



## MINUTES

**Public Health Advisory Board Meeting  
January 23, 2018 – 8:30 A.M.  
Southern Nevada Health District, 280 S. Decatur Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89107  
Red Rock Trail Room A and B**

**BOARD:** Tina Coker – Member, City of Henderson  
**(Present)** Michael Collins – Member, Registered Nurse  
Warren Harhay - Member, City of Boulder City  
Timothy Jones – Member, Environmental Health  
LeQawn McDowell – Member, City of Las Vegas  
Kenneth Osgood – Member, Physician  
Dick Tomasso – Member, City of Mesquite

**(Absent):** Ronald Kline – Member, City of North Las Vegas

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

**LEGAL COUNSEL:** Heather Anderson-Fintak, Esq.

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

**STAFF:** Heather Anderson-Fintak, Emily Elzeftawy, Mike Johnson, Fermin Leguen, Amy Martin, Michelle Nath, Jim Osti, Jacqueline Reszetar, Leo Vega, Jacqueline Wells

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Jones called the Public Health Advisory Board Meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. 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.

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

**IV. ADOPTION OF THE JANUARY 23, 2018 AGENDA (for possible action)**

*A motion was made by Member Osgood seconded by Tina Coker and carried unanimously to adopt the January 23, 2018 Agenda as presented.*

**V. CONSENT AGENDA:** Items for action to be considered by the Public Health 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/Advisory Board Meeting:** October 9, 2017; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary **(for possible action)**

*A motion was made by Member Osgood seconded by Member McDowell and carried unanimously to adopt the October 9, 2017 Consent Agenda as presented.*

## VII. REPORT/DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. **Discuss and Approve Southern Nevada District Board of Health Nominations of Officers from October 26, 2017 Meeting**; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary **(for possible action)**

Chair – Michael Collins

Vice Chair – LeQawn McDowell

The Southern Nevada District Board of Health met on October 26, 2017 and recommended Michael Collins as Chair and LeQawn McDowell as Vice Chair of the Public Health Advisory Board.

*A motion was made by Member Osgood seconded by Member Jones and carried unanimously to nominate Michael Collins for Chair and LeQawn McDowell as Vice Chair.*

2. **Review/Discuss Status of Accreditation**; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary **(for possible action)**

Emily Elzeftawy, Acting Accreditation Coordinator, presented an update on the District's accreditation history and current status. ([Attachment 1](#))

Documents are due to the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) by February 2018 for the accreditation process. The PHAB's site visit will be scheduled six months following submission of documents. Ms. Elzeftawy remarked moving forward the position of Accreditation Coordinator will be transitioned to a Quality and Performance Improvement Coordinator, where the focus will be on the additional responsibilities of quality assurance activities in addition to the accreditation functions.

*There was no action taken on this item.*

3. **Review/Discuss Status of Quality and Performance Management**; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary **(for possible action)**

Jim Osti, future Quality and Performance Improvement Coordinator, gave a brief update on the District's quality and performance management status. Mr. Osti explained the performance improvement concept and noted the Community Health Assessment, Community Health Improvement Plan, Strategic Plan, Workforce Development Plan, Health Equity Policy and Accreditation are all components of performance improvement activities.

*There was no action taken on this item.*

4. **Review/Discuss Nurses Caring for Climate and Health Presentation**; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary **(for possible action)**

Chair Collins presented the Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments video, *Nurses Caring for Climate and Health*. ([Link to video: https://vimeo.com/234510672](https://vimeo.com/234510672))

The presentation focused on climate change, and the Chair noted some of the biggest offenders of the climate change environment are hospitals. Dr. Iser expanded on the climate change discussion with the concept of environmental justice. While resources are limited to address many of the climate change issues, the Health District has developed a vector surveillance program to survey mosquito populations for diseases like the Zika virus.

*There was no action taken on this item.*

5. **Discuss and Approve Recommendations to the Southern Nevada District Board of Health on January 25, 2018**; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary **(for possible action)**

The recommendations to the Southern Nevada District Board of Health included 1) approval of the recommendations for the Advisory Board Officers: Chair – Michael Collins and Vice Chair – LeQawn McDowell; 2) discussion about climate change and environmental justice as topics to be addressed with consideration of availability of resources; and 3) reporting the excellent progress towards accreditation.

*A motion was made by Member Osgood seconded by Member Dowell and carried unanimously to forward the recommendations for the Advisory Board Members and for approval by the Southern Nevada District Board of Health; to address climate change and environmental justice with availability of resources; and to provide an update on accreditation.*

#### **VIII. HEALTH OFFICER & STAFF REPORTS**

- CHO Comments

Dr. Iser provided a brief update on the use of the District's mobile van to address clinical issues that are needed in the neighboring rural areas. Public health and oral health services would be made available to residents of Nye, White Pine, Lincoln and Esmeralda counties. He reported the Health District is trying to obtain funding from the State to assist with the mobile van services on an ongoing basis.

It was reported the Health District is in the process of applying for a residency program through the Health Resources and Services Administration for general preventative medicine and public health. It will be a program of one year completing the MPH at UNLV and a one-year program for residents to rotate through TB, Sexual Health, Epidemiology and Environmental Health programs, which will provide perspective on how public health systems are organized.

An update was given on the Health District's interest to apply as a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) as a means of providing primary care to underserved areas in the community. In order to qualify for FQHC status, the Health District needs to offer a sliding fee scale and provide delivery of specific services like primary care, oral health, behavioral health, pharmacy and a connection for hospitalization of patients. The discussion of FQHC is a topic being addressed with the District Board of Health.

- IX. 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.

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

#### **X. ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

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

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