

Washoe County District Board of Health Meeting Minutes

Members

Kitty Jung, Chair
Dr. John Novak, Vice Chair
Dr. George Hess
Kristopher Dahir
David Silverman
Oscar Delgado
Michael D. Brown

**Thursday, January 26, 2017
1:00 p.m.**

**Washoe County Administration Complex
Commission Chambers, Building A
1001 East Ninth Street
Reno, NV**

1. *Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Chair Jung called the meeting to order at 1:13 p.m.

The following members and staff were present:

Members present: Kitty Jung, Chair
Dr. John Novak, Vice Chair
Dr. George Hess
Kristopher Dahir
David Silverman
Michael Brown

Members absent: Oscar Delgado

Ms. Rogers verified a quorum was present.

Staff present: Kevin Dick, District Health Officer, ODHO
Leslie Admirand, Deputy District Attorney
Dr. Randall Todd
Charlene Albee
Steve Kutz
Bob Sack

2. *Pledge of Allegiance

James English led the pledge to the flag.

3. *Public Comment

As there was no one wishing to speak, Chair Jung closed the public comment period.

4. Approval of Agenda

January 26, 2017

Dr. Novak moved to approve the agenda for the January 26th, 2017, District Board of Health regular meeting. Mr. Brown seconded the motion which was approved six in favor and none against.

5. Recognitions

A. Years of Service

- i. Nichole Sooudi, 10 years, hired 1/3/2007 – CCHS
Mr. Dick congratulated Ms. Sooudi (Alberti) on her 10 years of service.
- ii. Byron Collins, 10 years, hired 1/8/07 – EHS
Mr. Dick introduced Mr. Collins and congratulated him on his years of service
- iii. Rebecca Gonzales, 15 years, hired 1/28/2002 – CCHS
Ms. Gonzales was not in attendance.
- iv. Julie Pomi, 25 years, hired 11/4/1991 – CCHS
Mr. Dick commended Ms. Pomi for her 25 years as a nurse in CCHS.
- v. Cory Sobrio – 20 years, hired 11/25/1996 – CCHS
Mr. Sobrio was not in attendance.
- vi. Katherine Sobrio – 20 years, hired 12/9/1996 – CCHS
Ms. Sobrio was not in attendance.

B. Promotions

- i. Victoria Nicolson-Hornblower from Public Health Nurse I to Public Health Nurse II – CCHS
Mr. Dick congratulated Ms. Hornblower on her promotion.

C. New Hires

- i. Blair Hedrick, 12/19/16, Office Assistant III in Vital Statistics – EPHP
Dr. Todd introduced Ms. Hedrick as the newest addition to the Vital Records Program and stated that she came to the Health Department from G4S Security Solutions. He praised her for her accomplishments and that he was pleased to have her as part of their team.

D. Retirements

- i. Sandi Bridges – 1/1/17, Office Support Specialist, Vital Statistics – 21 years – EPHP
Ms. Bridges was not in attendance.

7. Consent Items

Matters which the District Board of Health may consider in one motion. Any exceptions to the Consent Agenda must be stated prior to approval.

A. Approval of Draft Minutes

December 15, 2016

B. Budget Amendments/Interlocal Agreements/Purchases

- i. Approve the modification of the Community and Clinical Health Services immunization fee schedule to change the immunization administration fee to \$21.34.
Staff Representative: Nancy Kerns-Cummins

