



**MINUTES**  
**SOUTHERN NEVADA HEALTH DISTRICT**  
**FACILITIES ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**  
**October 22, 2019 3:00 PM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mason VanHouweling, CEO, UMC	Alexis Mussi, CEO, Southern Hills Hospital
Todd Sklamberg, CEO, Sunrise Hospital	Leo Gallofin, Director, SNAMHS
Al Flowers, COL, Mike O'Callaghan Military Medical Center	Robert Freymuller, Summerlin Hospital
Laura Hennem, CEO, Dignity Health Neighborhood Hospitals	

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Kimberly Shaw, CEO, Dignity Health St. Rose San Martin	Curtis Ohashi, CEO, Montevista Hospital
Lawrence Barnard, CEO, Dignity Health St. Rose Siena	Sam Kaufman, CEO Henderson Hospital
Thomas Burns, CEO, Dignity Health St. Rose De Lima	Leonard Freehof, CEO, Spring Valley Hospital
Tom Maher, CEO, Boulder City Hospital	William J. Caron, CEO, VA Southern Nv Healthcare
Troy Mire, CEO, Spring Mtn Treatment Center	Sajit Pullarkat, CEO, Centennial Hills Hospital
Robert Vickery, Westcare	Vince Variale CEO, North Vista
Jeremy Bradshaw, CEO, Mountain View Hospital	Claude Wise, CEO, Valley Hospital

**SNHD STAFF PRESENT**

Heather Anderson-Fintak, Associate Legal Counsel	Edie Mattox, Human Resources Administrative Analyst
Michael Johnson Ph.D., Director of Community Health	Andrea Green, Community Health Administrative Secretary
Michelle Cintron, Executive Administrative Secretary	Leo Vega, Maintenance
Christian Young, Medical Director	Vit Kraushaar, Medical Investigator
Jeff Quinn, Manager, OPHP	

**PUBLIC ATTENDANCE**

Marcia Turner, UMC  
Dr. Deborah Kuhls, UNLV  
Lisa Pacheco, UMC

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chair Hennem called the Southern Nevada Health District Facilities Advisory Board to order at 3:05 p.m. Andrea Green, Community Health Administrative Secretary conducted a roll call and determined that a quorum was present.

**II. OATH OF OFFICE**

Michelle Cintron, Executive Administrative Secretary delivered the oath of office to Vice-Chair Hennem for the new term.

**III. 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. Vice-Chair Hennem asked if anyone wished to address the Board pertaining to items appearing on the agenda. Seeing nor hearing anyone, she closed the Public comment portion of the meeting.

**IV. ADOPTION OF THE OCTOBER 22, 2019 AGENDA (for possible action)**

*A motion was made by Member Sklamberg seconded by Member VanHouweling and carried unanimously to adopt the October 22, 2019 agenda as presented.*

**V. 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: July 23, 2019. (for possible action)**

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

**VI. 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, Discuss and Approve Proposed 2020 Meeting Schedule; (for possible action)**

*A motion was made by Member VanHouweling and seconded by Member Sklamberg and carried unanimously to approve the Proposed 2020 Meeting Schedule.*

**2. Receive and Discuss Update Regarding Hepatitis A Outbreak from Dr. Vit Kraushaar; (for possible action)**

Dr. Kraushaar describe Hepatitis A to the board members, presented the background history of Hepatitis A, and reminded the board members that the Southern Nevada Health District Office of Epidemiology and Disease Surveillance declared a Hepatitis A outbreak on June 19, 2019. The primary risk factors of Hepatitis A are homelessness and drug use. Due to the outbreak, Incident Command System was instituted at SNHD to respond to the Hepatitis A Outbreak. From November 1, 2018 and October 7, 2019, we had 95 cases associated with the Hepatitis A Outbreak and 86% of the cases were hospitalized and 1 died.

Dr. Kraushaar stressed to the board members how hospitals are vital in stopping the spread Hepatitis A. Those who are homeless utilize the emergency department more than those who are non-homeless, they have higher rates of chronic illnesses, have significant barriers to access primary care and about half of all emergency departments used by the homeless, are due to drug abuse or misuse. The hospitals can help us stop the outbreak by assisting to the needs of the homeless when they come into our emergency departments. The hospitals that are

in need to open their emergency departments to the homeless are: Sunrise, Desert Springs, UMC, Spring Valley, and North Vista. These hospitals are in the zip codes that are experiencing more hospitalization from Hepatitis A. The hospitals that have hospitalized more than one Hepatitis A outbreak are: Sunrise Hospital with 19 hospitalized, Desert Springs Hospital with 16 hospitalized, UMC with 15 hospitalized, Spring Valley Hospital with 11 hospitalized, North Vista Hospital with 6 hospitalized, Valley Hospital with 4 hospitalized, Henderson Hospital with 2 hospital, and Summerlin Hospital with 2 hospitalized. The hospitals that have administered the Hepatitis A vaccine to adults from June 19 to October 17, 2019 that was recorded in Nevada WebIZ are: North Vista vaccinated 60 adults, UMC vaccinated 14 adults, Sunrise vaccinated 12 adults, Desert Springs vaccinated 12 adults, Dignity Health St. Rose vaccinated 6 adults, Spring Valley vaccinated 1 adult, and Henderson Hospital vaccinated 1 adult.

