

## **Washoe County District Board of Health Meeting Minutes**

### **Members**

Dr. John Novak, Chair  
Michael D. Brown, Vice Chair  
Oscar Delgado  
Kristopher Dahir  
Dr. Reka Danko  
Marsha Berkbigler  
Tom Young

**Thursday, April 25, 2019  
1:00 p.m.**

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

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### **1. \*Roll Call and Determination of Quorum**

Chair Novak called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

The following members and staff were present:

Members present: Dr. John Novak, Chair  
Michael Brown, Vice Chair  
Dr. Reka Danko  
Oscar Delgado  
Kristopher Dahir  
Tom Young

Members absent: Marsha Berkbigler

**Ms. Rogers verified a quorum was present.**

Staff present: Kevin Dick, District Health Officer  
Leslie Admirand, Deputy District Attorney  
Charlene Albee  
Steve Kutz  
Randall Todd  
Christina Conti  
Jennifer Howell

### **2. \*Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Delgado led the pledge to the flag.

### **3. \*Public Comment**

**Chair Novak opened the public comment period**

Ms. Cakiroglu with Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful shared that Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, KTMB would be holding their Great Community Clean Up, giving thanks for Health District funding that helped make the event possible. She informed that this event has grown beyond

her wildest expectations, and that for the first time ever, they had all of the volunteers they needed which has allowed them to add sites to be cleaned up. Ms. Cakiroglu stated they now have thirty-one sites for the Great Community Clean Up on Saturday, and expressed that is due to the incredible community residents. She gave an overview of the various sites they will be cleaning up.

Thanks to KTMB supporters Save Mart, Great Basin Brewing Company and Down to Earth Composting, Ms. Cakiroglu stated that they will be managing their picnic as a zero waste event. She displayed a reusable drinking mug with Washoe County Health District printed on the back. She thanked the Board and expressed that any press regarding the Great Community Clean Up is all due to their and the Health District's support.

**Chair Novak closed the public comment period.**

#### **4. Approval of Agenda**

April 25, 2019

Mr. Brown stated he would like to have Item 9 regarding Reno Fire Department EMS Response Data pulled from the agenda until they were in compliance.

Mr. Dick informed there was an update to the report regarding receipt of data, and, with Mr. Brown's agreement, stated he would like the Board to hear that report.

Mr. Brown moved to approve the agenda for the April 25, 2019, District Board of Health regular meeting. Mr. Delgado seconded the motion which was approved six in favor and none against.

#### **5. Recognitions**

##### **A. Years of Service**

- i. Amber English, 15 years, Hired 4/26/2004 - EHS

Mr. Dick thanked Ms. English for her fifteen years of service at the Health District with Environmental Services.

- ii. Julio Pech-Garcia, 15 Years, Hired 4/26/2004 - CCHS

Mr. Dick informed that Mr. Pech-Garcia was not in attendance, but congratulated him on his fifteen years of service.

- iii. Ashley Auer, 5 Years, Hired 4/28/2014 - AHS

Mr. Dick informed that Ms. Auer is with the Administrative Health Services program. He congratulated her and thanked her for her years of service.

##### **B. Shining Star**

- i. Sonya Smith
- ii. Maria Rodriguez
- iii. Britany Dayton
- iv. Heather Kerwin
- v. Kimberly Graham
- vi. Jackie Chaidez

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.

Mr. Dick informed that Ms. Smith, Ms. Rodriguez, Ms. Dayton, Ms. Kerwin and Ms. Graham all had received three Shining Star Awards.

Mr. Dick stated that Ms. Chaidez of the WIC Program has received an astounding thirty Shining Star Awards and believed she was leading the County in the number Shining Star Awards.

## 6. Proclamations

National Bike Month and Bicycle Safety Month and Washoe County Bike Week

Accepted by: Yann Ling-Barnes and Camarina Augusto

Mr. Dick informed that Ms. Ling-Barnes of Air Quality Management and Ms. Augusto with Community and Clinical Health Services Division were present to receive the Proclamation. He read the Proclamation for those present.

