

Washoe County District Board of Health Meeting Minutes

Members

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

**Thursday, August 23, 2018
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 1:00 p.m.

The following members and staff were present:

Members present: Kitty Jung, Chair
Dr. George Hess
Oscar Delgado
Kristopher Dahir
Tom Young (arrived 1:02 p.m.)

Members absent: Dr. John Novak, Vice Chair
Michael Brown

Ms. Rogers verified a quorum was present.

Staff present: Kevin Dick, District Health Officer, ODHO
Leslie Admirand, Deputy District Attorney
Charlene Albee
Chad Westom
Dr. Randall Todd
Christina Conti
Catrina Peters
Lisa Lottritz

2. *Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Dow led the pledge to the flag.

3. *Public Comment

Chair Jung opened the public comment period

Mr. Steve Fanning, owner of Dulce Delites, stated that he has been in business for approximately fifteen years after having taken advantage of a sidewalk vendors program

through the City of Reno. He explained that he manufactures Italian ices and his operating permit fee had increased from \$265 last year to \$817 this year. He stated that the permit rate for his 3' x 6' cart without any cooking equipment is the same as would be charged for a forty foot food truck with a full kitchen. He opined that the lack of categories within the permit fee structure to more fairly bill the various types of food vendors makes it difficult on these small business owners and requested an explanation.

Chair Jung informed that no action or comment could be made at this meeting, but that Mr. Fanning would be contacted by staff.

Chair Jung closed the public comment period.

4. Approval of Agenda

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Chair Jung noted that Mr. Dick would inform the Board of an edit to the agenda prior to a vote of acceptance.

Mr. Dick informed the grant amount for item 6Bv within the Consent Agenda is correct but that the 10% match amount should be \$36,568.70. He informed that Ms. Admirand has advised the information within the grant documentation should be sufficient to allow the Board to act on the item.

Chair Jung directed that a motion to approve the Consent Agenda would need to include the correct 10% match amount of \$36,568.70 for Item 6Bv.

Mr. Dahir moved to approve the agenda for the August 23, 2018, District Board of Health regular meeting. Mr. Delgado seconded the motion which was approved five in favor and none against.

5. Recognitions

A. Retirements

i. Jim Shaffer, 8/3/2018, Vector Control Coordinator – EHS

Mr. Dick informed Mr. Shaffer has been the Vector Control Coordinator for many years and has done a wonderful job with the challenging mosquito abatement activities for the region. Mr. Dick stated the Mr. Shaffer has recently retired from the Health District and congratulated him on his retirement.

B. Years of Service

i. Kimberly Graham, 20 years, Hired 8/31/1998 - CCHS

Mr. Dick informed Ms. Graham had been hired by the County in 1998 and joined the Health District two years ago. He stated that the Health District has been happy to have her working productively in the Community and Clinical Health Services and congratulated Ms. Graham on her twenty years of service.

C. New Hires

i. Kara Roseburrough, Office Support Specialist, 8/6/2018 - CCHS

ii. Mercedes Soubiea, Public Health Investigator II, 8/20/2018 – EPHP

iii. Allison Schleicher, Public Health Investigator II, 8/20/2018 – CCHS

iv. Jacqueline Gonzalez, Advance Practice Registered Nurse, 8/20/2018 – CCHS

Mr. Dick informed that he would like to have Ms. Lottritz introduce the new hires for CCHS.

Ms. Lottritz stated that CCHS welcomes Ms. Roseburrough who has transferred to them from the Sheriff's Office as an Office Support Specialist. She informed that Ms. Roseburrough previously worked as a medical biller and will back up that function in CCHS and that her great attitude and friendliness make her a wonderful addition to their team.

Ms. Lottritz informed that Ms. Schleicher is the new Public Health Investigator II for the Sexual Health Program and is a recent graduate from UNR's Master of Public Health Program. She informed that, prior to working for Washoe County, Ms. Schleicher was a Youth Tobacco Prevention Coordinator for the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health where she worked to create the Tobacco Merchant Education Program to lower the rate of youth accessing tobacco products.

