



## MINUTES

### SOUTHERN NEVADA DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

January 21, 2022 – 9:00 A.M.

Meeting was conducted via Webex Event

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Michael Collins – Chair, Registered Nurse  
Kenneth Osgood – Vice Chair, Physician  
Ronald Kline – Member, City of North Las Vegas  
Paul Klouse – Member, City of Boulder City  
Holly Lyman – Member, City of Henderson  
Francisco Rojas – Member, Environmental Health  
Dick Tomasso – Member, City of Mesquite  
Jennifer Young – Member, City of Las Vegas

**ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** Linda Anderson, Jennifer Lopez, Matthew Seeman  
(In Audience)

**LEGAL COUNSEL:** Heather Anderson-Fintak, General Counsel

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:** Fermin Leguen, MD, MPH, District Health Officer (*absent*)

**STAFF:** Mark Bergtholdt, Andria Cordovez Mulet, Stephanie Cortes, Jennifer Fennema, Michelle Goodsell, Heather Hanoff, David Kahananui, Michael Johnson, Theresa Ladd, Cassius Lockett, Cortland Lohff, Jim Muth, Larry Rogers, Chris Saxton, Karla Shoup, Michelle Villanueva, Brenda Welch, Karen White

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chair Collins called the Public Health Advisory Board meeting to order a 9:04 a.m. Andria Cordovez Mulet, Executive Assistant, administered the roll call and confirmed a quorum was present.

**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 this portion of the meeting.

**IV. ADOPTION OF THE JANUARY 21, 2022 MEETING AGENDA (for possible action)**

*A motion was made by Member Klouse, seconded by Vice-Chair Osgoode and carried unanimously to approve the January 21, 2022 Agenda, as presented.*

- V. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Items for action to be considered by the Southern Nevada District Board of Health 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/PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD MEETING:** October 11, 2021 (*for possible action*)

*A motion was made by Vice-Chair Osgoode, seconded by Member Klouse and carried unanimously to approve the October 11, 2021 Public Health Advisory Board Minutes, as presented.*

VI. **REPORT / DISCUSSION / ACTION**

1. **Receive, Discuss and Accept Amendments to the Public Health Advisory Board By-laws and Approve Recommendations to the Board of Health on January 27, 2022;** direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (*for possible action*)

Heather Anderson-Fintak, General Counsel, provided an overview of the salient proposed amendments that included:

- A correction to the sited statute; and
- A revision to only two regular meetings a year, with the ability to call additional special meetings.

Ms. Anderson-Fintak advised the Board that the request for the revision to only two regular meetings a year, is related to various sets of regulations that staff would like the Public Health Advisory Board to review and discuss prior to them being presented to the Board of Health. The current requirement of 'quarterly' limits the Advisory Board to certain dates that may limit staff. Ms. Anderson-Fintak continued that the Advisory Board could maintain four meetings, but not limit it to a specific quarter.

Vice-Chair Osgoode suggested that the Advisory Board continue with four meetings a year, without the requirement of being within a specific quarter. Ms. Anderson-Fintak suggested that the working could be amended to:

- "The Advisory Board shall hold:*
- 1. Four regular meetings each year.*
  - 2. Special meetings as called by the Chair."*

*A motion was made by Vice-Chair Osgoode, seconded by Member Kline and carried unanimously to accept the proposed amendments, to the Public Health Advisory Board By-laws, as amended at the meeting, and recommend approval to the Southern Nevada District Board of Health on January 27, 2022.*

2. **Receive and Discuss Consolidation and Update to the Southern Nevada Health District Regulations Governing the Sanitation and Safety of Body Art Establishments (Body Art Regulations) previously known as Tattoo Regulations and Body Piercing Regulations (<https://www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/permits-and-regulations/body-art/body-art-regulation-revisions/>);** direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (*for possible action*)

Mark Bergtholdt, Environmental Health Supervisor, provide a presentation on the proposed Regulations Governing the Sanitation and Safety of Body Art Establishments (Body Art Regulations). ([Attachment #1](#))

Mr. Bergtholdt outlined that currently there were two regulations related to body art facilities, (i) SNHD Regulations Governing the Sanitation and Safety of Tattoo Facilities, and (ii) SNHD Regulations Governing the Sanitation and Safety of Piercing Facilities, neither of which have been updated since 2005. Mr. Bergtholdt further outlined the process taken by staff in reviewing and consolidating the regulations. Mr. Bergtholdt advised that three public workshops were held, within minutes from the workshops sent to all participants and posted on the website. Further, Business Impact Surveys were sent to the same individuals as the public workshops with a deadline of January 31, 2022. Mr. Bergtholdt advised that most of the survey responses received were generally positive, with some negative comments related to the cost of new jewelry standards and indicators. In conclusion, Mr. Bergtholdt advised that a fourth workshop will be held to present the final draft of the regulation, the Business Impact Statements will be presented to the Board of Health in February and the final regulation will be presented to the Board of Health in March.

Member Klouse inquired as to the industry response regarding the increase in testing of the autoclaves and whether the regulations reduce the number of hand sinks. Mr. Bergtholdt advised that only one comment was received regarding the increase in cost for testing the autoclaves and that the proposed regulations state one sink for every four stations, without a barrier between.

