



MINUTES

**Public Health Advisory Board Meeting
July 9, 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
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: Annette Bradley, Esq.

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

STAFF: Michelle Cintron, Amy Hagan, Michael Johnson, Fermin Leguen, Jim Osti, Leo Vega, Jacqueline Wells

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Collins 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.

Regena Ellis, SNHD/SEIU, stated the Financial Services Department has been in a dire situation since they lost their manager and the program is being reorganized. The Human Resources Department has been reorganized and one employee was laid off. She added, in reference to primary care, there is a situation where a pediatric nurse practitioner is working as a RN because the Family Health Clinic was closed. Ms. Ellis noted there is a need for children in the community to receive physical exams, and the practitioner would be the one to provide care to these children and she is not working in that capacity at this time.

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

IV. ADOPTION OF THE JULY 9, 2018 AGENDA (for possible action)

A motion was made by Member McDowell seconded by Member Osgood and carried unanimously to adopt the April 9, 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**; April 9, 2018; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary **(for possible action)**

Member Coker noted during the discussion of the October 1 incident at the April 9 meeting, she voiced concern with the communication aspect on how information was not shared with family members about their injured loved ones. She requested the Board of Health re-evaluate the process and an update be provided to the Advisory Board. Therefore, she requested the April 9, 2018 meeting minutes be amended to include during the October 1 incident there was poor communication where victims and families could not connect, and it caused an extended amount of time for family members to locate loved ones, or to know where they were taken. In addition, Dr. Osgood requested the minutes reflect the request for a quarterly progress report to be provided to the Advisory Board on this topic.

A motion was made by Member McDowell seconded by Member Coker and carried unanimously to adopt the April 9, 2018 Consent Agenda with the amendment as presented.

VII. REPORT/DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. **Review and Accept Recommendations from the Southern Nevada Health District Board of Health At Large Member Selection Committee Meeting on May 22, 2018 and Administer Oath of Office**; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary **(for possible action)**

Dr. Michael Johnson reported the recommendations from the Southern Nevada Health District Board of Health At Large Member Selection Committee Meeting for the term beginning July 1, 2018 were as follows:

Physician
Dr. Kenneth Osgood

Registered Nurse
Michael Collins

Environmental Health
David Wachs

A motion was made by Member Coker seconded by Member McDowell and carried unanimously to approve the recommendations of the At Large Members for Advisory Board as presented.

The Oath of Office was administered to new member David Wachs, Environmental Health, by Michelle Cintron, Executive Administrative Secretary.

2. **Accept Recommendations from the Southern Nevada Health District Board of Health Nomination of Officers Meeting on June 25, 2018 for FY 2018-2019 for the Advisory Board Positions of Chair and Vice Chair**; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary **(for possible action)**

Member McDowell noted at the Nomination of Officers meeting on June 25, 2018, the following recommendations were made for the Advisory Board Nomination of Officers for the one-year term beginning July 1, 2018:

Chair
Michael Collins

Vice Chair
LeQwan McDowell

The recommendations will be submitted from the subcommittee to the Southern Nevada Health District Board of Health on July 26, 2018 for acceptance.

There was no action taken on this item.

3. **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 activities. She reported the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) site visit is

tentatively scheduled for October 23-24, 2018. A mock site visit will be conducted in preparation for the formal PHAB visit. Last, she informed the Board two volunteers will be requested from the Advisory Board to participate in the Governing Entity Session of the site visit. (**Attachment 1**)

There was no action taken on this item.

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

Jim Osti, Quality and Performance Improvement Coordinator, provided an update on the District's quality and performance management status. He explained the performance improvement concept and how the system works in the public health setting. (**Attachment 2**)

There was no action taken on this item.

5. **Discuss and Approve Recommendations to the Southern Nevada District Board of Health on July 26, 2018;** direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (**for possible action**)

Member Coker suggested the Southern Nevada District Board of Health discuss how Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) information is shared with family members under the circumstances which occurred during the October 2017 mass casualty incident. Dr. Leguen remarked the Health District is participating in the Health Information Exchange and staff training has been initiated. The exchange will be implemented to help facilitate information exchange with participating institutions.

Member Osgood recommended the Health District consider tracking data about public health issues associated with recreational marijuana use. Dr. Johnson noted the possibilities for data tracking will be explored.

A motion was made by Member McDowell and seconded by Member Tomasso and carried unanimously to approve the recommendations to the Southern Nevada District Board of Health on July 26, 2018 as follows: 1) To investigate the communication aspect of HIPAA relative to the October 1 incident and 2) For the Office of Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion to expand its database in collecting data to include public health issues associated with recreational marijuana.

VIII. HEALTH OFFICER & STAFF REPORTS

- Dr. Johnson reported a Health Advisory Alert was distributed for a potential Norovirus outbreak and testing is being conducted through the Southern Nevada Public Health Laboratory.

- 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.

Ted Wood addressed the Advisory Board with a request to re-evaluate the illegal food vendor program. He explained illegal vendors are any person selling food without a health permit or business license. This is a public health hazard as customers are at risk for foodborne illness because the source of the food is unknown as is the pesticide residue. The health of the actual vendor that is selling the food is unknown, and the street vendor is working out of unsanitary conditions selling cut fruit at temperatures above 100 degrees. This is a public health hazard, and this is a major function of the Southern Nevada Health District.

Mr. Wood stated in his neighborhood, the food vendor is dropped off on a corner with fruit around noon and picked up after dark. The vehicle doing the drop off is a commercial van with a California license plate. There are many different vendors with the same outfit to man the stand, with different colored umbrellas, so this practice is occurring at various places. As of January, that vendor has been in the neighborhood at least 25 to 30 times. The vendor has been engaged by the Southern Nevada Health District but there are no citations issued by the Health District. He noted there's no enforcement going on at all and requested the Health District re-evaluate the illegal food vendor program, noting the status quo cannot be the solution. He furthered there's no enforcement, and it's illegal to sell fruit in any corner of Clark County. He referenced his handout and noted there needs to be a multi-agency approach with Law Enforcement, Code Enforcement, Business Licensing and the District Attorney's office in trying to solve this problem.

He continued the Metropolitan Police Department and Business Licensing group have tried to address the issue of illegal vendors on the strip selling water. The same approach should be taken with fruit vendors. He has reached out to the California Rural Crime Prevention Task Force as they're interested in knowing if there are people from California to sell fruit in Nevada and added information could be exchanged with them. In addition, the program only covers 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and the vendors are aware of this, so they show up after 5:00 p.m. or on the weekends. He requested some sort of enforcement efforts, and he was of the opinion the Health District is not issuing citations. He commented there needs to be consequences and that could include confiscation of the fruits and the stand.

The documents submitted by Mr. Wood referenced a presentation from the Riverside, California illegal vendor program and the ordinance which is needed to address this issue. He added it needs to be specified what agency has what authority, and there needs to be a coordinated effort. There also needs to be concern over employee safety. In his conversations with some of the employees of the Southern Nevada Health District, there is concern about engaging these vendors and law enforcement assistance is needed. Education and outreach is also necessary. He furthered it's surprising that someone would buy cut fruit from a stand where it's been sitting at 110 degrees. The public needs to be educated about the health risks and that they may be supporting illegal activities by buying this fruit. In closing, he requested the Board re-examine the current illegal food vending program. **(Attachment 3)**

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

X. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:32 a.m.

Fermin Leguen, MD, DrPH, MSc
Director of Clinical Services
Chief Health Officer/Executive Secretary

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