Dr. Kraushaar informed the board members that SNHD has weekly updates regarding the Hepatitis A outbreak and is available for the public.

Member Vanhouweling applauded Dr. Kraushaar on his presentation and posed a question regarding California handling their Hepatitis A.

Dr. Kraushaar responded, California had more resources such as: paid nurses going into homeless facilities and administering the Hepatitis A Vaccination, also paid security guards to stand by a porta potty to be sure that people are washing their hands.

Vice-Chair Hennem asked if any board members or the public had any questions.

Dr. Christian Young applauded Dr. Kraushaar on his presentation and began to expound on Hepatitis A.

*No action was taken on this item.*

**3. Receive and Discuss Update Regarding E-Cigarette from Dr. Michael Johnson: (for possible action)**

Dr. Johnson reminded the board members of the ongoing national, state and local level investigation of the recent e-cigarette/vaping and pulmonary disease. As of October 17, 2019, we have 1,479 confirmed and probable cases of pulmonary disease linked to e-cigarette/vaping. 70% of the patients are male and the median age is 23 and have obtained the e-cigarette from either a friend, online, retail outlet, or black market. Clark County has 4 cases. Three of the cases are under the age of 18 and one case is over the age of 18. Three cases report vaping THC and one case reports vaping nicotine. Dr. Johnson informed the board members that he had a meeting with the president of Nevada Vaping Association and went to his lab and informed him that if he really wanted to help, he would stop selling to underaged kids. He also has weekly calls with the CDC to keep him and his staff updated on the vaping investigation.

*No action was taken on this item*

**4. Receive and Discuss Update Regarding PEDS Disaster Care Center of Excellence Grant from Marcia Turner: (for possible action)**

Marica Turner educated the board members on the ASPR Regional Pediatric Disaster Grant. UMC and UNLV School of Medicine represented Nevada in a Western Regional Alliance. On September 30, 2019, ASPR announced that our Western Regional Alliance received the grant. This marks the first US Western multi-state regional organized collaborative response network to be known as the Western Regional Alliance for Pediatric Emergency Management

(WRAPEM). WRAPEM represents the most extensive collection of pediatric preparedness and response experts serving a region with nearly 13 million children. It also includes pediatric medical centers, subject matter experts in matters such as: CBRNE, trauma burns, disaster mental health, telemedicine, education, EMS, obstetrics, ethics and law, government agencies, disaster coalitions, large community health care systems, and representatives from state and local agencies. Marcia Turner explained that the goal of this grant is to develop a coordinated, collaborative and sustainable regional pediatric disaster planning and response capability that allows the entire region to effectively respond during large scale pediatric mass casualty events. She wants to develop a published guide for accessing regional pediatric disaster response expertise, developing training modules, establish telemedicine interconnectedness, implement regular pediatric focused exercise, develop patient tracking, and formulate a regional Pediatric Disaster Mental Health Plan. Her focus groups consist of GAP analysis, Telemedicine, Mental health, and other areas of focus.

Dr. Kuhls elaborating on the goals and deliverables of the ASPR Grant.

Marcia Turner requested the ASPR Grant presentation to be sent to the board members and possible plan of action to help assist her and Dr. Kuhls in implementing the goals and deliverables.

*No action was taken on this item*

*Member VanHouweling left the meeting at 3:37p.m.*

**VII. COMMUNITY HEALTH REPORTS/STAFF REPORT**

- Director of Community Health Comments – Dr. Michael Johnson

No Report

**VIII. FACILITIES ADVISORY BOARD REPORTS**

Vice- Chair Hennum queried the board to see 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. Seeing nor hearing anyone, she closed the Facilities Advisory Board Reports portion of the meeting.

**IX. PUBLIC COMMENT**

A period devoted to comments by the general public, if any, and discussions 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 the agenda as an item upon which action may be taken pursuant to NRS 241.020. Comments are limited to five (5) minutes per speaker. Vice-Chair Hennum asked if anyone wished to address the Board. Seeing nor hearing anyone, she closed the public comments portion of the meeting.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

The Vice-Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m.