**Mr. Brown moved to adopt the Proclamation for National Bike Month and Bicycle Safety Month and Washoe County Bike Week. Mr. Dahir seconded the motion which was approved six in favor and none against.**

## 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

- i. March 28, 2019

### B. Budget Amendments/Interlocal Agreements

- i. Approve a Notice of Award from the Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, OASH Office of Grants Management for the project period retroactive to April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2022 with first year funding of \$700,000 (\$364,322 cash match required) in support of the Community and Clinical Health Services Division (CCHS) Family Planning Program, IO# 11570 and authorize the District Health Officer to execute the Award.  
Staff Representative: Nancy Kerns Cummins

- ii. Retroactively approve the Grant Agreement #A-00905419-0 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in the award amount of \$410,738 which is partial funding for the total approved assistance amount of \$684,564 for the period 10/1/18 through 9/30/19 for the Air Quality Management, EPA Air Pollution Control Program, IO 10019 and authorize the District Health Officer to execute the Subgrant Award.  
Staff Representative: Jennifer Pierce

### C. Recommendation for the reappointment of Ron Anderson, P.E. and Vonnie L. Fundin to the Sewage, Wastewater and Sanitation Hearing Board (SWS Board) for a three year term beginning April 25, 2019 and ending on April 24, 2022.

Staff Representative: Charlene Albee

### D. Accept a donation of a VeriCor Cool Cube vaccine storage container for the Immunization Program from Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada.

Staff Representative: Nancy Kerns Cummins

### E. Acknowledge receipt of the Health Fund Financial Review for March, Fiscal Year 2019

Staff Representative: Anna Heenan

**Mr. Brown moved to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Delgado seconded the motion which was approved six in favor and none against.**

**8. \*Presentation from REMSA Board Member Representing the Accounting Profession**

Presented by: Tim Nelson

Mr. Nelson introduced himself as the DBOH appointed CPA member to the REMSA Board and informed he serves as the REMSA Board Chair.

Mr. Nelson commented he had been with the REMSA Board for four and one half years, noting that when he began his tenure there was a need for better clarity and transparency between the Board and REMSA. He expressed he was pleased that had happened.

Mr. Nelson informed the DBOH had received in the January compliance packet the REMSA audited financial statements, and explained those received the highest opinion a company can get. He stated he was happy to answer any questions about the financial statements, and expressed REMSA values the privilege of providing the pre-hospital care for the region.

Mr. Nelson opined REMSA continues to be good stewards of their financial resources. He informed REMSA is a not-for-profit in their public/private partnership, and that their revenues consist mainly of fees for service. He stated it is very critical they keep costs within the available means of what they are allowed for reimbursements and to fiscally conduct business within that framework.

Mr. Nelson reviewed highlights from the January report, informing debt continues to be reduced; last year by one million dollars. He informed REMSA continues to invest in the community through education and best-in-class training, and informed they optimize assets by refurbishing equipment as possible to prolong possible estimated useful lives of that equipment.

Mr. Nelson explained that the Board and organization always look for opportunities to continue to improve efficiencies and expand on patient care.

Mr. Dick acknowledged that Mr. Nelson is not just the Accounting Profession representative on the REMSA Board, but he is now the REMSA Board Chairman, and thanked him for his service.

**9. Update and Possible Direction to Staff Regarding Reno Fire Department EMS Response Data Submission**

Staff Representative: - Christina Conti

Ms. Conti, EMS and Public Health Preparedness Program Manager, informed she had an update from the time the report was written. She stated all of Reno Fire Department's EMS response data had been received and that they are in compliance with the jurisdiction's agreement to provide this data.

Chair Novak stated this update was welcome.

**Mr. Brown moved to remove this item regarding Reno Fire Department EMS Response Data Submission from the agenda for future meetings. Mr. Dahir seconded the motion which was approved six in favor and none against.**

**10. Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority**

Presented by: Dean Dow and Alexia Jobson

**A. Review and Acceptance of the REMSA Operations Report for March, 2019**

Mr. Dow, President and CEO for REMSA and Care Flight, informed he was available to answer any questions regarding the March REMSA Operations Report.

Mr. Dahir inquired status of keeping positions filled within REMSA. Mr. Dow informed the migration of their employees has been primarily to the Fire Service, but that is occurring less than it had been previously. He explained REMSA's Paramedic Training Program is based on the trainee's shift schedule which has been a big help to the eight local fire departments, and in turn benefits all related organizations going forward.