- ii. Presentation, discussion, and possible approval of an \$8,000 cash donation to supplement the Wood Stove Exchange Program administered by the University of Nevada, Reno Business Environmental Program
Staff Representative: Charlene Albee
 - iii. Retroactively approve Award from the Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) for the period January 11, 2017 through May 30, 2017 in the total amount of \$20,000 in support of the Environmental Health Services Division (EHS) Food Retail Program Standards Program – Electronic Food Inspection Form – Reports and Training Project, IO TBD; and if approved, authorize the District Health Officer to execute the Agreement.
Staff Representative: Patsy Buxton
 - iv. Retroactively approve Award from the Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) for the period January 11, 2017 through October 31, 2017 in the total amount of \$2,818 in support of the Environmental Health Services Division (EHS) Food Retail Program Standards Program – United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Pacific Region Retail Food Seminar and Western Association of Food and Drug Officials (WAFDO) Conference Project, IO TBD; and if approved, authorize the District Health Officer to execute the Agreement..
Staff Representative: Patsy Buxton
 - v. Retroactively approve Award from the Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) for the period January 11, 2017 through December 31, 2017 in the total amount of \$2,970 in support of the Environmental Health Services Division (EHS) Food Retail Program Standards Program – Food Establishment Inspection Placard Project, IO TBD; and if approved, authorize the District Health Officer to execute the Agreement.
Staff Representative: Patsy Buxton
 - vi. Approve FY17 Purchase Requisition #3000032104 issued to KPS3 (Request for Proposal #3001-17) in the amount of \$111,984 for Marketing, Advertising, and Media Buying Services for select Washoe County Health District Programs.
Staff Representative: Phil Ulibarri
- C. Recommendation for the Board to uphold an unappealed citation issued to Nevada Division of Forestry, Case No. 1192, Citation No. 5626 with a Supplemental Environmental Project as a negotiated settlement.
- i. Nevada Division of Forestry - Case No. 1192, Notice of Violation No. 5626
Staff Representative: Charlene Albee
- D. Consideration and possible approval of the Business Impact Statements regarding Proposed Revision of the Regulations of the Washoe County District Board of Health Governing Public Swimming Pool and Spa Operator Certification Program with a finding that the revised regulations do not impose a direct or significant economic burden on a business; nor do the revised regulations directly restrict the formation, operation or expansion of a business; and set a public hearing for possible adoption of the proposed revisions to the Regulations for February 23, 2017 at 1:00 pm.
- (This item was considered and approved by the District Board of Health on December 15, 2016. Due to an administrative error, the item was not properly noticed for public hearing for the January 26, 2017 meeting. To comply with NRS hearing regulations, it must be considered by the governing body at its regular meeting next preceding any

regular meeting held to adopt, so it is being presented for approval a second time so it may be scheduled for a public hearing at the February 23, 2017 meeting.)

Staff Representatives: Jim English and Wes Rubio

- E. Acknowledge receipt of the Health District Fund Financial Review for December Fiscal Year 2017

Staff Representative: Anna Heenan

Dr. Novak moved to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Kristopher Dahir seconded the motion which was approved six in favor and none against.

8. PUBLIC HEARING Review, discussion and possible approval of Proposed Repeal and Replacement of the Regulations of the Washoe County District Board of Health Governing Invasive Body Decoration.

Staff Representatives: Wes Rubio

Mr. Rubio, who presented the staff report, thanked Mr. Byron Collins for his dedication, support and work on the regulations, announcing that he assisted as co-author and advisor for this initiative.

The primary purpose for updating the regulations was for consistency with the national standards of practice and to create consistent terminology and applicability within the tattoo, piercing and removal industries in Washoe County.

While regulations exist in Washoe County, Carson, Douglas and southern Nevada, Mr. Rubio stated that currently the state of Nevada does not have any regulations governing this industry.

The state of Nevada reached out to Washoe County, asking for training and aid in developing statewide regulations while the Health District was researching and writing the proposed regulations within this report. Since that time, the state has proposed regulations intended to go before the legislature that are consistent with the report being proposed today.

Washoe County attended public workshops for the state with representatives from Carson, Douglas and southern Nevada, where there was no opposition to the proposed regulations written as they are.

If proposed repeal and replacement of these regulations are adopted, the Health District will work with all existing facilities and those requiring a permit to create a compliance timeline to allow each facility the time to meet the requirements. This will include additional notification and site visits as necessary to work with the facility to meet the intent of the regulations. As such, these regulations should not cause any existing facility to close or have any major permit issues. The regulations do require additional documentation of practices and assurances that equipment is functional.