Ms. Lottritz introduced Ms. Gonzalez as the new Advance Practice Registered Nurse for the Sexual Health Program and informed that she has a Master's Degree in Nurse Education and a Post Master's Degree as a Family Nurse Practitioner from Gonzaga University. She stated that, following graduation for her Nurse Practitioner Degree, Ms. Gonzales worked in Winnemucca and Lovelock developing patient care programs and worked as a Primary Care Provider at Renown and at a local urgent care facility.

Mr. Dick requested Dr. Todd to introduce the new Public Health Investigator II for EPHP.

Dr. Todd introduced Ms. Soubiea and informed that she comes to EPHP from the Human Services Agency, Child Protective Services, where she investigated child abuse and neglect. He explained she would now be investigating infectious diseases. Dr. Todd expressed they were pleased to welcome her to EPHP.

D. Shining Star

i. Kim Franchi - EHS

Mr. Dick reminded the Board that the Shining Star Awards are to recognize exceptional customer service or performance in the Health District, and that nominations can come from either external customers or staff. He wished to recognize Ms. Franchi, an Environmental Health Specialist, and informed that she received three Shining Star Awards from professional colleagues, a business that she inspects, and for her efficiency in performance of her inspections.

Mr. Dick stated that being a regulator in the field is a difficult job and he was pleased to see her nominated for her interactions in the field in particular, and congratulated her on her recognitions.

Chair Jung agreed that for an inspector to be nominated by a business she inspects speaks volumes about her character and work ethic.

6. 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

i. July 26, 2018

B. Budget Amendments/Interlocal Agreements

i. Retroactive Approval of Notice of Grant Award #5U18FD006275-02 from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for the period 7/1/18 through 6/30/19 in the total amount of \$70,000 for the Advancing Conformance with the Voluntary National

Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards program within Environmental Health Services, IO 11088 and authorize the District Health Officer to execute the subgrant award.

Staff Representative: Jennifer Pierce

- ii. Retroactive approval of Grant Agreement #A-00905418-1 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for funding increase in the amount of \$136,913 for the period 10/1/17 through 9/30/18 for the Air Quality Management, EPA Air Pollution Control Program, IO 10019.

Staff Representative: Jennifer Pierce

- iii. Accept monetary donation [\$10.00] to Washoe County Health District's Vital Statistics Program retroactive from July 25, 2018; express appreciation for the contribution.

Staff Representative: Jennifer Pierce

- iv. Retroactive approval of Notice of Subgrant Award from the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health, for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 in the total amount of \$920,693 (with \$92,069.30 or 10% match) in support of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Public Health Preparedness Program; and if approved authorize the District Health Officer to execute the Subgrant Award.

Staff Representative: Jennifer Pierce

- v. Retroactive approval of Notice of Subgrant Award from the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health, for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 in the total amount of \$365,687 (with \$33,244 or 10% match) in support of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) Public Health Preparedness Program. Approval of authorization to travel and travel reimbursements for non-County employees that are Inter-Hospital Coordinating Council (IHCC) Coalition members (to be designated by IHCC leadership) in an amount not to exceed \$10,695 to attend the Health Care Coalition Conferences (dates to be determined); and if approved authorize the District Health Officer to execute the Subgrant Award. – **(10% match amount corrected to \$36,568.70)**

Staff Representative: Jennifer Pierce

- C. Recommendation for the Board to uphold an unappealed citation issued to Washoe County Community Services Department – Utility Services, Case No. 1202, Notice of Violation Citation No. 5670, with a \$1,190.00 negotiated fine.

- i. Washoe County Community Services Department, Utility Services, Case No. 1202, Notice of Violation Citation No. 5670

Staff Representative: Charlene Albee

- D. Acknowledge receipt of the Health Fund Financial Review for July, Fiscal Year 2018

Staff Representative: Anna Heenan

Dr. Hess moved to accept the Consent Agenda to include the correction of the 10% match amount to \$36,568.70 for Item 6Bv. Mr. Delgado seconded the motion which was approved five in favor and none against.

7. Discussion and possible appointment of Consumer at Large to the REMSA Board of Directors as the District Board of Health Appointed Representative.

i. Scott Benton

ii. Melanie Flores

Staff Representative: Christina Conti

Ms. Conti explained that there had been a resignation from the REMSA Board this year and an open recruitment had been initiated which resulted in the two candidates that would present a three minute overview of their qualifications at this meeting.