Mr. Dow opined REMSA is in the best staffing position he's seen, explaining they are a bit overstaffed on paramedics and a bit understaffed on advanced EMTs.

**Mr. Dahir moved to accept the REMSA Operations Reports for March, 2019. Mr. Brown seconded the motion which was approved six in favor and none against.**

**B. \*Update of REMSA's Public Relations during March 2019**

Ms. Jobson, Public Affairs Manager for REMSA, informed that REMSA received a variety of positive news coverage throughout April. She stated REMSA's Alpha and Omega Protocols were highlighted by KTVN and KOLO. She explained these protocols are a way to medically triage and distinguish between levels of service needed by patients, allowing REMSA to provide the best level of care and be ready to transport patients to the most appropriate provider.

Ms. Jobson informed REMSA's medically trained telecommunication specialists were highlighted for their expertise during National Telecommunications Week. The piece focused on REMSA's dispatchers that have received training as EMTs or higher, and that many have worked in the field. She stated this gives them a unique and important perspective when providing care over the phone.

Ms. Jobson expressed REMSA was especially proud that REMSA's Director, Mr. Heinz, was featured by KTVN as Someone 2 Know, and explained that in addition to working as a paramedic in the field, Mr. Heinz oversees REMSA's Clinical Communications Center and their Clinical Quality Department. She stated that his commitment to clinical excellence at every step of patient care is commendable and they were thrilled he was recognized.

REMSA participated with Reno Police Department and the Reno Fire Department in rescue taskforce training throughout April. Ms. Jobson informed the extensive in-service training incorporated presentations, skill stations and scenarios with live role players and high level simulation scenarios. She stated the purpose of the training was to work together to promote a more coordinated response to active assailant incidents and enhance community safety.

On April 18<sup>th</sup>, Ms. Jobson informed that six of REMSA's employees, Kenneth Kitts, Jennifer Walters, Daniel Moriarty, Matt Hauth, Markus Dirsey-Hirt and Vanessa Coyle, visited the Nevada Legislature and were honored by the Nevada Ambulance Association as Stars of Life. She explained that these outstanding healthcare professionals were selected for their high performance, dedication, clinical excellence and important contributions to the EMS industry. They joined other Stars of Life from across the state and were introduced during the session for this important occasion, and all had the opportunity to meet Governor Sisolak.

Mr. Dahir spoke of the swift flow of the river and inquired if REMSA was engaged to mitigate potential harm to residents who may try to enjoy the river on the upcoming weekend. Ms. Jobson stated they were watching conditions carefully, working with partners, especially the Sheriff's Department, to share social media posts and advisories to educate the community of the danger and message to stay out of the water.

## **11. Update regarding Bill Draft Requests and Bill Drafts for the 2019 Legislative session.**

Staff Representative: Kevin Dick

Mr. Dick informed that Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> was the deadline for bills to move from the first house to be exempted or waived.

Mr. Dick stated two bills that have gone through the Legislature and were signed by the Governor are both beneficial to public health; the bill for background checks on firearms and the renewable energy portfolio standards.

AB66, the Behavioral Health Policy Board's bill for Crisis Stabilization Centers has moved on to the Senate; Mr. Dick expressed hope that it would be passed through.

AB85 is written to clarify the legal 2000 NRS statutes and remove stigmatizing language in the NRS in regards to mental health. It has passed through to the Senate.

AB97 would have provided for public health funding and appropriation for public health funding, but did not pass committee. This bill had a fifteen million dollar appropriation that was not part of the Governor's budget.

AB470 would have provided for the age of sale for tobacco to be twenty-one and would have incorporated vaping and e-cigarettes into the Clean Indoor Air Act for restriction of where these products could be used. This bill also died.

SB263, Senator Ratti's bill, would provide for licensing of e-cigarettes and vape wholesalers and retailers, and would impose a wholesale tobacco products tax on those products. This tax would provide revenue for public health for distribution to District Boards of Health according to population, as well as supporting tobacco prevention. This bill has been declared exempt.

