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SOUTHERN NEVADA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNUAL REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING

October 26, 2021 – 1:00 p.m.

Meeting was conducted via Webex Event

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brian Knudsen – Chair, Consumer Member (*Webex*)
Erin Breen – Community Member, UNLV Vulnerable Road Users Project (*Webex*)
Gary Costa – Community Member, Golden Rainbow (*Webex*)
Duprice Scruggs – Consumer Member (*Webex*)

ABSENT: Scott Garrett – Consumer Member
Father Rafael Pereira – Community Member, All Saints Episcopal Church
Lucille Scott – Consumer Member

ALSO PRESENT: Jose L. Melendrez – First Vice-Chair, Consumer Member (*Webex*)
(In Audience)

LEGAL COUNSEL: Heather Anderson-Fintak, General Counsel

EXECUTIVE Fermin Leguen, MD, MPH, District Health Officer

SECRETARY:

STAFF: Andria Cordovez Mulet, Andrea Green, David Kahananui, Theresa Ladd, Cassius Lockett, Cortland Lohff, Karen White

I. CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL

The Chair called the Southern Nevada Community Health Center Executive Director Annual Review Committee Meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. Andrea Green, Executive Administrative Secretary, administered the roll call and confirmed a quorum.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. FIRST 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 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 Chair or the Board by majority vote.

Seeing no one, the Chair closed the First Public Comment portion.

IV. ADOPTION OF THE OCTOBER 26, 2021 AGENDA (for possible action)

A motion was made by Member Breen, seconded by Member Costa, and carried unanimously to approve the October 26, 2021 Agenda, as presented.

V. REPORT / DISCUSSION / ACTION

1. **Approve Executive Director Annual Review Committee Meeting Minutes – November 9, 2020**; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (*for possible action*)

A motion was made by Member Breen, seconded by Member Costa, and carried unanimously to approve the November 9, 2020 Executive Director Annual Review Committee Minutes, as presented.

2. **Receive, Discuss and Accept Executive Director's Report of Accomplishments and Goals and Discuss and Identify Goals for Next Review Period**; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (*for possible action*)

Dr. Fermin Leguen, CHC Executive Director, reported on the Accomplishments for the Community Health Center for FY20-21 and Goals/Opportunities for 2022. (**Attachment #1**)

Chair Knudsen recognized the work of the Health Center and the benefit to the community.

Chair Knudsen expressed that he would like the Health Center to explore a larger partnership with the City of Las Vegas, who was currently operating a respite for people experiencing homelessness and are too sick to be on the streets. Member Knudsen indicated that he believed that there could be a funding opportunity for the SNCHC as many of those clients may be eligible for Medicaid. Dr. Leguen advised that he would look into exploring a partnership with the City of Las Vegas and the service that could be provided to its' residents. Dr. Leguen further advised that HRSA has three different classifications for FQHCs (Urban, Rural and Homeless) and confirmed that the Health Center is not a Homeless FQHC but an Urban FQHC. The Health Center can provide services to the people experiencing homelessness but cannot be reconfigured to a Homeless FQHC. Dr. Leguen committed to looking into opportunities to provide services to people experiencing homelessness, as there is currently nothing preventing them from becoming clients of the Health Center.

Chair Knudsen further expressed the opportunity of an infectious disease fellowship within the Health Center, which could increase the number of infectious disease doctors in the community. Dr. Leguen advised that the Health District was credentialed to maintain residents and explored the feasibility of bringing an infectious disease fellowship earlier this year. Dr. Leguen further advised that there were certain limitations that hindered pursuing that initiative in the past, however maintained that the Health Center was still interested and would review the feasibility again.

Ms. Breen commended Dr. Leguen and the Health Center staff for a remarkable job over the past year and noted the successful implementation/completion for the areas for improvement from the previous year. Ms. Breen mentioned a possible outreach opportunity with the Lutheran Social Services.

Dr. Leguen further advised the Health Center's East Las Vegas location was being re-located to Fremont Street, which may be closer to the areas Ms. Breen mentioned, and noted this was a positive opportunity for the Health Center in the future to contribute to the well-being of that community.

Mr. Kahananui advised that, based on the evaluations submitted by the Committee members, Dr. Leguen's score was 3.75 out of 4.

3. **Discuss and Approve Recommendations to the Southern Nevada Community Health Center Board on October 28, 2021**; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (*for possible action*)

The Committee agreed to combine Item #2 and #3 into one motion and recommendation.

A motion was made by Chair Knudsen, seconded by Member Breen, and carried unanimously to accept the Executive Director's Report of Accomplishments and Goals for the Next Review Period and recommend acceptance of same to the Southern Nevada Community Health Center Board on October 28, 2021.

- VI. **SECOND 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. Comments will be limited to five (5) minutes per speaker. If any member of the Board wishes to extend the length of a presentation, this may be done by the Chair or the Board by majority vote.

Seeing no one, the Chair closed the Second Public Comment portion.

XIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:46 p.m.

Fermin Leguen, MD, MPH
District Health Officer/Executive Secretary/CHC Executive Director

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