Mr. Rubio stated that the Washoe County Environmental Health Division recommends that the District Board of Health repeal the existing regulations as originally approved on August 22, 2001, and replace with the proposed regulations of the Washoe County District Board of Health Governing Invasive Body Decoration and adoption of the fees detailed in the report.

Chair Jung opened the Public Hearing. As there was no one wishing to speak, Chair Jung closed the public comment period. Dr. Novak moved to approve the Repeal and Replacement of the Regulations of the Washoe County District Board of Health Governing Invasive Body Decoration. Dr. Hess seconded the motion which was approved six in favor and none against.

Chair Jung congratulated Mr. Rubio, stating that Washoe County Health District is a model for the state.

9. Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority

Presented by Don Vonarx

- A. Review and Acceptance of the REMSA Operations Reports for November, 2016
- B. *Update of REMSA's Community Activities during November, 2016
- C. Review and Acceptance of the REMSA Operations Reports for December, 2016
- D. *Update of REMSA's Community Activities during December, 2016

Mr. Vonarx stated that Mr. Romero will be attending the DBOH Meeting in February to present the operational update.

Mr. Vonarx indicated that there were two compliance reports for November and December being presented today.

He announced that there was gender information and demographics included in the report as had been requested by Dr. Hess.

Chair Jung noted that there were two action items, A and C, and asked Ms. Admirand if the items should be taken separately. Ms. Admirand said that they could be taken together.

Mr. Brown moved to approve items 9A and 9C, the Review and Acceptance of REMSA Operations for November and December. Mr. Dahir seconded the motion which was approved six in favor and none against.

10. *Regional Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board January Meeting Summary

Staff Representative: Christina Conti

Ms. Conti announced that this report is the summary of the quarterly EMS advisory board meeting held earlier in January.

In that meeting, it was determined that quarterly reports would no longer be produced formally through the Advisory Board, and would be replaced by a comprehensive annual data report with a mid-year briefing. Ms. Conti stated that if the Board wished, information on the actions of the EMS Advisory Board could continue to be presented on a quarterly basis at the DBOH Meetings.

She advised that the Regional Protocol Project is progressing well and they are pleased with the product produced by the consulting company and the direction of the region. Meetings will begin within the next few weeks.

11. Presentation, discussion and possible approval of the Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority (REMSA) Franchise Compliance Report for the period of 7/1/2015 through 6/30/2016.

Staff Representative: Brittany Dayton

Ms. Dayton presented this annual report of REMSA's adherence to requirements in the Franchise Agreement.

Included in the report was the completed compliance report, with copies of the compliance checklist available to the Board. The latter document is the tool used to track all information collected throughout the review period.

Ms. Dayton explained that the compliance report is structured similarly to the franchise agreement, including the seventeen franchise articles and associated sub-articles; also whether REMSA met the requirements as per the documentation collected by the Health District. She further explained that for each applicable article there is a narrative on the information provided and the analysis completed as appropriate.

For fiscal year 2015/2016, REMSA met all requirements except for Article 8.1, the average patient bill. REMSA reported their \$.04 overage at the December DBOH Meeting. The District Health Officer enacted Article 8.3 of the Franchise Agreement to address this overage. Ms. Dayton instructed that it is important to note that compliance with Article 8.3 cannot be determined until the next reporting period.

Ms. Dayton stated that, since REMSA has complied with the enactment of Article 8.3 and met the other requirements of the Franchise checklist, staff is recommending that the District Board of Health find REMSA in compliance with terms of the Franchise Agreement for fiscal year 2015-2016.

Dr. Novak asked the status of the CAD to CAD system. Ms. Dayton deferred to Chief Cochran of the Reno Fire Department. Chief Cochran stated that the City of Reno signed a contract with TriTech (Tiburon), and is waiting for TriTech to have time in their schedule to begin implementation of the process, approximately June or July of this year.