AB470 for Tobacco 21 and the Clean Indoor Air Act expansion has been determined to be germane to SB263 and may become included within SB263 in the future.

AB123 is written in regards to vaccinations and medical and religious exemptions, and it had been hoped it would move forward in a way that the parental notification for claiming those exemptions would be required to be submitted to the school district each year. Mr. Dick informed the bill had been substantially watered down and may now have provisions that conflict with existing NRS and the Health District's existing authorities, noting that health authorities in the state no longer support this bill.

Mr. Dahir inquired what the status of the measles outbreak currently is, noting that although it is not a local issue, it soon could be. Mr. Dick stated the Health District is very concerned about the measles and informed there have been a couple of cases in Clark County, and the number nationwide was approximately six hundred and ninety-five. He expressed the outcome of this bill (SB263) to be very disappointing in light of the current environment, and opined for the benefit of the population and public health, this bill should have moved forward. He explained the anti-vaxxers and parent's coalition were definitely active on this bill and influenced the sponsor of the bill in the Assembly, commenting that they did not realize their actions in regards to the amendments were not steps forward.

Mr. Dahir stated that in other areas where there is an emergency situation, there were extreme measures taken and inquired if the Health District has that authority in place. Mr. Dick informed that the District Board of Health has broad authorities to protect public health in Washoe County. He explained that a concern regarding AB123 as it is written now is that it provides for the school districts to provide their data only to the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health. He informed that the Health District currently has in statute the authority to direct NDPBH to provide that data directly to the Health District when there is an outbreak.

Through Ms. Albee's efforts, AB231 has been amended to remove the offensive smog



provisions that would have exempted older vehicles from smog checks. This bill has moved forward and is expected to remain as amended.

AB430 would have established for the state to work with local programs and agencies to implement home visiting programs. Mr. Dick reminded the Health District had worked to obtain a grant for such a program but did not have the required funds match to obtain the grant. He informed the program would have cost over one million dollars per year to implement. This bill was of concern to the Health District because of the unfunded mandate, but noted it has since been amended to more of a study approach on home visiting programs and how the state might be able to best support and work with local agencies to provide such a program.

SB37 is supported by the Health District's CHIP focus area related to behavioral health; it expands the scope of practice for marriage and family therapists and clinical professional counselors to be able to counsel for psychotic disorders. Nevada is the only state in the nation that restricts their practice in this manner. Removing this restriction would increase the number of providers and access to these services. Mr. Dick informed that this bill has moved forward to the Assembly.

SB66, SB67 and SB68 are all related to preparedness planning and are moving forward to the Assembly and are either supported, (SB66 and SB68) or neutral, (SB67) by the Health District.

SB171 is also supported by the Health District as far as access to healthcare and behavioral health services; it expands data collection by the licensing board for better information on who is practicing and in which professions, and if they are actually providing those services or are licensed and not practicing, as well as which providers accept Medicaid.

SB418 would allow for raw milk to be sold in Nevada. All of the health authorities in the state and the Department of Agriculture are very concerned and fearful of this bill due to the lack of being able to develop a regulatory approach that would be sufficient to protect citizens from being sickened and potentially dying from consuming raw milk. Mr. Dick informed this bill has passed from the Senate and there is a two-pronged approach to mitigate negative health effects: one is to try to amend the bill with regulatory oversight and protections to reduce the threat of illness or death to the extent possible in the event it does become law, and then to continue to advocate in opposition of the bill.

SB448 is the affordable housing tax credit bill that has moved forward and provides ten million dollars in transferrable tax credits per year for the next four years in support of affordable housing.

SB94 has moved forward and provides state funding for family planning programs. Mr. Dick informed the bill had been amended from a six million dollar appropriation per year to a three million dollar appropriation per year for family planning, which is the amount included in the governor's budget. Mr. Dick informed the Health District is pleased this bill is expected to proceed because it could mitigate reductions in Title X funding. He stated the Health District intends to apply for and receive some of this funding support for family planning.

