



MINUTES

SOUTHERN NEVADA HEALTH DISTRICT FACILITIES ADVISORY BOARD MEETING JANUARY 26, 2021, 3:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Julie Taylor, *CEO, (Mountainview) HCA*
Alexis Mussi, *CEO, (Southern Hills) HCA*
Todd Sklamberg, *CEO, (Sunrise) HCA*
William Caron, *CEO, VA Southern Nevada*
Leo Gallofin, *Director, Rawson-Neal*
Kim Shaw, *CEO, (San Martin) Dignity Health*

Lawrence Barnard, *CEO, (St. Rose) Dignity Health*
Sam Kaufman, *CEO, (Henderson) UHS VHS*
Sajit Pullarkat, *CEO, (Centennial Hills) UHS VHS*
Leonard Freehof, *CEO, (Spring Valley) UHS VHS*
Robert Freymuller, *CEO, (Summerlin) UHS VHS*

MEMBERS ABSENT

Thomas Maher, *CEO, Boulder City*
Curtis Ohashi, *CEO, Montevista*
Vince Variale, *CEO, North Vista*
Mason VanHouweiling, *CEO, UMC*
Thomas Burns, *CEO, (Rose de Lima) Dignity Health*

Teressa Conley, *CEO, (St. Rose and Siena) Dignity Health*
Christopher Loftus, *CEO, (Desert Springs) UHS VHS*
Troy Mire, *CEO, (Spring Mountain) UHS VHS*
Claude Wise, *CEO, (Valley) UHS VHS*

SNHD STAFF PRESENT

Fermin Leguen, *Acting Chief Health Officer*
Annette Bradley, *General Counsel*
Heather Anderson-Fintak, *Associate General Counsel*
Michael Johnson, *Director of Community Health*
Christopher Saxton, *Director, Env. Health*
Amy Hagan, *HR Director*

Karen White, *CFO*
Joann Rupiper, *Chief Administrative Nurse*
John Hammond, *EMS Manager*
Andria Cordovez-Mulet, *Executive Assistant CHO*
Andrea Green, *Executive Administrative Secretary*
Theresa Ladd, *Administrative Secretary*

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Freehof called the Southern Nevada Health District Facilities Advisory Board to order at 3:08 p.m. Theresa Ladd, Community Health Administrative Secretary conducted a roll call and determined that a quorum was present.

II. FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment is a period devoted to comments by the general public on items appearing on the Agenda. All comments are limited to five (5) minutes.

Chair Freehof asked if anyone wished to address the Board pertaining to items appearing on the agenda. Hearing no one, the Public comment portion of the meeting was closed.

III. ADOPTION OF THE JANUARY 26, 2021 AGENDA (for possible action)

A motion was made by Member Sklamberg seconded by Member Kaufman and carried unanimously to adopt the January 26, 2021 agenda as presented.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Items for action to be considered by the Southern Nevada Health District Facilities 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/FACILITIES ADVISORY BOARD MEETING: October 22, 2019 and January 19, 2020 (for possible action)

A motion was made by Member Sklamberg seconded by Member Shaw and carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

V. REPORT/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

The Facilities Advisory Board may take any necessary action for any item under this section. Members of the public are allowed to speak on action items after the Board's discussion and prior to their vote. Once the action item is closed, no additional public comment will be accepted.

1. Receive, Review, Consider and Approve Nominations for the Southern Nevada Health District Facilities Advisory Board of Officers for FY 2021/2022 for the Following Positions: Chair and Vice-Chair; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed appropriate (for possible action)

a. Oath of Office; Chair and Vice Chair; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed appropriate (for possible action)

Seven votes for Chair were received nominating Leonard Freehof; Alexis Mussi, Kim Shaw and Todd Sklamberg each received one vote for Vice-Chair.

Chair Freehof accepted his nomination as Chair.

A motion was made by Member Barnard and seconded by Member Kaufman and carried unanimously to approve the nomination of Leonard Freehof as Chair.