Since the City of Reno had been discussed as the entity to administer the implementation of the CAD to CAD, Chief Cochran informed that they'd signed the contract. The City of Reno will pay for the system and then discuss interest in co-funding the purchase with Washoe County and Sparks.

In order to keep the Board apprised, Ms. Conti indicated in a prior meeting that she would share the content of the EMS Advisory Board Meeting for the CAD to CAD update in her reports, provided by City of Reno IT. She said, with Mr. Dick's permission, she would forward the information to him to be forwarded to the Board.

Mr. Dick wished to thank Ms. Dayton for the rigor of the review that she's conducted for the REMSA compliance report. He stated that, historically, the Health District has been criticized for not being rigorous in the oversight of the Franchise Agreement. He drew attention to the two massive notebooks that Ms. Dayton has compiled in this research, as evidence of the in-depth review.

Chair Jung agreed with the assessment and stated that Ms. Dayton has developed credibility for the Health District with the public in the oversight of REMSA.

Kristopher Dahir expressed his appreciation in seeing the progress of our cities and the region as a direct result of the effort involved.

Mr. Brown moved to approve the Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority (REMSA) Franchise Compliance Report for the period of 7/1/2015 through 6/30/2016. Dr. Novak seconded the motion which was approved six in favor and none against.

12. Presentation and possible acceptance of a progress report on the 2016-2018 Strategic Plan

Staff Representative: Kevin Dick

Mr. Dick presented the Mission Statement and Strategic Direction that was established in the Strategic Plan and is now being implemented. The six strategic priorities are the basis of the Strategic Plan. He explained that this is an actively engaged process, including monthly meetings with the Division Directors and bi-monthly meetings with Division Supervisors to assess status across the initiatives that comprise the Action Plan.

Mr. Dick explained that there has been progress over the initial six months of the Plan. A 2020 target for 80% of children 19-35 months of age who received the recommended doses of vaccine has been exceeded as of the 2016 data. He congratulated the Health District immunization program and the immunization providers in the community, and stressed that work is ongoing to better those statistics.

Also, regarding the initiative to decrease the number of food insecure children, the

percentage has decreased from 27% in 2012 to 23.8% in 2014. Mr. Dick acknowledged that it is not a recent achievement with the data being from 2014, but efforts continue to further reduce the number.

The high school graduation rates have increased beyond the target set for 2018, with 2016 data reflecting a 77% graduation rate in the Washoe County schools.

Mr. Dick expressed that it was very encouraging to see the initiatives meeting and exceeding goals set in the Strategic Plan, and stressed that work will continue to better the lives of our citizens.

Mr. Dick then explained that there are initiatives that the Health District can claim as its sole achievement during this period. Under the priority of Organizational Capacity, strengthening our work force, the Administrative Health Services are encouraging staff to partake in professional development opportunities. This is being integrated into their performance evaluations and is currently part of the evaluation process.

The air quality monitoring network has been expanded with a new monitoring station installed at the Lazy 5 Park in Spanish Springs. Data is currently being collected for record, and there will be an open house planned to show the community this important expansion into an area that has developed significantly over the years.

Mr. Dick also stated that, in Community and Clinical Health Services, the Wolfpack Coach's Challenge was implemented with Washoe County Elementary Schools. They have achieved their goals and will continue to work with the school district as a recurring program.

In Environmental Health Services, the new risk-based form and inspection process for food establishments is being implemented.

The Epidemiology and Public Health Preparedness division has completed the Washoe County antibiogram, and it will now be created annually.

In the Office of the District Health Officer, recommendations for legislation were submitted to the Interim Legislative Committee on Healthcare for consideration this session. Mr. Dick also announced that staffing for Truckee Meadows Healthy Communities has been established with Sharon Zadra as the Project Director.

Dr. Hess congratulated Mr. Dick on the progress highlighted in the report, and asked if the initiatives were ongoing. Mr. Dick confirmed that the Strategic Plan is ongoing, the initiatives will continue to be monitored and the Board will be kept apprised of outcomes.

