



MINUTES

**Public Health Advisory Board Meeting
January 13, 2020 – 8:30 A.M.
Southern Nevada Health District, 280 S. Decatur Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89107
Red Rock Trail Room A and B**

BOARD: Kenneth Osgood – Chair, Physician
(Present) Michael Collins – Vice Chair, Registered Nurse (*Joined by phone – 8:44 a.m.*)
Ronald Kline – Member, City of North Las Vegas
Dick Tomasso – Member, City of Mesquite
David Wachs – Member, Environmental Health
James Wright – Member, City of Las Vegas

ABSENT: Tina Coker – Member, City of Henderson
Vacant - Member, City of Boulder City

ALSO PRESENT: None
(In Audience)

LEGAL COUNSEL: Heather Anderson-Fintak, Esq.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: Fermin Leguen, MD MPH, Acting Chief Health Officer

STAFF: Victoria Burris, Michelle Cintron, Andrea Green, Michael Johnson, Mimi Ujije, Leo Vega

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Osgood called the Public Health Advisory Board Meeting to order at 8:38 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 13, 2020 AGENDA (for possible action)

A motion was made by Chair Osgood seconded by Member Tomasso and carried unanimously to adopt the January 13, 2020 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 14, 2019; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (*for possible action*)

A motion was made by Chair Osgood seconded by Member Wachs and carried unanimously to approve the October 14, 2019 Public Health Advisory Board Meeting minutes as presented.

VI. REPORT/DISCUSSION/ACTION

1. **Receive Report and Discuss Accreditation Update**; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (*for possible action*)

Mimi Ujiie, Quality Improvement and Performance Coordinator, updated the Board on the District's accreditation activities. The various components of the domains for accreditation were reviewed with the Board. She reported as part of the accreditation process, there will be updates to this Board regarding the Health District's quality improvement activities. The deadline for submitting the Health District's action plan to the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) document repository is September 2020. Following this step, she informed the Board it can take up to six months for the PHAB to respond.

There was no action taken on this item.

2. **Receive Report and Discuss STD Control and Prevention**; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (*for possible action*)

Angel Stachnik, Office of Epidemiology and Disease Surveillance, presented an update on STD Control and Prevention. The presentation included an overview on three reportable STDs: syphilis, chlamydia, and gonorrhea. ([Attachment 1](#))

There was no action taken on this item.

3. **Discuss and Approve Recommendations to the Southern Nevada District Board of Health on January 23, 2020**; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (*for possible action*)

Member Tomasso provided a brief summary regarding his update to Southern Nevada District Board of Health on the illegal vending update on October 2019 meeting. He reported Member Kirkpatrick of the Board of Health noted the Licensing Board should manage the illegal vending issue rather than the Health District. He added he would follow up with the Board of Health Member Representative from Mesquite. There were no recommendations for the Board.

A motion was made by Chair Osgood seconded by Member Wachs and carried unanimously to bring the following recommendations pertaining to the illegal vending program to the Southern Nevada District Board of Health:

1. *Request funding for additional staff dedicated to the illegal vending program; and*
2. *Encourage local jurisdictions to work with Health District for code enforcement*

- ## VII. **BOARD REPORTS**: The Southern Nevada District Board of Health Public Health Advisory Board members may identify and comment on Health District related issues. 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 Public Health Advisory Board members unless that subject is on the agenda and scheduled for action. (*Information Only*)

VIII. **HEALTH OFFICER & STAFF REPORTS**

Dr. Leguen provided an update on influenza cases, reporting there had been an increase in the number of influenza cases, as well as the hospital admissions. There were six confirmed deaths in the last week which brings the grand total to 11 for influenza related deaths.

In December there was an event at the Health District called Fast Track Nevada. This campaign is about emphasizing the importance of HIV prevention and elimination. IT was noted there will be various representatives from the community and jurisdictions. The main target for Fast Track is to have 90% of people living with HIV/AIDS be identified. The second target is to get those individuals into appropriate

care and receiving anti-viral medication. The last target is to achieve 90% of virus suppression among those who have been placed on anti-viral medication treatment.

Michael Johnson, Director of Community Health, reported an update on vaping and e-cigarettes. He remarked there is participation on conference calls with CDC and FDA where the agencies provide updates on national numbers and analysis on the products. As of January 7, there have been 2602 hospitalized cases as reported by all the states across the country. Of those here have been 57 deaths in 27 states. He announced there will be summit in the summer on youth marijuana use and vaping.

There was a brief report provided by Dr. Johnson on suicide, which is the second leading cause of death for young people between the ages of 15-24. Over the last five years, there has been a gradual increase in teen suicide deaths in Clark County. He commented there are interventions being developed to address teen suicides. The current efforts underway at the Health District are Zero Suicide implementation. In November 2019 the Health District launched internal staff capacity survey to assess staff feels about their ability to provide suicide care through the implementation of the program. There will be an all staff training. Meetings are also being held with community to facilitate their participation.

Christopher Saxton, Director of Environmental Health, provided a brief report on illegal vending program. There are health inspectors dedicated to illegal vending; however, there are funding limitations for the program. The Southern Nevada District Board of Health has requested the Environmental Health Division conduct a fee study over the course of a year to determine which programs should receive increased fees. While the study is being conducted, the program is doing everything possible to respond to illegal vending occurrences.

There was further discussion about enforcement and Mr. Saxton noted inspectors can only seize the food from illegal vendors. He added other jurisdictions like the County's business licensing and the City's Code Enforcement programs would be required to support any enforcement efforts. Code Enforcement would be responsible for issuing a summons to the vendor.

Following this conversation, Chair Osgood requested going back to Agenda Item VI.3. to bring forward recommendations to the Southern Nevada 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 9:48 a.m.

Fermin Leguen, MD, MPH
Acting Chief Health Officer

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