**Mr. Delgado moved to accept the Update regarding Bill Draft Requests and Bill Drafts for the 2019 Legislative session. Dr. Danko seconded the motion which was approved six in favor and none against.**

## **12. \*Staff Reports and Program Updates**

### **A. Air Quality Management, Charlene Albee, Director**

Program Update – 2019 Legislative Session, Divisional Update, Monitoring and Planning and Permitting and Enforcement

Ms. Albee informed her report includes a statement in the program update that the data certification was submitted to EPA within the last month which includes data from all of AQM's monitoring sites. She informed AQM verifies all of this information and submits it to EPA for their review and certification. As a result of the 2018 fire season, there are three ozone monitors that are violating the ambient air quality standards; she explained this is the first step to non-attainment of those standards.

Ms. Albee stated AQM will now focus resources on submitting an initial notification to EPA by July 1<sup>st</sup> to flag the fire impacted data. She explained EPA has directed that the full Exceptional Events Demonstration should not be submitted until they are ready to go through another determination through the regulatory process on designations for attainment. The ozone standard is set to be reviewed in 2020 by EPA, which means that by 2021, Washoe County will be going through the National Ambient Air Quality Standards Attainment Designation process again. Ms. Albee informed that an Exceptional Events Demonstration packet will be prepared in advance of the request for submittal, and a draft will be submitted to EPA to be ready for their request for designations in 2020.

Ms. Albee informed that all of the designations are based on the past three year's data, which will be 2018-2020. With 2018 completed, she stated it is planned to prepare 2019 and 2020 data in the same manner, assuming there are fire seasons in those years.

Ms. Albee stressed AQM wanted to make sure the Board was informed that everything that can be done is being done to keep Washoe County in attainment for the public's health as well as the economic health of the area.

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

Divisional Update – National STD Awareness Month; Data & Metrics; Sexual Health, Immunizations, Tuberculosis Prevention and Control Program, Family Planning/Teen Health Mall, Chronic Disease Prevention Program, Maternal Child and Adolescent Health, and Women Infants and Children

Mr. Kutz stated he had nothing further to add to his report, but would answer any questions the Board might have. He informed he would introduce Ms. Howell to speak in regards to National STD Awareness Month.

Mr. Dahir congratulated Mr. Kutz on winning the Community Partner Collaboration Award. Mr. Kutz informed that Mr. Dick would speak more about that award in his report.

Mr. Kutz informed that Ms. Howell is CCHS's Sexual Health Program Coordinator, stating he had the excellent fortune to hire Ms. Howell nineteen years ago. He expressed Ms. Howell does amazing work and has been one of the best hires he has ever made, describing her as knowledgeable, passionate and very dedicated to public health and the promotion of sexual health.

Ms. Howell provided a detailed and informative presentation on sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), with an overview of the dramatic increase in STDs both locally and nationally. Discussion ensued regarding possible strategies to reduce the increasing incidence of STDs.

#### **C. Environmental Health Services, Charlene Albee, Acting Director**

Environmental Health Services (EHS) Division Program Updates – Community Development, Epidemiology, Food, Invasive Body Decoration (IBD), Land Development, Training, and Vector and Inspections.



Mr. Dick wished to inform the listing audience that the Board had been made aware previously that Mr. Westom, the Health District's former Division Director for Environmental Health, resigned to pursue other career opportunities. He stated Mr. Westom's official last day is April 26<sup>th</sup>, but he is taking leave time for the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Dick informed that Ms. Albee has agreed to be the Acting Environmental Health Services Division Director in the interim until a new Division Director for EHS can be hired. Mr. Dick thanked Ms. Albee for agreeing to take on this responsibility.

Ms. Albee, Acting Division Director for Environmental Health Services, stated the quality and dedication of her staff were the factors that allowed her to assume this position. She informed she has two Supervisors who are more than willing to act in her capacity and that all of her staff are willing to do whatever is necessary to support the Division in her absence. She informed she will remain engaged with Division leadership meetings to allow for a seamless transition when a replacement is found.

Ms. Albee informed on the 22<sup>nd</sup> she met with the Fiscal Compliance Officer for EHS to review budgets and grants. She informed she had also met with EHS Supervisors, gave them her expectations and got feedback from them on current status, challenges and opportunities. At the general staff meeting she addressed the entire staff, had good interaction and was well received; at a subsequent meeting with Tech Services she confirmed priorities for Accela development.