Chair Jung directed staff to include the Strategic Priorities in the agenda to assure that the items are related to the objectives set forth in the Strategic Plan.

Dr. Hess moved to accept the progress report on the 2016-2018 Strategic Plan. Mr. Silverman seconded the motion which was approved six in favor and none against.

13. Update regarding Bill Draft Requests and Bill Drafts for the 2017 Legislative session, and consideration and possible approval of District Board of Health Legislative Principles

Staff Representative: Kevin Dick

Mr. Dick noted that this report includes the Legislative Principals that were in the Board's packet and an additional document, the Nevada Legislative Session Update for the January DBOH Meeting that has been duly posted. With the Legislative Session beginning on February 6th, he stressed the importance of a clear understanding of the Board's principals regarding legislation by all those involved in the process.

In presenting the Washoe County Health District 2017 Legislative Principals, he explained it was developed as a guide to assist decision making by the Board and by Health District staff in response to events within the Legislature, such as amendments to bills and

new bills that occur between the DBOH monthly meetings.

Mr. Dick stated that a similar document was created for the 2015 Legislative Session, with the new document including influences of the Strategic Plan such as financial sustainability and the ability to build programs over time to positively impact the health in our community. Additional language regarding state funding per capita was included under the section for Long Term Sustainable Solutions, stressing the importance of the state increasing its investment in public health due to Nevada's ranking as 51st in the nation.

Mr. Dick emphasized that the Health District considers itself to be a partner with the state in implementing programs locally to enhance public health. The Governor announced the Controlled Substance Abuse Prevention Act that he will be introducing in the State of the State Address. Mr. Dick expressed the Health District's need to be meaningfully engaged in support of that initiative, recognizing that it must be a County level as well as State initiative. He spoke of the need to have resources locally to address behavioral health issues.

Chair Jung clarified that Board meetings aren't always an option to relay information on monitored items due to the rapid pace of Legislative activities. This Legislative Principals document is the guideline of values for staff members and lobbyist to base decisions upon and to explain the Health Department's position on a given item.

She also encouraged staff to use the subject matter experts on the Board to testify so as to clearly define and support the Health District's position on an issue. Chair Jung asked who the staff lead would be for BDR tracking, and Mr. Dick stated that he would work with Ms. Rogers who has that responsibility. She will utilize the Washoe County Bills Tracker system, assigning the bills to the appropriate divisions for review and comment, as well as who will be providing testimony.

Mr. Dick thanked Chair Jung for noting the importance of using the subject matter experts on the Board, that being one of his Strategic Plan initiatives.

Chair Jung stressed the importance of staff relaying all communication with an elected official at the state level to Mr. Dick. This information will then be disseminated to the Chief Lobbyist at the County, assuring the Health District is supporting a single position on any given subject.

Mr. Dick informed that he has registered as a lobbyist and would be available in that capacity during this session as well.

Dr. Novak asked if a spreadsheet would be developed of information on BDR's. Mr. Dick explained that there is one, but that he would wait to distribute it until more text was available to discern pertinence of the bills to the Health District.

Mr. Dahir asked if there were any items that the Health District was opposed to that should be watched. He'd noted that there were those items indicated for support or monitoring, but opined that any that were opposed were equally important.

Mr. Dick replied that there would be opposed items to watch before the end of the session. He indicated that some of the bills on the list may be among them. As an example, SB 60, which provides for Medicaid reimbursement for governmental entities in the Indian tribes for ambulance services, also seems to provide billing for advanced EMT and paramedics to stabilize a patient for transport. The question then would be if the provided services are already covered by taxes collected for that purpose.

Regarding SB 77, its purpose is to establish an evidence-based practice committee at the state level that would identify evidence based practices for school districts for safe respect to learning environments and bully-free and cyber bullying-free zones. The language does provide for the committee to approve other practices to be used in the schools, but it is not clear whether that provision is sufficient to support the needs of a school based on the

school's data, or if the school's data may not supported as an issue by the committee.