Further to a question, Mr. Bergtholdt advised that currently there were 300 permitted body art establishments, with some doing both tattoo and piercings, each of which requires a permit. Member Klouse inquired whether there was any discussion regarding the requirement for two permits. Mr. Bergtholdt advised that the current fee schedule requires two permits, and this may be considered when they review the fee schedule.

- VII. BOARD RECORDS:** 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 unless that subject is on the agenda and scheduled for action. ***(Information Only)***

Vice-Chair Osgoode requested an update on the following:

- Marijuana use in youth;
- Unpermitted food vending.

**VIII. HEALTH OFFICER & STAFF REPORTS (Information Only)**

- DHO Comments

On behalf of Dr. Leguen, Dr. Lockett, Director of Disease Surveillance and Control, advised that two new drive-thru COVID-19 testing sites have opened, in conjunction with Clark County, at Texas Station and Fiesta Henderson. These sites were to only be open for 21 days; however, the Health District is working with Clark County for an extension. Dr. Lockett advised that with all the testing efforts (15 mobiles, 5-6 trailers, 5 kiosks, 3 drive-thru sites), the Health District conducted approximately 30,000 tests last week. Dr. Lockett confirmed that the testing capacity remains strong.

Dr. Lockett advised that the Health District received a donation from the CES Convention of approximately 32 pallets of the COVID-19 rapid home test kits, which equals approximately 27,000 test kits. These test kits were distributed to a variety of community partners. Dr. Lockett confirmed that the Health District has ordered an additional 200,000 COVID-19 rapid home test kits and have a distribution plan in place. Further, the Southern Nevada Community Health Center (FQHC) has also requested rapid home test kits from HRSA.

Member Kline inquired whether the turnaround time for results has been affected due to the surge in testing. Dr. Lockett advised that the turnaround time varies depending on the vendor and could be within 3-6 days. Dr. Lockett advised that the Southern Nevada Public Health Laboratory currently has

a turnaround time of 2 days. Dr. Lockett advised that staffing shortages have been impacting the turnaround times.

- COVID-19 Surveillance and Contact Tracing Update

Dr. Lockett advised that influenza activities started the year at a high level, however, as of the week ending January 8<sup>th</sup>, they have decreased. The Health District continues to recommend individuals to get their flu shot.

With respect to COVID-19 cases, as of yesterday's report, on January 3<sup>rd</sup> the 7-day moving average was 3,586, which was an increase from approximately 1,000 on December 25<sup>th</sup>. On January 16<sup>th</sup>, the 7-day moving average was 3,287, which was a 8.3% decrease. Dr. Lockett advised that the case count remains high and encouraged everyone to remain vigilant. With respect to COVID-19 death, from January 3-16, the 7-day moving average decreased by 32.2%. Dr. Lockett stated that vaccines are working in preventing deaths. With respect to COVID-19 hospitalizations, Dr. Lockett stated that in addition to increased cases and breakthrough cases, hospitals have been challenged with staffing shortages, with the biggest concern about the unvaccinated population. Dr. Lockett advised that the test positivity, at January 3<sup>rd</sup>, was 38.7% and has closely started to decline. Dr. Lockett confirmed that Omicron remains the dominant strain in cases. Breakthrough cases at are 38.2%, however deaths have been less with Omicron, with approximately 7 days within the last 30 days and 86% of those deaths were over the age of 65. Dr. Lockett advised that his team currently has approximately 50 internal contact tracers and approximately 200 on contract. Contact tracers are staffing the testing sites, assisting CCSD and investigation individuals that are in high-risk settings, children and those over the age of 65 years.

- Vaccination Campaign Update

Dr. Cortland Lohff, Chief Medical Officer, advised as to the recent federal government approvals in lowering the age for vaccine and shortening the to receive a booster. Dr. Lohff advised that the Health District has capacity for vaccine administration with static and pop-up locations. As of January 20, 2022, 3.29 million vaccine doses were administered in Clark County; 70% of the total population has started the doses and 57% have completed the doses. Dr. Lohff advised that with the recent Supreme Court decision not to impose a vaccine or testing mandate, the mandate remained for health care workers.

Dr. Lohff advised that Advisory Board that SNCHC has started a new program dispensing the anti-viral medication to individuals that have tested positive for COVID-19 and are at a high risk for complications and/or hospitalization. SNCHC staff will identify individuals as they come to the testing site to determine their eligibility and interest in entering the program so the medication can be administered immediately. If the medication is provided early, it is very effective in preventing severe complications and/or death.

- Community Health Center Update

David Kahananui, Senior FQHC Manager, provided an updated on the Southern Nevada Community Health Center (SNCHC). ([Attachment #2](#))

Mr. Kahananui advised that the SNCHC's noncompeting continuation for the designation of a Federally Qualified Health Center was approved. Mr. Kahananui, provided with providing updates on the 2021 patient counts, eligibility assistance and outcomes of the patient satisfaction surveys. With respect to COVID-19, Mr. Kahananui outlined the testing and vaccine efforts and advised that in 2021 SNCHC administered 33,920 doses of vaccine and conducted 47,019 tests. The SNCHC recently distributed 4,000 face masks and 2,265 at-home rapid tests to community partners. Mr.

Kahananui continued with an update on funding opportunities, behavioral health, accepted insurance and marketing.

Vice-Chair Osgoode inquired as to the percentage of revenue that is from private insurance. Mr. Kahananui advised that approximately 20% from private insurance, 40% is Medicaid and 40% is self-paid.

- IX. **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 this portion of the meeting.

- X. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

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

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