Mr. Benton informed that he is currently a full time Case Manager at the Homeless Shelter, explaining that he enjoys his job which is the reason for his application to the REMSA Board.

Mr. Benton stated he serves to help the most vulnerable population of the community and it is his passion to give back to the community through philanthropy. He informed prior to his current position, he served in other medical capacities to include Medical Assistant for a prominent family practice doctor who later became the State Health Officer.

After that position, Mr. Benton informed he had gone on to obtain a degree in psychology and had worked his way up to Practice Manager of a local multi-specialty group. He then worked at Renown as Secretary to the Chief Nursing Officer.

Mr. Benton explained his adoption of his third child this year prompted him to pursue a more fulfilling career which led him to his current position as a Case Manager to a very dedicated and passionate group of people in the Northern Nevada region.

He stated his reason for applying to this Board was his observation that REMSA ambulance service is over-utilized at his place of work and opined if a response team were formed to educate the population of more appropriate avenues for non-emergent issues such as the Nurse Hotline, it would free ambulance service for the more urgent calls.

Mr. Benton stated he would like to provide his services to the REMSA Board and detailed the Boards and Commissions he is involved with. He opined his partnership with these entities would be of benefit in the effort to direct citizens to the appropriate level of healthcare.

Ms. Flores informed she decided to apply for this position on the REMSA Board due to her belief that she can offer a unique perspective, not only as a consumer but also through her multi-governmental and community-level experience.

She informed that she has been an evaluator, Program Coordinator, Program Manager for the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health, had worked for the Washoe County Health District on the Community Health Improvement Plan, and that she is currently a Field Education Coordinator at UNR in the School of Community Health Sciences. Her other capacities include Community Organizer for the Harm Reduction Coalition, a volunteer Coordinator for Northern Nevada Hopes, has had a twelve year career in commercial radio as an on-air personality and Program Director.

Ms. Flores stated she has State, County and community level experience and has often been a champion for using community-based practitioners as a solution to public health problems. She provided examples of this practice and the skills she would bring to the table, and informed of her Masters in Social Work.

Ms. Flores stated she is impressed with REMSA for their efforts in the community's access to health care, reducing inappropriate use of emergency departments and unnecessary medical treatment. She expressed she hopes to bring her unique perspective to the Board and to support REMSA's innovative approaches, leveraging her partnerships within the community.

Chair Jung wished to state for the record that Mr. Benton had been the Medical Director for her family practice doctor and inquired of Ms. Admirand if that constituted a conflict of interest that would prevent her from voting on this item. Ms. Admirand stated that it did not, and that Chair Jung would be able to vote.

Mr. Dahir expressed it was a benefit to have two highly qualified candidates for a position, as this is not always the case. He stated that the grant work outlined in Ms. Flores' resume was important to him due to grant funding being so vital to operating capital.

Mr. Delgado opined that both candidates are very strong and impressive, and both have stories that allude to each of them being able to represent the District Board of Health capably on the REMSA Board. He opined that Ms. Flores' experience and community ties would be a good fit for the REMSA Board.

Chair Jung opined that the qualifications of both candidates indicate to her that they will eventually run for office, noting that she would support them if they should choose to do so.

Mr. Delgado moved to appoint Ms. Flores as the Consumer at Large to the REMSA Board of Directors as the District Board of Health Appointed Representative. Mr. Dahir seconded the motion which was approved five in favor and none against.

Chair Jung stated that it had been a difficult choice between the two candidates and reiterated her willingness to assist should they run for office. She encouraged Mr. Benton to continue to apply for appointment and welcomed Ms. Flores to the REMSA Board.

8. Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority

Presented by: Dean Dow

A. Review and Acceptance of the REMSA Operations Report for July, 2018

Mr. Dow stated he wished to highlight two items under public education efforts of REMSA.

Chair Jung opened the public comment period.

Chair Jung inquired what the procedure is for charting and reporting the use of Naloxone or NARCAN when used in an emergency opioid overdose situation. She stated that information could be brought back to the Board at a later meeting if necessary, and that she intended to ask all emergency responders for this information.

Mr. Heinz informed that these data elements go through the State due to their requirement to report through NEMESIS, (the National EMS Information System) but was not sure what the State does with that data. He informed of other internal initiatives being developed to track data, as well as using First Watch, a bio-surveillance system that may be able to be used to track these trends.