Chair Jung complimented Mr. Dick's summary of the issues.

Dr. Novak moved to accept the Update regarding Bill Draft Requests and Bill Drafts for the 2017 Legislative session, and the District Board of Health Legislative Principles. Mr. Dahir seconded the motion which was approved six in favor and none against.

14. *Staff Reports and Program Updates

A. Air Quality Management, Charlene Albee, Director

Program Update, Divisional Update, Program Reports

Ms. Albee stated that she had nothing to further to add, but was available to answer questions.

B. Community and Clinical Health Services, Steve Kutz, Director

Divisional Update – 2016 Year in Review; Patagonia Health, Safe Sleep Campaign; Data & Metrics; Program Reports

Mr. Kutz responded to a question asked at the December DBOH Meeting regarding flu immunization rates. The information, obtained from the state immunization program, indicates that Washoe County was at 27% overall coverage for flu in the 2015-2016 flu season, which is low in comparison with the nation. This year, the rate is currently at 19% coverage. Although legally required, Mr. Kutz explained that not all providers report immunization data to WebIZ, the state immunization registry. Per the Division of Public and Behavioral Health, an actual final number for this season is not given; but a number is settled upon based on data received.

Mr. Kutz shared his excitement that the goal of 80% of children under the age of two who have had the recommended immunizations in Washoe County has been exceeded. He noted that this has been a goal for many years and was pleased to see it attained. He reiterated Mr. Dick's statement that this is a continued effort to improve that percentage.

Mr. Kutz stated that Linda Gabor, Public Health Nursing Supervisor, Jan Houk, Public Health Nurse and he are members of the Safe Sleep Statewide Workgroup, and that the Southern Nevada Health District had just joined the Workgroup as well. Mr. Kutz informed that internet meetings have been held and that this is a collaborative effort to promote safe sleeping conditions for babies.

He was pleased to have the updated video and brochures produced by the Division of Public and Behavioral Health. This campaign stresses the importance of a separate sleeping space for the baby and keeping the sleeping space safe by excluding any item that could potentially prevent breathing. Chair Jung asked who made the video, and Mr. Kutz replied that it was the Cribs for Kids Campaign. The brochure and video are both available in Spanish.

Mr. Dahir asked how this information would be disseminated to the citizens of the County. Mr. Kutz explained that the Public Service Announcement will be published via radio and television, and brochures are distributed to doctor's offices and made available at the Health District clinics and at the WIC Program. The Maternal Child Health Coalition and other providers and service organizations also work to share this message with the public. The State Health Division funded the advertisement with the Nevada Broadcaster's Association with at least a two-for-one buy, assuring greater exposure of this information to the public. The exposure times are across a 24 hour period.

Mr. Dahir asked if these brochures could also be placed at the City of Sparks and City of Reno, and Mr. Kutz confirmed that he would be happy to provide them for distribution.

Chair Jung noted that since REMSA is a major partner in this initiative, she would assume that REMSA and fire and other first responders would have these brochures due to their exposure to those at risk. Mr. Kutz confirmed that REMSA does have the brochures, and would check with the Workgroup about fire, police and other first responders.

In response to Chair Jung's directive to utilize the experts on the Board for testimony at the Legislature or in other communications requiring an expert, Mr. Kutz confirmed that the practice is in place at CCHP. He gave the example of requesting Dr. Hess' expertise during the syphilis outbreak a few years past, and that they enlist the contracted medical consultants in dealing with other physicians in the community.

C. Environmental Health Services, Bob Sack, Director

EHS Division and Program Updates – Childcare, Food, Invasive Body Decoration (IBD), Land Development, Vector-Borne Disease and Waste Management

Mr. Sack thanked the EHS staff for their efforts and flexibility in response to the flood event, and explained that they were diverted from their daily responsibilities to assess damage in the flood damaged areas related to permitted facilities.

Mr. Sack then reported that Sutcliffe, on the Pyramid Indian Tribe Reservation, had lost its access to water during the flood event. He commended members of his staff, Jim English and Wes Rubio, for their work with TMWA in organizing a temporary water supply for the area.