Ms. Albee informed Ms. Carr, Deputy Administrator for NDEP, would be in the area for a visit with her to discuss land development and the TMWA interlocal agreement in the coming week.

Mr. Dahir encouraged clear communication on any changes in process to the Board and development community to maintain and improve upon the positive advances that have been made.

Ms. Albee informed that is her intent, and, as she had informed staff, she had been a Registered Environmental Manager for a long period of time, that she is versed in environmental management and has an engineering degree. She explained she had one of the Supervisors attend the Enterprise Fund Committee meeting to inform them she would be the Acting Division Director. She noted she is familiar with a number of those participants through work in AQM, and the engineering community has been reaching out to her. Ms. Albee opined much of the hard work has been done and has moved to the implementation stage.

Mr. Young expressed his confidence in Ms. Albee to perform these duties and opined her ability to deal with the public and contractors will be sterling.

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

Program Updates for Communicable Disease, Outbreaks, Measles, Invasive Pneumococcal Disease, Seasonal Influenza Surveillance, PHP Program, Inter-Hospital Coordinating Council, Chemical Response Training, Medical Reserve Corps, Emergency Medical Services, Mass Gatherings, EMS Strategic Planning Initiatives, Mutual Aid Evacuation Agreement (MAEA) Plan Update, Trainings, and REMSA Response Data

Dr. Todd informed he had checked just before coming to the meeting on the CDC website for national measles statistics, and from January 1 through April 19 there had been six hundred twenty-six cases in twenty-two states. He reported that the number of cases had increased by seventy seven cases in just one week. By comparison, the highest year on record since 2000 was 2014, and there were six hundred and sixty-seven cases. At this pace, he opined that number has already been exceeded.

Dr. Todd informed that in Washoe County there has not been a case of measles

confirmed yet in 2019, although there had been one in 2018. He opined the reason for this community to be fortunate to be unaffected thus far is that, in Nevada, there is not a personal choice exemption for vaccination. He explained that some states offer medical, religious and/or personal choice exemptions.

Dr. Todd stated that the twelve sentinel providers reported a decrease in the percentage of influenza like illness from 2.4 to 1.5.

Dr. Novak requested an overview of the upcoming exercise. Ms. Conti informed the Hospital Preparedness Program is funded by the ASPR grant, and federally, there are requirements that need to be met. One of those requirements is the sourcing of alternate care sites in the event local facilities are not able to intake patients. She stated the region has collaborated to conduct an exercise over a seven day period where Northern Nevada Medical Center, Renown and Saint Mary's will be providing training on the set up of a portable hospital that is a state asset housed with REMSA. The training will begin on the 26<sup>th</sup> and continue to the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, with a full scale exercise on May 2<sup>nd</sup> out of those units at each of the three hospitals. She invited the Board to attend and participate as a patient in the exercise, and informed the tear-down of the hospital is Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Ms. Conti reported this is the first exercise of this type in Nevada, and it is a true collaboration and partnership with all of the coalition members.

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

District Health Officer Report – Public Health Accreditation (PHAB), Community Health Improvement Plan, Workforce Development, Substance Abuse Community Coalition Accelerator, UNR School of Community Health Sciences Making Health Happen Awards, TMHC, Legislative Session, Other Events and Activities and Health District Media Contacts

Regarding Public Health Accreditation, Mr. Dick informed that the site visit team had a conference call earlier in the week to discuss the upcoming visit and the documents that they've reviewed. By the end of April, the Health District will be notified of any of the document areas they will want to re-open. He stated the site visit is still scheduled for June 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Dick stated he wished to highlight the Substance Abuse Community Coalition Accelerator and the event that was held on April 5<sup>th</sup>. This event brought people together from across the region to improve and enhance activities to address the substance abuse epidemic and was attended by fifty three participants, including those from not-for-profits and medical and medication assisted treatment units, and from each of the governmental jurisdictions. Mr. Dick wished to particularly identify the new Sparks City Manager, Mr. Krutz, who attended and spent the whole day in the commitment to this initiative.

Mr. Dick informed there was good progress made in the break-out groups on strategies to move forward in the areas noted in his report, and those workgroups will be following up and working to further advance the momentum. He stated there was good feedback and it was a successful event.