Chair Freehof asked each Vice-Chair nominee if they accept the nomination. Initially, all nominees accepted the nomination. Thereafter, Todd Sklamberg withdrew his nomination, deferring to Alexis Mussi.

Chair Freehof inquired if there were any other nominees for Vice-Chair. Hearing none, Chair Freehof called for a motion for the Vice-Chair vote.

A motion was made by Member Sklamberg and seconded by Member Barnard and carried unanimously to approve a vote process for the Vice-Chair nomination.

Theresa Ladd, Administrative Secretary, administered the vote, confirming two votes received for Alexis Mussi (HCA and UHS), one vote received for Kim Shaw (Dignity Health). Associate General Counsel confirmed the count was sufficient to carry the vote to elect Alexis Mussi for Vice-Chair.

Theresa Ladd, Administrative Secretary, delivered the oath of office to Chair Freehof and Vice-Chair Alexis Mussi for the new term.

2. **Receive, Discuss and Approve 2021 Facilities Advisory Board Meeting Schedule; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed appropriate (for possible action)**

A motion was made by Member Shaw and seconded by Member Freymuller and carried unanimously to approve the Proposed 2021 Meeting Schedule.

3. **Receive and Discuss EMS Divert Region Report; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed appropriate (for possible action)**

John Hammond provided an update on changes to the internal disaster, declare declaration process.

Meetings were held to discuss the challenges faced on maintaining a functioning system for healthcare delivery. A couple of solutions were suggested, some that work, and some that couldn't be done because of programming issues with the system tracking board.

Changes to the internal disaster, declare declaration process include:

A column was added to the EMS system to represent the possibility of going on internal disaster for each individual hospital system or hospital, labeled in green, yellow and/or red, to let providers know the possibility of that facility going on an internal disaster; went live about a month ago. At the request of facilities, the system was changed to require updates to the L2K status and if the update doesn't occur within a specified timeframe that L2K number status will be dumped down to 0 until it can be fixed; work is ongoing.

Desert Springs has changed out of the Central Region to the South Region to help bolster that region since the hospitals in question (Henderson, Boulder City and Sienna) appear to be trading off internal disasters between Sienna and Henderson and that would bump them off internal disaster, so moving Desert Springs bolsters the area.

A grace period implementation has been tried if the threshold number is reached in a particular region from forcing people off internal disaster, but is beyond the capabilities to change that via the program so that will not be done until something changes on the programmer side.

Internal disaster numbers for the 4th quarter have been run. Comparing 2019 to 2020, the amount of internal disaster declarations has risen in 2020, 148% over 2019 of the same period - 172 hours to 428 hours still not representative. In 2019, internal disaster represented .3% of all the open hours and in 2020, it's .8 so not even 1% of the time are people on internal disaster.

John Hammond thanked the Board for all that they're doing on maintaining an open system.

Numbers were run from January 1 through January 25 in 2020 and 2021 and we're down over last year about a percent so it's 191 hours January 2020 verses, 188 hours this January 2021.

Chair Freehof commented the collaboration between the members have certainly been helpful and the changes have been welcome.

Todd Sklamberg commented to encourage the Board to maintain adherence to the guidance principles we all discussed in terms of CEO to CEO in terms of communication prior to going on diversion.

4. **Receive and Discuss COVID-19 Vaccination Update; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed appropriate (for possible action)**

Joanne Rupiper presented the COVID-19 Vaccination Update. Surveys were sent for intent to vaccinate information, resulting from 57% (HCW) to 42% (Law enforcement), then the State provided us group numbers and we wrapped up when the hospitals also had some feedback.

The tier system has changed into prioritization lanes; front-line workforce is still at the top. Additionally, another lane has to do with population and age group.

Vaccine distribution update: Hospitals are distributed for 1st and 2nd dose for acute care; still reaching out to Psych/Behavioral Health facilities. Nursing home residents and staff through pharmacy providers CVS or Walgreens, first responders by EMT, Pharmacy personnel by employer or PODS, Laboratory – closed PODS, Medical/Dental outpatient and ambulatory care. SNHD did Train-the-Trainer with EMTs and paramedics so they could do their own vaccines.

