding for Tobacco Control and Prevention
- E-cigarettes
  - Include vaping in the Clean Indoor Act
  - Regulation and taxation equivalent to tobacco cigarettes
- Support for Substance Use and Abuse

Member Kirkpatrick believes that funding will be difficult to obtain as a whole during the next legislative session.

Chair Beers noted the focus of the proposed legislative agenda was too broad and recommended no action taken at this time. He will meet with Government Affairs staff to schedule conversations with each board member to review proposed agenda, get individual feedback and determine what needs to be proactively advanced this fall.

*There was no action taken on this item.*

**3. Receive Report, Discuss and Accept Recommendations from the May 16, 2016 Advisory Board Meeting; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (*for possible action*)**

Dr. Iser, on behalf of Advisory Board Chair Tim Jones, reported the recommendations to the Board from the May 16, 2016 meeting were:

- Accept changes to Bylaws instituted by the Board at the April 28, 2016 meeting
- Accreditation will be the primary focus over the next year
- Proposed meeting schedule – Monday, June 13, Tuesday, July 12, Monday, October 10 then quarterly (second Monday) thereafter. Meeting time will be at 8:30 a.m.

*There was no action taken on this item.*

**IX. BOARD REPORTS: The Southern Nevada District Board of Health member may identify emerging issues to be addressed by staff or by the Board at future meetings, and direct staff accordingly. 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 unless that subject is on the agenda and scheduled for action.**

Member Nemecek reported the American Cancer Society and the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network are hosting a Colorectal Cancer Roundtable on Friday August 26 at Roseman University to discuss increasing the goals of colon cancer screening.

Member Kirkpatrick thanked Dr. Iser and Jackie Reszetar, Director of Environmental Health, for their assistance in resolving septic tank issues in some of the rural areas of the valley.

**X. HEALTH OFFICER & STAFF REPORTS**

- Dr. Iser identified the current leading issue as Zika, and noted that the CDC has taken funds from public health preparedness and reallocated to the states for Zika. The District has applied for funds for tracking and surveillance, systems to support response and Vector Control issues. Dr. Iser hopes to receive the majority of the \$325,000 allocated by the CDC.
- Program Overview – Office of Disease Surveillance: Marlo Tonge, Communicable Diseases Manager, and Victoria Burris, Communicable Diseases Supervisor, presented a history and overview of the Office of Disease Surveillance.

*Member Dobyne left the meeting at 9:36 a.m. and returned at 9:37 a.m.  
Member Nemec left the meeting at 9:37 a.m. and returned at 9:39 a.m.*

- Accreditation Update – Adele Solomon, Accreditation Coordinator, reported the Community Health Assessment (CHA) has been distributed to the community for feedback. It has been identified that environmental needs should be more robust in the next improvement plan. Member Kirkpatrick is part of the National Association of Counties (NACo) and recommended that Ms. Solomon present at the next meeting.

*Member Nemec left the meeting at 10:01 a.m. and did not return*

- Building Update – Andrew Glass, Director of Administration, reported that immediately following the last board meeting when he assured the Board that the leaks were taken care of, the next day there were leaks in the same places. Mr. Glass again assured the Board that the leaks have been addressed. Regarding the TB Clinic air handling system, the changes will begin next week and should be completed within three weeks. The café is under contract with the Department of Education, Rehabilitation and Training. Final inspections are forthcoming and the café should open by the end of June.

Member Dobyne asked Mr. Glass to email out of pocket expenses for the first flood to the board and for the second flood when obtained.

**XI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- A. Chief Health Officer and Administration Monthly Activity Report
- B. Clinical Services Monthly Activity Report
- C. Community Health Monthly Activity Report
- D. Environmental Health Monthly Activity Report

- XII. 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. 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. Comments will be limited to five (5) minutes per speaker. Please step up to the speaker's podium, 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 Chairman or the Board by majority vote.

Victoria Harding, SNHD, SEIU, noted the Disease Investigator and Interventions Specialists (DIIS) employed by the District are the only ones across the country that are able to do testing, diagnosis, and gather surveillance data, which is vital to keep clients linked in care. Over the years, this group has been creative and well supported. Victoria noted that although Dr. Iser has not been able to get the money for additional staff, he has been very supportive and has faith in Marlo Tonge, Communicable Diseases Manager, and the abilities of the group.

Dr. Iser added that two to three DIISs will be recruited prior to the new budget. He also noted the need to increase the vector control program as he recognizes the short term need is Zika, which will require additional resources for this group.

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

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:21 a.m.

Joseph P. Iser, MD, DrPH, MSc  
Chief Health Officer/Executive Secretary

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