Chair Jung closed public comment.

Dr. Hess moved to accept the REMSA Operations Report for July 2018. Mr. Young seconded the motion which was approved five in favor and none against.

B. *Update of REMSA's Public Relations during July 2018

Mr. Dow informed this month REMSA has soft launched their Pulse Point Application to allow CPR trained individuals in Washoe County to sign up through Pulse Point which gives them the ability to be alerted when someone nearby in a public location suffers from a cardiac arrest. Mr. Dow informed that this is a national application that has been in operation over approximately the last year. He noted that adult trained CPR individuals nationally number around 57% of the population, but only 11% indicate they have ever used their

training. Mr. Dow opined this is a stellar use of technology to bring the benefit of a trained individual to the site of a cardiac arrest victim in a timely manner. He informed there is a counter on the PulsePoint.org website that shows the number of times a responder was activated nationally within the past twenty-four hours and stated that there had been forty-eight activations so far that day.

Chair Jung requested Mr. Dow to explain how the application works. Mr. Dow informed PulsePoint is a nationally based application for Smartphones. The individual signs up through PulsePoint and indicates their CPR Training. Then, through the 911 System, not only are first responders and EMS alerted, a person signed up through PulsePoint can be alerted of a person within a nearby public location has potentially suffered a cardiac arrest. Persons signed up for PulsePoint are not authorized to go into private residences or businesses at this time, but that potential may be realized in the future.

Mr. Dow informed that there have been three videos recorded within the month; back to school safety in Washoe County, how to stay safe at special events and wellness information for those that are returning to college campuses. He stated these videos are placed on REMSA's website, Facebook, and their recently launched YouTube channel.

Mr. Dahir noted an item in the REMSA report regarding Uber ambulances and inquired if this service was available in the area. Mr. Dow responded that they are not seeing a trend at this time in Washoe County, but it is a topic being discussed nationally. He stated there is a significant amount of interest in interfacing healthcare organizations with Uber and Lyft and how they can be utilized within the healthcare system for non-emergent patients. Mr. Dow informed that conversations regarding this interface are being held locally and he expects to see it evolve over the next few years.

Mr. Dahir inquired if it would be beneficial to proactively work toward this goal. Mr. Dow informed that conversations regarding this type of utilization are being engaged in currently. He stated that the east coast is approximately eighteen months ahead of the western states in this effort and are being observed in order to learn from their processes.

Chair Jung inquired if Ms. Conti might be able to research best practices on being able to utilize Uber and/or Lyft drivers to transport non-emergent patients in the event of a mass casualty incident. Ms. Conti informed that this initiative was incorporated two years ago in their Regional EMS Strategic Plan as a Strategic Planning Item.

9. Presentation and possible acceptance of the annual progress report on the 2017-2020 Strategic Plan.

Staff Representative: Kevin Dick

Chair Jung requested Mr. Dick to announce the date of the upcoming Strategic Planning Retreat.

Mr. Dick noted that this item is the Health District's Annual Progress Report for the Strategic Plan and informed that there has been great progress made over the period from July 2017 through June 30, 2018. He stated this progress was made possible by the continuous efforts of staff, Division Directors and Supervisors to work toward the Initiatives of this living document. Mr. Dick highlighted Ms. Peters' hard work and diligence as the shepherd of the Strategic Plan and introduced her to present the year's Strategic Plan achievements.

Mr. Dick informed the next phase of the Strategic Plan is the Board's Strategic Planning Refresh Retreat, scheduled for November 1st. He stated an agreement is being negotiated between Washoe County Health District and OnStrategy for them to facilitate that meeting.

Ms. Peters informed there were many accomplishments achieved in FY18 that staff are very excited about. She stated there are 171 items in the Strategic Plan and 158 of those

were either achieved or are on target, and that she would cover the accomplishments by each of the six Strategic Priorities.

Under the first Priority, Healthy Lives, all thirty-five items are either on track or achieved. Ms. Peters highlighted the Community and Clinical Health Services Chronic Disease group that had significant achievements in their Wolfpack Coaches Challenge with the focus on classroom environment, encouraging students to eat healthier and be more physically active. She stated they had eleven more classes participate this year vs. last year, for a total of sixty-seven classes participating.