Medical offices that want to give vaccine must register with the State to store and manage vaccine.

First campaign started the week of January 4th, SNHD did approximately 4,900. The week of January 11th, SNHD did 15,000, and the week of January 18th, SNHD did 18,000 for a total of 38,000. Cashman started and has a capacity of around 3,000 per day running 5 days per week. The LV Convention Center is being set up for the 2nd dose.

Appointment Access will manage crowds for social distancing and are necessary. The online system was initiated temporarily until the SNHD app was implemented the week of 1/18/2021. Information will be distributed for PODS on second doses. Feedback is noted on missed appointments.

There are challenges with the vaccine as well. Vaccine ordering has not been easy. On Tuesday and Wednesday orders are compiled and submitted to the State. It gets approved on Thursday and is delivered on Monday or Tuesday for the next week clinics, and all vaccine must be used within that week. There's no ability to store - must use every week.

Second dose – it's important any vaccine provider does not keep the 1st dose to give the 2nd dose because we're counted on a cap of 36,000 per week and that is a 1st dose cap. If providers hang on to the 1st dose, then for the 2nd dose it gets counted against us. There is a way to order the 2nd dose and that doesn't seem to be an issue.

Kim Shaw stated that in a meeting with UMC it was heard that we're getting 23,000 doses in Southern Nevada per week, and then we all had questions about when does CVS and Walgreens with their federal contract come into the scenario of offering vaccine.

Joanne responded, it's 36,000 for the whole state of Nevada. Pharmacy doses are counted in that 36,000 so if the pharmacy is allotted 6,000 per week, then we have to decrease our allotment. Some pharmacies are starting and have minimal amounts, determined by the federal government.

Kim Shaw inquired, "What can hospital systems do to assist SNHD if you don't have the infrastructure so we can get more shots in arms and a shorter timeframe?"

Joanne responded, "We've gotten capacity up quickly. I would say if we got vaccine as much as we wanted, I would say we would be at least 75,000 per week."

Chair Freehof inquired, "Is there any line of sight in terms of the additional allocation from the federal government?"

Joanne responded, "It's unknown. There's discussion about the change of the administration and will than open it up more. As we get more vaccines in and documented quickly it will be able to show a throughput."

Chair Freehof inquired, "What percentage of vaccine allocation are we administering?"

Joanne responded, "Well for us, we had about 30-40,000 and it will be gone this week."

Vice-Chair Mussi inquired, "If there was an agreement with the hospital systems to administer the vaccine before discharging patients in the appropriate tiers, could it be approved?"

Joanne responded, "I would have to confirm with the State."

Chair Freehof commented, the administration piece isn't the limiting factor; you're still getting the same number of vaccines and they're still going to be administered within the week.

Chair Freehof commented to keep the dialogue door open in terms of continued dialogue. The good news is, if you can get additional supply and need help administering, we can certainly circle back and revisit that.

VI. COMMUNITY HEALTH REPORTS/STAFF REPORT

- Director of Community Health Comments – Dr. Michael Johnson

Dr. Johnson congratulated the new Chair and Vice-Chair on their appointment.

COVID-19 numbers, after 2-3 months of this huge surge in cases we are beginning to see cases and positivity rates decline. Hospitalizations are plateauing but mortality rates are rather sporadic although we're beginning to see somewhat of a decline; new cases and positivity rates are forward looking indicators.

Trends in hospitalizations and deaths really tend to lag a few weeks behind these other metrics; we can keep a close eye on this. Too soon to say anything about the impact of vaccines.

We're hoping that we don't see another surge due to one of these variances.

VII. FACILITIES ADVISORY BOARD REPORTS

Chair Freehof asked the board if there were any emerging issues to be discussed and if there are any items to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Hearing no one, the Facilities Advisory Board Reports portion of the meeting was closed.

VIII. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Freehof asked if anyone wished to address the Board.

Hearing no one, the Public comment portion of the meeting was closed.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Freehof adjourned the meeting at 4:11 p.m.

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