



MINUTES

Southern Nevada District Board of Health Meeting January 25, 2018 – 8:30 A.M.

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

Members Present Marilyn Kirkpatrick – Chair, Commissioner, Clark County
Scott Black – Councilmember, City of North Las Vegas
Bob Coffin – Councilmember, City of Las Vegas
Douglas Dobyne – Vice Chair, Regulated Business/Industry
Frank Nemeč – Secretary, At-Large Member, Physician (*Arrived at 8:39 a.m.*)
Scott Nielson – At-Large Member, Gaming
Dan Stewart – Councilmember, City of Henderson

Members Absent Chris Giunchigliani – Commissioner, Clark County
Rich Shuman – Councilmember, City of Boulder City
Brian Wursten – Councilmember, City of Mesquite

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

LEGAL COUNSEL: Annette Bradley, Legal Counsel

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

STAFF: Heather Anderson-Fintak, Emily Elzeftawy, Andrew Glass, Amy Hagan, Jeremy Harper, Michael Johnson, Fermin Leguen, Edie Mattox, Sharon McCoy-Huber, Michelle Nath, Jacque Raiche-Curl, Jacqueline Reszetar, George Ruiz, Herb Sequera, Jennifer Sizemore, Tanya Sutton, Marlo Tonge, Leo Vega, Jacqueline Wells

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kirkpatrick called the Southern Nevada District Board of Health meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. RECOGNITIONS

- Dr. Iser introduced the District's new Human Resources Administrator, Amy Hagan
- The Oath of Office for Deputy Health Officer was administered to Vincentiu Anghel, Environmental Health Specialist II and Kimberly Fowler, Environmental Health Specialist II, by Dr. Iser.

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.

Seeing none, Chair Kirkpatrick closed this portion of the meeting.

V. ADOPTION OF THE JANUARY 25, 2018 AGENDA (for possible action)

A motion was made by Member Stewart seconded by Vice-Chair Dobyne and carried unanimously to adopt the January 25, 2018 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:** December 14, 2017 (*for possible action*)
2. **PETITION #01-18:** For possible action to approve Amendment No.1 of the Contract with Clark County for Medical, Core and Support Services for HIV/AIDS Infected and Affected Clients in the Las Vegas Transitional Care Grant Area (TGA); direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (*for possible action*)
3. **Petition #02-18:** For possible action to approve the Equipment Lease Agreement between Southern Nevada Health District and Bio-Rad Laboratories; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (*for possible action*)
4. **Petition #03-18:** For possible action to approve Memorandum of Understanding Between Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH), Oral Health Program and Southern Nevada Health District; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (*for possible action*)
5. **Petition #04-18:** For possible action to approve Interlocal Agreement between the Clark County School District (CCSD) and Southern Nevada Health District; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (*for possible action*)

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Dobyne seconded by Member Nielson and carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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.

1. **Consider/Approve Business Impact Statement for the Proposed Aquatic Pool Regulations:** direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (*for possible action*)

Jeremy Harper, Environmental Health Aquatic Health Supervisor, and Jacque Raiche-Curl, Environmental Health Training and Standardization Supervisor, presented the business impact statement related to the proposed Aquatic Health Pool Regulations. ([Attachment 1](#))

Ms. Raiche-Curl noted the proposed regulations will be presented to the Board in February and if approved, will go to the State for approval. Permit holder educational initiatives will occur for one year and implementation and enforcement will begin the following year (2019).

Chair Kirkpatrick opened the floor to Public Comment.

Susan Breckon, Executive Director, Nevada State Apartment Association, commended the Board on giving the public so many opportunities to come forward and work with Environmental

Health staff. Ms. Breckon believes the regulations are solid and she hopes they will not have to be addressed again for some time.

Virginia Valentine, President, Nevada Resort Association (NRA), thanked staff for working with the NRA on the regulations. She noted the proposed regulations are designed to address aquatic facilities of a wide range of operation and size and the waiver process allows the flexibility to accommodate the special needs of large aquatic facilities.

Dr. Iser commended Ms. Raiche-Curl for her work on the regulations as she jump-started the process over two years ago and her leadership. He also commended Mr. Harper and Jackie Reszetar, Director of Environmental Health, for their part in finalizing the proposed regulations.

A motion was made by Member Nemec seconded by Member Nielson and carried unanimously to approve the Business Impact Statement for the Proposed Aquatic Pool Regulations as presented.

VIII. REPORT/DISCUSSION/ACTION

There are no items to be heard.

- IX. BOARD REPORTS:** The Southern Nevada District Board of Health members 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. **(Information Only)**

Chair Kirkpatrick thanked Member Black for attending the last Environmental Health All Hands meeting and encouraged all the Board members to attend the District's staff meetings as they are inciting and helpful. She also noted she has been working with Ms. Reszetar and the Environmental Health team to address illegal vending. So far, they have met with the Latin and Asian Chambers to addresses issues and both have been receptive.

Chair Kirkpatrick reported the Finance Committee met and the follow up meeting was moved to allow staff to gather additional data from other governmental agencies for comparison. After this data is obtained, the Finance Committee will reconvene.

Member Coffin thanked Dr. Iser and staff for meeting with the Latin Chamber and others who feel they are encountering issues with the Environmental Health inspectors.