Ms. Peters informed of the WIC Farmer's Market, onsite at the 9th Street Washoe County complex, and spoke of the benefit to the WIC clients as well as nearby citizens to have access to fresh fruits and vegetables within the food desert that exists in this area.

Chair Jung inquired if County employees could also utilize the Farmer's Market, and Ms. Peters confirmed that to be correct.

Ms. Peters spoke of successful media campaigns through the CCHS group such as the We Order Well campaign, Go Before You Show, and some Sexual Health and Family Planning campaigns.

Regarding Priority 2, Healthy Environment, Ms. Peters noted that twenty-five of the twenty-eight items are on track or achieved. One of the key highlights is that Washoe County was designated as meeting attainment for the Ozone Standard, noting its importance for keeping the population healthy and supporting economic growth in the area.

Ms. Peters informed there had been a Waste Characterization Study completed and posted on the Washoe County Health District's website.

Ms. Peters spoke of the successful campaign implemented to reduce inappropriate 911 calls, informing the campaign is in its first phase with more work to come.

Under Priority 3, Local Culture of Health, twenty-nine of the thirty items are on track or achieved. Ms. Peters stated some of the key highlights under this Priority include the passing of a Smoke-free Parks Ordinance, the completion of the 2018-2020 Community Health Improvement Plan, seven community-wide informational reports were published, and a Healthy Living Mural was completed in cooperation with Reno Housing Authority and unveiled at an event with great participation from the media and community members.

Ms. Peters informed there had been strong media coverage, media campaigns and an incredible amount of utilization of the Health District website during the last fiscal year.

Under the fourth Priority, Impactful Partnerships, Ms. Peters informed that twenty-five of the thirty-one items are on track or achieved. She stated that one highlight is that the average G.I. outbreak duration at the School District was reduced.

Ms. Peters stated that the 2017 Youth Risk Behavior Survey showed improvements in the rate of risky behavior in high school and middle school students. She noted that there were not improvements in the reduction of bullying or use of certain substances, but that there were positive improvements overall.

Other highlights include the continued implementation of the EMS Five Year Strategic Plan, continued engagement with Truckee Meadows Healthy Communities with the District Health Officer providing co-leadership, and the County Health Rankings Event hosted by the Washoe County Health District which was well attended and covered extensively by the media.

Concerning Priority 5, Financial Stability, Ms. Peters informed that eight of the nine items are on track or achieved. She informed that the Health District had been successful in increasing the budget amount per capita which was largely due to fee increases.

Ms. Peters noted that one of the items not on track is the discussion with the County to

increase the amount of the General Fund Transfer to rebase the Health District for pay increases and Cost of Living Adjustment expenses. She stated that efforts are ongoing to resolve this issue.

Under Organizational Capacity, Priority 6, thirty-six of the thirty eight items are on track or achieved. Across the Health District, Ms. Peters informed that 90% of performance reviews were completed on time.

Ms. Peters stated that the Health District continues to implement the Workforce Development Plan and this summer offered a two part training for managing change in alignment with the Plan. She informed the trainings were well attended and feedback from staff was positive.

Ms. Peters informed that progress toward Accreditation submission continues and is on track to submit the required documents by the October 1 deadline due to the efforts of the Accreditation Team.

Mr. Young opined that the progress on this Strategic Plan is outstanding. He inquired of those items that had not been achieved, which is the most challenging item on the list. Ms. Peters informed that some of the items not on track or achieved were due to timing and some are due to external partners. The remaining items are in progress, she informed, but were not complete at the end of the fiscal year. She stated there is a complete list of items that were not achieved at the back of the report.

Ms. Peters informed the Accreditation Team wanted to request the Board's permission to remove certain items from the Strategic Plan. She detailed the items, and after discussion, it was determined that the items would be discussed at the Strategic Planning Retreat to determine how to manage them.

Chair Jung opined there was no need to make a motion at this time, but that the items suggested for removal from the Strategic Plan would be discussed under the direction of the OnStrategy facilitator in a more informal setting. She expressed her appreciation to Ms. Peters of the hard work represented in her presentation, as well as the difficult task of narrowing the focus of the Strategic Plan items for the best impact.