He went on to praise TMWA for the major role they played in this effort. TMWA mobilized their equipment and personnel, and worked extensively to repair the water system. Mr. Sack explained that the water system at Sutcliffe is not TMWA's responsibility, but they did a phenomenal job in taking the initiative in this effort.

Chair Jung opined that this may be an opportunity for a special interest story to highlight TMWA's exemplary efforts. Mr. Sack agreed, and stated that their response was immediate, robust, and seemingly without regard to expense.

Dr. Novak asked the Board's opinion on extending thanks to TMWA. Mr. Sack opined that TMWA deserves recognition, whether it is the DBOH or the BCC that does so.

Mr. Dick suggested that TMWA could be invited to be recognized for their actions at the next DBOH Meeting, and the Board responded positively.

Mr. Dahir stated he appreciated observing the cohesiveness of the responders who worked to mitigate the effects of the flood, and complimented the EHS Division for their part. Mr. Sack stressed that EHS was one part of the effort, and agreed with his observation that all components worked well together.

D. Epidemiology and Public Health Preparedness, Dr. Randall Todd, Director

Program Updates for Communicable Disease, Public Health Preparedness, and Emergency Medical Services

Dr. Todd presented his report on the issue of Zika virus in the area, stating that there were no locally acquired cases as there has been no mosquito vector here. Among the 59 returning travelers that have been tested, five were identified as cases. One of these was a pregnant woman whose case has been followed. The child was born on January 11th, and thus far is healthy. Both mother and child continue to be monitored due to Zika-

associated problems that can manifest over time. He was pleased that the initial outcome appears to be positive.

Dr. Todd stated that EPHP has had an article published in the Morbidity Mortality Weekly Report. He went on to explain that in his years in this division there have been some MMWR publications, but never one that has generated this level of media interest. Thus far there have been approximately 20 interviews. Reporters have reached out from as far away as Great Britain.

Dr. Todd indicated that there had been a typographical error in the original report on the expanded surveillance of carbapenem-resistant bacteria. NAC 441A.234 had been referenced, but it should have been NAC 441A.235.

Chair Jung congratulated both Dr. Todd and Dr. Chen for the publication, noting it as a tremendous accomplishment.

Chair Jung inquired as to what phase of the flu season we are in. Dr. Todd opined that we are approaching the middle of the season. He stated that it began with a significant number of flu cases but has appeared to have moderated somewhat. Also, Dr. Todd indicated that it could appear as though the season had peaked, but that another incidence was possible.

Chair Jung's inquired whether Dr. Todd would still recommend being vaccinated for the flu, and he replied that he would. In the instance someone has already had the flu, Dr. Todd stated that one should still be vaccinated because of the protection it offers for the different strains of the virus.

E. Office of the District Health Officer, Kevin Dick, District Health Officer

District Health Officer Report – 2017 Washoe Flood, Regional License/Permits Program, Quality Improvement, Public Health Accreditation, Community Health Improvement Plan, Truckee Meadows Healthy Communities, Other Events and Activities and Health District Media Contacts

Mr. Dick commended Mr. Sack for his involvement in the flood response at the Regional Emergency Operations Center and the Sparks Emergency Operations Center where he was part of the leadership team.

Mr. Dick also acknowledged the Public Health Preparedness and Emergency Management System teams who provided staffing at the REOC during the lengthy level three activation. They also provided significant support with WebEOC, the software platform used for communicating and documenting information during an emergency response. Many of the responders were not proficient in the usage of WebEOC, so the support our members provided was highly beneficial. Mr. Dick stated that Dr. Todd built a damage assessment board for the region to use during the event.

Mr. Dick also recognized Mr. Ulibarri who participated as part of the Joint Information Center in facilitating regional communications, and who participated with the tour for the state damage assessment team. He will also assist the FEMA damage assessment team.

