



MINUTES
SOUTHERN NEVADA HEALTH DISTRICT
FACILITIES ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
January 23, 2018 3:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mason VanHouweling, CEO, UMC	Vince Variale, CEO, North Vista Hospital
Elaine Glaser, CEO, Valley Hospital	Todd Sklamberg, CEO, Sunrise Hospital
Leo Gallofin, Director, SNAMHS	Laura Hennum, CSO, Dignity Health System
Alan Eaks, CEO, Spring Mtn Treatment Center	Jeremy Bradshaw, CEO, Mountain View Hospital
Sam Kaufman, CEO, Henderson Hospital	Ryan Jensen, CEO, Desert Springs Hospital
Peggy Kearns, Director, VA So Nv Healthcare System	Charlene Arnett, CEO, Montevista Hospital
Adam Rudd, CEO, Southern Hills Hospital	

MEMBERS ABSENT

Sam Kaufman, CEO, Henderson Hospital	Teresa Conley, CEO, Dignity Health St. Rose De Lima
Sajit Pullarkat, CEO, Centennial Hills Hospital	Leonard Freehof, CEO, Spring Valley Hospital
Patty Holden, CEO, Mesa View Regional Hospital	Tom Maher, CEO, Boulder City Hospital
Lawrence Barnard, CEO, Dignity Health St. Rose San Martin	Robert Vickery, Westcare
Eugene Bassett, CEO, Dignity Health St. Rose Siena	Robert Freymuller, Summerlin Hospital
Virginia Garner, Col, Commander, Mike O'Callaghan Military Medical Center	

SNHD STAFF PRESENT

Joseph Iser, MD, Chief Health Officer	Christian Young, EMSTS
Marlo Tonge, OEDS, Manager	Jesse Ruzicka, SNHD Legal Intern
Michael Johnson Ph.D., Director of Community Health	Edie Mattox, Recording Secretary
Annette Bradley, Legal Counsel	
Heather Anderson-Fintak, Associate Attorney	
John Hammond, EMSTS Manager	

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

Krista Hales, Center for Behavioral Health
August Corrales, UMC
Lesley Dickson, Center for Behavioral Health

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair VanHouweling called the Southern Nevada Health District Facilities Advisory Board to order at 3:06 p.m.

II. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment is a period devoted to comments by the general public on items appearing on the Agenda. All comments are limited to five (5) minutes. Chair VanHouweling asked if anyone wished to address the Board pertaining to items appearing on the agenda. Seeing no one, he closed the Public comment portion of the meeting.

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

A motion was made by Member Glaser seconded by Member Arnett and carried unanimously to adopt the January 23, 2018 agenda as presented.

IV. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Items for action to be considered by the Southern Nevada Health District Facilities 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/FACILITIES ADVISORY BOARD MEETING: November 13, 2017. (for possible action)**

A motion was made by Member Sklamberg seconded by Member Glaser and carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

V. **REPORT/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION**

The Facilities Advisory Board may take any necessary action for any item under this section. Members of the public are allowed to speak on action items after the Board's discussion and prior to their vote. Once the action item is closed, no additional public comment will be accepted.

1. **Receive and Discuss Report from Marlo Tonge. Update on Harm Reduction Efforts; (for possible action)**

Marlo Tonge, Office of Epidemiology and Disease Surveillance Manager, discussed the harm reduction efforts that the District is currently involved in. Trac-B provides needle exchange here in the valley. They have distributed approximately 150,000 clean needles and syringes and collected over 80,000 dirty needles and syringes. With the districts assistance, they have placed three vending machines throughout the valley that distribute kits with clean syringes, safe sex materials and Narcan. Trac-B is currently piloting a new autoclave machine to destroy dirty needles. This is important as it relates to the disposal of bio-hazardous materials. Her office is also in the process of placing vending machines in Storey and Esmerelda counties to assist with the increase of intravenous drug use in those areas.

Ms. Tonge discussed safe injection sites and the benefits associated with them. The sites are managed by healthcare providers in an effort to reduce improper syringe disposal.

Krista Hales from The Center for Behavioral Health provided a brief overview of the services they provide which include outpatient substance abuse treatment, specializing in opioid addiction. With new grant funding The Center is developing a mobile outreach team that will be dispatched to hospitals in response to an overdose. She provided her contact information and this will be supplied to Board Members.