Mr. Dick thanked Chief Brown and Councilman Dahir for joining Health District staff at the Making Health Happen Awards ceremony at the UNR School of Community Health Sciences on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. He informed it was a very nice event, and that he wished to acknowledge the Health District's Sexual Health Program that was nominated for a government agency program award. He stated that, although they did not receive the award, it was great recognition that they were nominated.

Mr. Dick also wanted to congratulate Mr. Kutz who was the award recipient of their prestigious Community Partner Collaboration Award. He informed the video of Mr.

Kutz played that evening at the event had been obtained and showed it for those present.

Mr. Dick stated Mr. Kutz has done a tremendous job with the partnership with the School of Community Health Sciences and all of the interns and students that he not only helps educate at the Health District, but teaches at the school, as well.

Within the TMHC section of his report and regarding the Regional Strategy for Housing Affordability, there will be a presentation for the Regional Planning Agency Governing Board that will occur on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, and there will also be a community event to present that strategy at 3:30 p.m. at the Joe Crowley Student Union on the third floor.

### **13. \*Board Comment**

**Chair Novak closed the Board comment period.**

Mr. Dahir informed he is honored to be on the Governor's task force for the census, noting that information is impactful in many areas.

Chair Novak reported he had attended a meeting earlier in the day on the upcoming alternate care site full-scale exercise. He informed this is one of the first exercises of this scope to be performed. He expressed he was amazed by the organization of the event and the amount of work by staff including Ms. Dayton and Ms. Esp. He encouraged the Board to stop by and see this exercise, opining there is much to be proud of at the Health District.

Mr. Dahir inquired if the Board Members would be able to participate as patients in this exercise, and volunteered to participate.

**Chair Novak closed the Board comment period.**

### **14. \*Public Comment**

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

### **15. Adjournment**

**Chair Novak adjourned the meeting at 2:44 p.m.**

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**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.

**Special Accommodations:** The District Board of Health Meetings are accessible to the disabled. Disabled members of the public who require special accommodations or assistance at the meeting are requested to notify Administrative Health Services in writing at the Washoe County Health District, 1001 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Building B, Reno, NV 89512, or by calling 775.328.2415, 24 hours prior to the meeting.

**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.

**Response to Public Comment:** The Board of Health can deliberate or take action only if a matter has been listed on an agenda properly posted prior to the meeting. During the public comment period, speakers may address matters listed or not listed on the published agenda. The *Open Meeting Law* does not expressly prohibit responses to public comments by the Board of Health. However, responses from the Board members to unlisted public comment topics could become deliberation on a matter without notice to the public. On the advice of legal counsel and to ensure the public has notice of all matters the Board of Health will consider, Board members may choose not to respond to public comments, except to correct factual inaccuracies, ask for Health District Staff action or to ask that a matter be listed on a future agenda. The Board of Health may do this either during the public comment item or during the following item: "Board Comments – Limited to Announcement or Issues for future Agendas."

**Posting of Agenda; Location of Website:**

Pursuant to NRS 241.020, Notice of this meeting was posted at the following locations:

Washoe County Health District, 1001 E. 9th St., Reno, NV Reno

City Hall, 1 E. 1st St., Reno, NV

Sparks City Hall, 431 Prater Way, Sparks, NV

Washoe County Administration Building, 1001 E. 9th St, Reno, NV

Downtown Reno Library, 301 S. Center St., Reno, NV

Washoe County Health District Website [www.washoecounty.us/health](http://www.washoecounty.us/health) State of Nevada Website: <https://notice.nv.gov>

**How to Get Copies of Agenda and Support Materials:** Supporting materials are available to the public at the Washoe County Health District located at 1001 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, in Reno, Nevada. Ms. Laura Rogers, Administrative Secretary to the District Board of Health is the person designated by the Washoe County District Board of Health to respond to requests for supporting materials. Ms. Rogers is located at the Washoe County Health District and may be reached by telephone at (775) 328-2415 or by email at [lrogers@washoecounty.us](mailto:lrogers@washoecounty.us). Supporting materials are also available at the Washoe County Health District Website [www.washoecounty.us/health](http://www.washoecounty.us/health) pursuant to the requirements of NRS 241.020.