Mr. Dick presented slides of the flood damage. He commented that Crosby's Lodge at Pyramid Lake is regulated by the Board of Health as part of Washoe County, and while it was not damaged, reservation land received extensive damage.

A slide shown of the water tanks at Sutcliffe, made available for the area by EPHP, were originally purchased to provide potable water to hospitals.

By Horseman's Park, an image was taken by our staff of the very large accumulation of water at that area. Public Works was notified to respond to the situation.

There were other images presented of washouts on roads that lead out to the ranches, and other flood damage in northern Washoe County by Red Rock, Rancho Haven and Sun Valley.

The last slide was of the quarterly Family Health Festival held by Truckee Meadows Healthy Communities on 1/25/2017 at Reno Town Mall. A variety of services were available for the benefit community members.

Mr. Dick stated that the Truckee Meadows Healthy Communities held a forum on 1/12/2017 for Affordable Housing for the region. Enterprise Community Partners facilitated the meeting. A consensus was developed that affordable housing for the region is a continuum of housing addressing needs for the homeless, supportive housing services, affordable housing for disadvantaged, low income populations, through the range of housing to support the workforce. It was agreed that another meeting would be necessary to structure a strategic plan for the implementation of these initiatives. The organization for this meeting is under way.

Mr. Dick had an additional comment on the flood, commending Lyon County for their part in providing their potable water haulers to truck water from Spanish Springs to Pyramid Lake. He commented that it was truly a regional effort to support the tribe. Mr. Dick noted that most of the efforts were over the weekend, which made the response of participants in the effort all the more commendable.

Mr. Dahir stated that he'd been unaware of the Affordable Housing meeting, and asked if a representative from the Truckee Meadows Healthy Community could present at the City Council of Sparks to inform of any upcoming meetings. Mr. Dick explained the last event had been by invitation to limit the number of attendees due to the size of the venue, but that it was attended by a cross section of County. He informed that Sparks had been represented by Mayor Pro Tem, Ron Smith, Armando Ornelas from City of Sparks and Jim Rundle from Planning.

15. *Board Comment

Limited to announcements or issues for future agendas.

Mr. Silverman announced that this would be his last Board meeting. He expressed his appreciation of the opportunity to serve on the Board, and that he was thankful to have worked with the staff, Division Directors and Board members. He observed that it was a very complex, comprehensive organization. He thanked Mr. Dick and his team for their work. Mr. Silverman opined that it was important to have diversity on the Board and would be happy to assist the Board within the area of his expertise.

Chair Jung stated that Mr. Silverman would be missed, and that sentiment was expressed by the other members of the Board.

Chair Jung requested that Environmental Health, because of their close work with restaurateurs, be aware of anyone in the industry that would be interested in becoming a District Board of Health member.

16. *Public Comment

As there was no one wishing to speak, Chair Jung closed the public comment period.

17. Adjournment

Chair Jung adjourned the meeting at 2:18 p.m.

Possible Changes to Agenda Order and Timing. Items on the agenda may be taken out of order, combined with other items, withdrawn from the agenda, moved to the agenda of another later meeting; moved to or from the Consent section, or they may

be voted on in a block. Items with a specific time designation will not be heard prior to the stated time, but may be heard later. Items listed in the Consent section of the agenda are voted on as a block and will not be read or considered separately unless withdrawn from the Consent agenda.

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Public Comment. During the “Public Comment” items, anyone may speak pertaining to any matter either on or off the agenda, to include items to be heard on consent. For the remainder of the agenda, public comment will only be heard during items that are not marked with an asterisk (*). Any public comment for hearing items will be heard before action is taken on the item and must be about the specific item being considered by the Board. In order to speak during any public comment, each speaker must fill out a “Request to Speak” form and/or submit comments for the record to the Recording Secretary. Public comment and presentations for individual agenda items are limited as follows: fifteen minutes each for staff and applicant presentations, five minutes for a speaker representing a group, and three minutes for individual speakers unless extended by questions from the Board or by action of the Chair.

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