



MINUTES

SOUTHERN NEVADA DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD MEETING October 3, 2022 – 8:30 A.M.

Meeting was conducted via Webex Event

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kenneth Osgood – Chair, Physician (in-person)
Ronald Kline – Member, City of North Las Vegas (*via WebEx*)
Paul Klouse – Member, City of Boulder City (*via WebEx*)
Holly Lyman – Member, City of Henderson (*via WebEx*)
Reimund Serafica – Member, Nurse (*via WebEx*)
Francisco Sy – Member, Environmental Health (*via WebEx*)
Jennifer Young – Member, City of Las Vegas (*via WebEx*)
- ABSENT:** Dick Tomasso – Member, City of Mesquite
- ALSO PRESENT:** Linda Anderson, Dawn Christensen, Stacie Sasso, Brisa Stephani, Virginia Valentine
(In Audience)
- LEGAL COUNSEL:** Edward Wynder, Associate General Counsel
- EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:** Fermin Leguen, MD, MPH, District Health Officer
- STAFF:** Heather Anderson-Fintak, Maria Azzarelli, Tawana Bellamy, Nicole Bungum, Andria Cordovez Mulet, Aaron DelCotto, Heather Hanoff, Josie Llorico, Cassius Lockett, Cort Lohff, Kimberly Monahan, Laura Plascencia, Larry Rogers, Chris Saxton, Karla Shoup, Candice Sims, Randy Smith, Daniele Staple, Mackenzie Sullivan, Will Thompson, DJ Whitaker

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Osgood called the Public Health Advisory Board meeting to order at 8:36 a.m. Andria Cordovez Mulet, Executive Assistant, administered the roll call and confirmed a quorum was present.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Member Serafica joined the meeting at 8:37 a.m.

- #### 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 OCTOBER 3, 2022 MEETING AGENDA (*for possible action*)

A motion was made by Member Klouse, seconded by Vice-Chair Kline and carried unanimously to approve the October 3, 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: August 8, 2022 *(for possible action)*

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Kline, seconded by Member Klouse and carried unanimously to approve the October 3, 2022 Consent Agenda, as presented.

VI. REPORT / DISCUSSION / ACTION

1. Receive and Discuss the Business Impact Statement and Proposed Food Regulations; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*

Candice Sims, Environmental Health Supervisor, presented the Business Impact Statement on the Proposed Food Regulations. Larry Rogers, Environmental Health Manager, was also present. Ms. Sims outlined the process taken by staff in reviewing the regulations and how comments were collected from the industry. The Business Impact Survey was emailed to 12,269 recipients and posted on the Health District's website; 22 surveys were returned. Ms. Sims proceeded with a summary of the major changes in the proposed regulation.

Further to an inquiry from Member Young, Ms. Sims explained the priority and priority foundation designations indicating that the Food Code dictated an increase in some of the demerit values for some violations that the Health District currently did not assign such a high demerit value.

Member Sy joined the meeting at 8:49 a.m.

Further to an inquiry from Chair Osgood, Ms. Sims advised that street vendors, if they were not working with a special event, would need a health permit. Ms. Sims advised that individuals could not walk around with their cart. There is only a permit category that allows for proper equipment to sell their food at one location. Further to an inquiry from Chair Osgood, Ms. Sims advised that the next step for individuals with a cart for street vending would be to revise the fee schedule as there is no permit category that would cover that activity. Chair Osgood requested that staff work on the permit category for cart street vending.

Mr. Rogers provided an update on the efforts to address unpermitted vending.

A motion was made by Member Klouse, seconded by Member Sy and carried unanimously to accept the Business Impact Statement and Proposed Food Regulations, as presented and recommend approval to the Southern Nevada District Board of Health.

2. Receive and Discuss a Presentation on the Increasing Incidence of Obesity in Children and Adults in Clark County; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*

Nicole Bungum, Health Education Supervisor, Office of Chronic Disease and Public Health Promotion (OCDPHP), presented on the increasing incidence of obesity in children and adults in Clark County. Chair Osgood requested that a copy of the presentation be sent to the members.