In reference to the Environmental Health All Hands meeting, Member Black described it as a "fantastic experience with committed health professionals." He thanked Ms. Reszetar and reminded her that he needs an inset for the North Las Vegas newsletter. He suggested that the other Board members include a monthly District topic in their respective newsletter or media outlet.

X. HEALTH OFFICER & STAFF REPORTS (Information Only)

- CHO Comments

Dr. Iser invited the Board to participate in the Quality Circle's "Fun at Work Day" on Friday, January 26 beginning at 11:30 a.m. He also reported the District is planning a Legionnaires Conference in July and he will advise the Board when the date is determined.

Jackie Reszetar, Director of Environmental Health announced the Environmental Health Division is prepared to present a feasible fee increase that will cover cost of the divisions' needs without an overwhelming sticker shock to industry. The fee increases are nothing more than increasing the current hourly rate of \$118 by 4-7% as of July 1, 2018, with an approximate 2% increase as

of July 1, 2019. Staff plans to present this fee increase to the Board in May with implementation as soon as July 1, 2018. Workshops will be scheduled in early March and the Business Impact Statement will be presented to the Board in April. Ms. Reszetar is confident that the fee increases will be a win-win for all. Member Nielson noted when this issue was discussed the last time, there was not a good connection between justifying the increase and the increase. He advised Ms. Reszetar to ensure that the justification of the increase will be very important to obtain industry buy-in. Sharon McCoy-Huber, Financial Services Manager, reported financial reviews were done on the Environmental Health Division and historically, over the past five years, has maintained a substantial loss. Last year alone was approximately \$725,000. The Environmental Health Division is supposed to be self-supporting, based on fees, but they cannot make excess revenue that goes to the General Fund. An analysis of the historical data determined that an approximate four percent increase was required. This percentage will be higher based on the upcoming budget and the estimated costs for this year, as a couple of major fiscal impacts are expected this year and next year due to the Cost of Living increase for personnel. This will be included in the analysis that will be brought forward to the Board. Ms. McCoy-Huber is confident that the analysis will meet the Board's justification needs when presented and confirmed the last Environmental Health fee increase was eight years ago in 2010.

Chair Kirkpatrick would like to see the overtime costs comparisons and reminded staff of the need to be very diligent on justifying this increase as every agency is asking for fee increases.

Dr. Michael Johnson, Director, Community Health Services, noted the Office of Epidemiology and Disease Surveillance has been currently working on collaborative research project within the Clark County Detention Center (CCDC) in collaboration with Boston University to provide testing and treatment for HIV and STDs to inmates within the jails. As a result of this work, many opportunities have been discovered that will further mitigate disease, including addressing co-morbidities such as HIV, STDs, Hepatitis C and opioid addiction. There is also an opportunity to expand linkage to care and improve surveillance efforts. Dr. Johnson advised the Board that he is interested in pursuing avenues, including a forthcoming RFP with CCDC to have a stronger presence within the jails. Chair Kirkpatrick reported there was a recent meeting with some of the Commissioners to look at opportunities of collaboration to make sure that the inmates are not returned to the community unhealthy. Currently in the Clark County jail system, the prescriptions are not provided locally and the Commissioners believe there may be a cost savings to explore by utilizing the SNHD pharmacy, which would require a clinic within the jail. This issue may come before the Board and if approved, will go to the County Commission. With respect to the Hepatitis C issue, Member Nemeč explained historically, the prisons and jails have not been given any therapy or treatment for this disease, primarily because it is cost prohibitive. The cost to cure has fallen dramatically in the last ten years and asked if there was any funding for the treatment of Hep for inmates at CCDC. Dr. Iser reported currently, there is no funding, but some funds may be available from the state.

Dr. Iser reported the Hepatitis A epidemic is over in southern California and the Clinical Services Division staff have been immunizing the homeless community.

Program Update – Accreditation Emily Elzeftawy, Acting Accreditation Coordinator and Tanya Sutton, Public Health Accreditation Associate, presented the Accreditation update. ([Attachment 2](#))

Member Nemeč left the meeting at 9:49 a.m. and returned at 9:51 a.m.
Member Coffin left the meeting at 9:49 a.m. and did not return

Dr. Iser reported the District is applying to become accredited in a different realm for Preventive Medicine residency that would provide an internship that could be completed in almost any clinical program for the first year. The second year would be the Masters in Public Health, to be done in collaboration with UNLV, and the third year would be a set of rotations that could include clinical rotations such as tuberculosis and STDs, and surveillance in order to train physicians to

do the work that preventive medicine residents can do, as there is a shortage of Board certified preventive medicine physicians in the state. The goal is to not only increase the capacity for the District, but for the state as a whole. This will be a grant covered initiative from HRSA.

Regarding the potential for a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), Dr. Iser advised that the District will be coming forward with a more formal proposal to the Board. In discussions with Richard Whitley, Director, Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, there may be incubator funds available to assist with the first one to two years of planning.

Dr. Iser presented "Health Services for Rural Nevada" ([Attachment 3](#)), which defined the collaborative with the Nevada State Dental Health Officer, Dr. Antonina Capurro and SNHD for oral health services in rural counties.

XI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Chief Health Officer and Administration Monthly Activity Reports
2. Clinical Services Monthly Activity Reports
3. Community Health Monthly Activity Reports
4. Environmental Health Monthly Activity Reports

- 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.

Seeing none, Chair Kirkpatrick closed this portion of the meeting.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kirkpatrick adjourned the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

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

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