No action was taken on this item.

2. **Receive and Discuss Report from John Hammond. Update on Health District Procedure for Maintaining EMS Operations During Hospital Internal Disaster Declarations; (for possible action)**

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John Hammond, EMSTS Manager, provided an overview of the automation of the internal disaster declaration system. There will be a 90-minute time limit until the facility is opened. If more time is needed, the request will have to be manually input. Chair VanHouweling discussed the possibility of changing the name of the procedure as it does not accurately describe why the hospital is not receiving patients and may be misleading to the public. Mr. Hammond advised that the Medical Advisory Board (MAB) is responsible for this policy and is considering changing the name of the procedure. Dr. Christian Young, EMS and Trauma Systems Operational Medical Director, provided some historical context regarding using the term internal disaster.

Member Sklamburg requested transparency in reporting. The data should include frequency and reasons for going on internal disaster. This information will not only allow planning for additional ER resources but will hold each hospital accountable. He further noted that going on internal disaster puts significant pressure on the other hospitals in the region.

Mr. Hammond advised the Board that the changes are not in effect yet and that he will email the hospital systems prior to implementing the changes.

Chair VanHouweling remarked that the free-standing emergency departments and any new licensed hospitals should be included in the EMS system.

Laura Hennum, CSO of Dignity Neighborhood Hospitals suggested that perhaps it was time to revisit protocols related to incoming EMS traffic. Mr. Hammond remarked that the issue will be placed on the agenda of the appropriate committee in the upcoming months.

No action was taken on this item.

3. Receive and Discuss Report from John Hammond. Update on Specialty Clinical Hospital Standard of Care; (for possible action)

Chair VanHouweling recognized that the previous discussion crossed over into this item. The intent of this item was to look at the criteria related to free standing emergency departments and neighborhood hospitals as it relates to their capacity to handle specific needs such as burns, trauma or behavioral health patients. The Chair acknowledged that these items are vetted through the Medical Advisory Board.

John Hammond, EMSTS Manager, provided an update regarding free standing ER's. The model is new in the Las Vegas area therefore he looked to other jurisdictions to design a plan that best suit the needs of the valley. The protocols are conservative with patient choice being paramount. Mr. Hammond reiterated that the Medical Advisory Board has oversight of this concept along with the Drug/Device/Protocol Committee and the Quality Assurance Committee.

Chair VanHouweling remarked that multiple transfers should be considered. Mr. Hammond agreed. He explained the burden that secondary transfers places on the Healthcare System as well as the EMS system.

No action was taken on this item.

4. Receive and Discuss Report from John Hammond. Update on The Nevada Trauma Registry; (for possible action)

John Hammond, EMSTS Manager reported on the status of The Nevada Trauma Registry. He informed the board that the registry has become functional and reliable. Chair VanHouweling clarified that the data received from the registry is reviewed by the Regional Trauma Advisory Board (RTAB).

No action was taken on this item.

VI. CHIEF HEALTH OFFICER/STAFF REPORT

- CHO Comments – Dr. Joseph Iser

Dr. Iser updated the Board regarding new endeavors that the Health District is undertaking. Along with the State Dental Officer, attempts are being made to take dental care to the rural communities. The District is working on a grant to provide general preventive medicine and a residency program. Dr. Iser detailed the accreditation process and indicated that the application will be submitted on March 31st.

VII. FACILITIES ADVISORY BOARD REPORTS

Chair VanHouweling queried the Board to see if there were any emerging issues to be discussed and if there are any items to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. There were no remarks from the Board.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

A period devoted to comments by the general public, if any, and discussions 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 are limited to five (5) minutes per speaker. Chair VanHouweling asked if anyone wished to address the Board.

August Corrales, EMS Liaison from University Medical Center wanted to publicly thank the Board for their EMS Liaisons who he is working with to address the internal disaster periods. They are working on new terminology that better describes "at capacity" and will take their recommendation to the Drug/Device/Protocol Committee.

Dr. Leslie Dixon, Executive Director of the Nevada Psychiatric Association, questioned the new overdose reporting law. Chair VanHouweling stated that the direction came out the previous week, and more information was needed. Dr. Iser suggested that this question be addressed at the next meeting.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:05 p.m.