Further to an inquiry from Member Sy regarding social media targeting the Native Hawaiian and Filipino population, which appeared to have a higher rate of obesity in Clark County, Ms. Bungum advised that OCDPHP has a program directed towards Native Hawaiian, called Island Envy, that includes topics such as physical activity, nutrition, and obesity.

Further to an inquiry from Member Young regarding the Veggie Buck Truck, Ms. Bungum advised that it was piloted in September 2021. Due to the response and the need, the Health District partnered with the Regional Transportation Commission and hosted a Veggie Buck Truck at the Bonneville Transit Center in the Spring, with a second location at the Health District's Decatur location. Ms. Bungum advised that there have been two markets a month from April to June 2022, and then again in September through November 2022.

Further an inquiry from Member Serafica regarding the 5-2-1-0 initiative, Ms. Bungum advised of the partnership with 100 Black Men of Las Vegas on a virtual cooking class that is promoted for families to have the opportunity to cook together. Ms. Bungum further advised that if children had the opportunity to cook or grow something, they are more likely to try it.

Member Sy shared information on the following initiatives: PILI Ohana, a Community-Based Participatory Research Program (CBPR) project by Dr. Kaholukula at the University of Hawaii Manoa and SNAX, a CBPR project in Los Angeles by the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

3. Receive, Discuss and Accept the 2023 Meeting Schedule; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*

The Advisory Board reviewed the proposed 2023 Meeting Schedule. There were no questions or conflicts raised.

A motion was made by Member Klouse, seconded by Member Sy and carried unanimously to approve the 2023 Meeting Schedule, as presented.

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)***

There were no items raised.

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

- DHO Comments

Dr. Leguen advised of the opening, a few days ago, of the new Fremont Public Health Center for the Southern Nevada Community Health Center (FQHC), that would start offering primary care services to the community in that area, which was an area of need. Dr. Leguen advised that the Health District looked forward to partnering with Clark County and community-based organizations to enhance our services in that area.

- COVID-19 Surveillance and Contact Tracing Update

Dr. Cassius Lockett, Director of Disease Surveillance and Control, advised that the COVID-19 Positive Test Rate was currently around 10%, which was substantial transmission, and that the hope was for it to be under 5%. Dr. Lockett advised that true case counts were under reported due to the availability of at-home test kits. Dr. Lockett advised that COVID-19 cases continued to decline, with the 7-day moving average, from September 15-28th, being 55 cases. Dr. Lockett advised that hospitalizations and deaths during the same timeframe, also continued to decline. However, the U.S. continued to see approximately 400 days per day, which made COVID-19 a top 10 cause of death. Dr. Lockett advised that the test positivity rate remained steady at 10-11%. Dr. Lockett advised that

his team currently has 36 internal contact tracers and 100 on contract. Staff continued to conduct testing at the METS clinic and the three CSN testing site locations.

Member Sy raised a concern that individuals believed that the pandemic was over and that a potential surge may occur in the winter. Dr. Lockett agreed and stated that only 4% of individuals that were eligible, had received the bivalent booster and encouraged anyone that was eligible, especially with those with comorbidities, receive the bivalent booster.

- Monkeypox Update

Dr. Cort Lohff, Chief Medical Officer, advised there have been 250 probable and confirmed cases of Monkeypox in Southern Nevada, with the peak in late July and early August. The Health District continued to receive 1-2 cases reported daily, which indicated that there was continued transmission in the community. Dr. Lohff advised that all cases continued to occur among men who have sex with men, among all age groups, with two-thirds of cases occurring predominantly between aged 25-44, and mainly among Black and Hispanic persons. Dr. Lohff advised that there was a two dose vaccination series available. Dr. Lohff stated that the CDC reported, last week, that among males 18-49 years, that were eligible for the vaccine, the incidents of monkeypox was 14 times higher than those that received the first dose, which shows that the vaccine was effective. Dr. Lohff advised that the Health District had administered over 6,300 doses of the vaccine and the eligibility criteria had been expanded twice to include more groups. Dr. Lohff advised that two additional vaccination clinics were recently added, at two of the CSN locations that provided the COVID-19 vaccine and was working with community partners to provide the vaccine at Gay Pride events on the weekend.

- 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 10:04 a.m.

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

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