10. *Staff Reports and Program Updates

A. Air Quality Management, Charlene Albee, Director

Program Update, Divisional Update, Program Reports

Ms. Albee informed of the receipt of an email from Dr. Judy Chow at the Desert Research Institute (DRI) who wished to express her appreciation for the equipment donated by AQM through the actions of the Board at the last DBOH Meeting. Dr. Chow stated she was especially thankful for Craig Peterson and Daniel Timmons of the Monitoring Staff for facilitating the delivery of the equipment. She expressed that they would be able to make good use of all of the equipment and would use the 2.5 monitors to conduct rooftop sampling during fire season to quantify brown and black carbon.

Ms. Albee opined the act of donating the equipment has continued to strengthen the partnership between AQM and DRI, informing that Dr. Chow offered the use of their equipment for any special studies AQM might have.

Mr. Dahir requested an update regarding the relocation of the air monitoring station. Ms. Albee informed AQM owns a monitoring station in downtown Reno, east of Bertha Miranda's Restaurant on Mill Street, and that the City of Reno had received an unsolicited offer to build a housing development on that city-owned property. She informed the City has not finalized the agreement on the development plans, so the timeline is not definite at this point. She stated that staff has been working diligently and

various site opportunities have been explored.

Ms. Albee informed AQM believes they have a site for the monitor at Libby Booth Elementary School, and that the School District was excited for the opportunity of having an air monitoring site on their property for educational opportunities for the STEM Academy. She stated the Principal uses AirNow daily to make sure air quality is safe for students to play outside, and is excited that he would have the most precise data available to him.

Ms. Albee informed she believes that the Administration of the Washoe County School District has given approval for the monitoring site to be located at Libby Booth Elementary, so work is now underway to finalize the interlocal agreements and start site drawings and preparation. She stated that one of the largest expenses would be installation of underground power to the monitor which may be required due to the site being located on a school property.

In a conversation with the City of Reno, Ms. Albee informed that, even if the proposed development doesn't occur, the City would still be interested in having the monitoring site moved from their property which could cost AQM approximately \$280,000.

Ms. Albee stated this expense would not be able to be supported by Air Quality Management's budget and that she may be coming before the District Board of Health and the City of Reno to ask for financial assistance to relocate this vital monitoring system. She informed that this monitor is crucial to monitor and identify pollutants that EPA uses as modeling for health impacts and is AQM's Ozone designation site.

Mr. Dahir requested Ms. Albee to speak to the timing of this move and for the monitor to be in place to use its data. Ms. Albee informed that AQM has been working with EPA and, in the interlocal agreement with Reno, it sites that there can be up to one year of co-located operations. With the timing being uncertain as to when a developer might want to begin work, AQM has requested EPA and they have agreed to reduce the allowed length of co-located time, but the time frame isn't defined yet.

Mr. Delgado informed that the urbanization of the area will continue to restrict where monitoring sites can be placed, but that it was hoped that the relocation of the monitor could be paid for, at least in part, by the developer. He informed that he would do his best to help with funding for the move, and opined the Libby Booth location might provide grant opportunities for the educational aspect of the monitor's location at the school.

Ms. Albee stated that, when there is the need to move a monitor, AQM usually has time to incorporate the monitor's new location into the Network Monitoring Plan that is submitted to EPA and grant funding can be available through them. With the time constraints of this relocation, EPA funding probably will not be available.

Dr. Hess inquired why the City of Reno could not direct the developer to wait until the relocation of the monitor could be accomplished.

Ms. Albee informed that the agreement with the developer may not come to fruition, but the City of Reno wants the monitor to be removed, regardless.

Dr. Hess inquired what the footprint of the monitoring station is, and Ms. Albee informed that it is approximately thirty by forty square feet.

Mr. Young inquired how the negative impacts to health are gauged in relation to poor air quality. Ms. Albee informed that AQM doesn't have access to statistics on admissions to the emergency room, but believes that Renown is tracking the correlation between admissions and poor air quality.

Mr. Dick informed that it was REMSA that was tracking their call volume in relation to poor air quality, and they had reported a twenty-five percent increase in responses for respiratory issues.

Dr. Hess informed that he had seen studies done on the direct correlation between air quality and related hospital admissions and deaths approximately ten years ago that he could bring back to the Board.

Mr. Dick informed Dr. Lei Chen, Epidemiology Program Manager for EPHP, did research on this subject when she was studying at UNR prior to her employment the Health District.

Chair Jung requested there be a proactive review of monitoring sites where the Health District is benefiting from the generosity of low or no cost leases and begin planning for relocation or the renegotiation of lease amounts to prevent issues similar to the one being experienced now.

Chair Jung requested research to be done on case law regarding the possibility of suing the State of California for the lack of forest management and to compensate the Health District for the staff time necessary to produce and present the Exceptional Events Packages to the EPA.

Ms. Albee informed she would work with the District Attorney on these requests.

Mr. Delgado left the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

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

Divisional Update – National Immunization Awareness Month; Data & Metrics; Program Reports

Ms. Lottritz informed she had nothing to add to the report but was available to answer any questions.

C. Environmental Health Services, Chad Westom, Director

Environmental Health Services (EHS) Division and Program Updates – Training, Epidemiology, Community Development, Food, Special Events, Hotel/Motel, Land Development, Safe Drinking Water, Vector-Borne Disease, Waste Management and Inspections

Mr. Westom informed he had nothing to add to his report but would be happy to answer any questions.

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

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

Dr. Todd highlighted a food-borne outbreak caused by *clostridium perfringens* enterotoxin from his report. He informed that, according to the CDC, this is one of the most common causes of food-borne illness in the United States at approximately one million cases per year. It is a spore-forming bacterium common in foods that are prepared in large quantities and not kept at appropriate temperatures. He stated this seems to be the case in this outbreak of 132 employees who became ill.

Mr. Dahir requested information on the preparation for the upcoming flu season and how the Health District could better stress to the public the importance of getting their flu shot. Dr. Todd informed the Health District is working with a number of entities around the community to hold PODs (Points of Dispensing) for flu shots and are campaigning to educate and remind the public to become immunized. He stated that it is much easier to

get a flu shot now than ever before with all of the locations they are available.

Mr. Dahir requested Dr. Todd present at City of Sparks, City of Reno and Washoe County Board Meetings to provide education on flu shots. Dr. Todd stated he would be happy to accept any such invitations to speak.

Mr. Dick informed that Ms. Heidi Parker of Immunize Nevada would be presenting at the September District Board of Health Meeting to discuss their statewide flu campaign. He opined it to be a good opportunity for the Board to discuss with her their ideas of how to improve vaccination rates.

Dr. Todd expressed he didn't know if Ms. Parker would be available or inclined to co-present with him at the jurisdiction's board meetings, but he would if she was willing to do so.

Chair Jung inquired if REMSA can provide flu shots when they are in a person's home. JW Hodge informed that, in the past, they had provided a Home-Bound Flu Shot Program. He stated he will work with his team to revive that program and partner with the Health District and community paramedics to serve home-bound citizens. Chair Jung requested Dr. Todd to reach out to other first responders for inclusion in this effort.

Chair Jung inquired if there is a Family Health Festival (FHF) planned for this fall and, if so, will flu shots be administered there. Mr. Dick stated there is a FHF planned for mid-October or early November and it will be focused on flu immunization.

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

District Health Officer Report – Public Health Accreditation (PHAB), Quality Improvement, Strategic Plan, Workforce Development, Community Health Improvement Plan, Truckee Meadows Healthy Communities (TMHC), Washoe Behavioral Health Policy Board, Washoe County Substance Abuse Task Force, County Complex Master Plan, Advisory Council on the State Program for Wellness and the Prevention of Chronic Disease (CWCD), Other Events and Activities and Health District Media Contacts.

Mr. Dick informed the Accreditation Team is working diligently and are on track to submit all required documents to the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) on October 1st and expect to have site visit in approximately six months.

Mr. Dick stated the Health District hosted an outstanding event on August 2nd for the unveiling of the Community Health Improvement Plan and thanked Chair Jung for making the welcoming remarks at that event. He informed there were over one hundred people who attended and there was extensive media coverage.

Mr. Dick informed there is a Strategic Planning Retreat scheduled for September 12th for Truckee Meadows Healthy Communities and that he looks forward to sharing the plans and directions that come from this meeting with the DBOH.

Mr. Dick informed the Washoe Behavioral Health Policy Board is working to develop a BDR around Crisis Stabilization Units (CSU) and how this initiative can be better supported and funded through some State mechanisms. He stated that CSUs are a short term assessment and direct care facility for people in crisis that stabilize the patient and step them down to the lower, appropriate levels of care and back into the community. He informed there are a number of states have been successful with this type of program.

Mr. Dick informed of an RFP issued for a Community Triage Center he learned of at the Behavioral Health Policy Board meeting. This new facility would take the place of the WestCare Facility that is no longer in operation.

Mr. Dick stated the initial Washoe County Substance Abuse Task Force meeting had taken place and had included the jurisdictions and some not-for-profit organizations. He thanked Chair Jung and Commissioner Berkbigler for providing the drive behind getting

the group organized and in motion. He informed that Ms. Howell, Director of Human Services Agency, convened the first meeting and the group plans to meet monthly.

Mr. Dick informed of a conversation he had that morning with Dr. Stephanie Woodard of the State; he opined this taskforce will provide a good mechanism for increasing and improving coordination with the State and local governments and expressed hope that it would also allow access to federal funding around these important issues.

Mr. Dick informed work has begun with County Community Services Department on a County Complex Master Plan for the 9th Street Complex to determine what each department's services and space needs will be over the next twenty years. He stated it is difficult to imagine what the specific needs of the Health District will be that depend on unknown health challenges the District will face during that time, but will work with them toward the development of the Plan and appreciates being invited to participate on the Steering Committee.

Mr. Dick reported on the presentation given last week to the Southern Nevada Health District, Carson City Health and Human Services, State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services and Nevada Public Health Association to the Advisory Council on the State Program for Wellness and Prevention of Chronic Disease, and informed that Mr. Tom McCoy invited this presentation to be given after having seen it previously at the Interim Healthcare Committee. This presentation covers the future direction of Public Health, the work being done around the Community Health Needs Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan, community mobilization around social determinates of health, and included an ask of five dollar per capita funding for Public Health. He stated there was a great amount of discussion around these topics and the Committee was highly supportive and wants to provide a recommendation in their annual report to provide this funding for Public Health.

Mr. Dick informed that Nevada is the fiftieth out of fifty-one states for State funding for Public Health, and, if the requested level of funding is provided, it would increase Nevada to forty-ninth for State Public Health funding per capita. The positive news from the meeting, he informed, is that Ms. Peek identified that the State is continuing to work toward case load funding for Public Health through a request for a General Fund enhancement for the budget of the Department of Health and Human Services. Also, the agenda for the Interim Legislative Committee on Healthcare for August 27th includes an item from Senator Spearman for the Working Session to provide five dollars per capita funding for Public Health funded by the Marijuana Excise Tax.

Mr. Dahir congratulated Chair Jung and others involved in developing the Substance Abuse Task Force. He informed that his Council would support it however they can.

Chair Jung informed that invitation will be extended to the jurisdictions to participate. She explained that she is on the State's Opioid Task Force and opined the group is moving toward impacting the issue at a cautious rate which prompted her to help form a group for the specific needs of Washoe County.

Chair Jung informed that there are currently more deaths in Washoe County from methamphetamine overdoses than opioids.

11. *Board Comment

Chair Jung requested an item for the September DBOH Meeting; she informed that Dr. Hess has notified the Board he will not seek reappointment to the District Board of Health. She informed the Board will need to discuss replacement and consult with Dr. Hess regarding physicians he would consider as potential candidates.

Dr. Hess informed that the Washoe County Medical Society has begun the process of identifying potential candidates, but expressed concern that the search has appeared to have narrowed to one candidate. He opined that it would be optimum to have several to choose from.

Chair Jung informed she is working with the Board of County Commissioners to gain support of her request for the Medical Examiner to write a letter to the prescribing physician if their patient has overdosed on a prescribed opioid. She stated that a study at Stanford showed a ten percent reduction in opioids prescribed by a physician who received a letter vs. the physicians who were not informed of the cause of their patient's death.

Chair Jung directed research to be done regarding how data is processed for each incident that NARCAN is used, if the use charted and, if so, where is that data reported and how it can be accessed in order to have a more complete picture of the opioid crisis. Mr. Dick informed that Ms. Conti will be providing the requested research.

Chair Jung closed the Board comment period.

12. *Public Comment

Chair Jung closed the public comment period.

13. Adjournment

Chair Jung adjourned the meeting at 2:37 p.m.

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