



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

### **Members**

Kristopher Dahir, Chair  
Michael Brown, Vice Chair  
Devon Reese  
Alexis Hill  
Dr. Reka Danko  
Dr. John Novak  
Dr. John Klacking

**Thursday, October 27, 2022  
1:00 p.m.**

**Washoe County Health District  
Commission Chambers, Building A  
1001 East Ninth Street  
Reno, NV**

---

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

Health Officer, Kevin Dick called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.  
The following members and staff were present:

Members present: Kristopher Dahir  
Michael Brown  
Devon Reese  
Dr. Reka Danko  
Dr. John Novak  
Dr. John Klacking

Members absent: Alexis Hill

**Ms. Lawson served as the recording secretary and verified a quorum was present.**

Staff present: Kevin Dick, District Health Officer  
Julia Ratti  
Laurie Griffey  
Erin Dixon  
Francisco Vega  
Dr. Nancy Diao  
Lisa Lottritz

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

Vice-Mayor Devon Reese led the pledge to the flag.

### **3. Introduction: Devon Reese, Vice-Mayor, District Board of Health Member, elected appointee for the City of Reno.**

Health Officer, Kevin Dick welcomed Vice-Mayor Reese to the District Board of Health as an appointee for the City of Reno as of October 12, 2022, for a four-year term.

Vice-Mayor Reese thanked the Board for having him as a member and stated he hoped to add to the service of the community.

Mr. Dick added that Commissioner Alexis Hill was also appointed on October 25, 2022, to the District Board of Health.

Mr. Dick explained he initiated the meeting because the Board stood without a Chair or Vice-Chair to lead the meeting.

**4. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair through December 2022.**

Health Officer, Kevin Dick, opened this item by stating the term of this election is for the remainder of the two-year term that will end in December 2022.

**Dr. Novak moved to nominate Councilman Kristopher Dahir to serve as Chair. Dr. Klacking seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously, with Commissioner Hill being absent.**

Chair Dahir thanked his fellow board members for standing by him, as he feels there is a lot of work to be done.

**Dr. Novak moved to nominate Michael Brown to serve as Vice-Chair. Dr. Klacking seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously, with Commissioner Hill being absent**

A brief recess was taken at 1:02p.m. to allow for designations of title electronically.

Meeting reconvened at 1:09 p.m.

**5. Approval of Agenda.**

October 27, 2022

**Vice-Chair Brown moved to approve the agenda for the October 27, 2022, District Board of Health regular meeting. Dr. Novak seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.**

**6. Recognitions.**

New Hires

- i. Rachel Cord, Account Clerk I, hired September 26, 2022 – AHS
- ii. Patricia Onsihuay, Human Services Support Specialist II, hired October 24, 2022 – CCHS

Health Officer, Kevin Dick, introduced Ms. Cord. He briefly spoke of Ms. Cord's background and expertise, including her previous employment with the Health District.

Mr. Dick continued to invite Ms. Lottritz to introduce Ms. Onsihuay. Ms. Lottritz shared a brief background for Ms. Onsihuay, including education and experience.

Promotions

- i. Brendan Schnieder, from AQM Specialist to Sr. AQM Specialist effective September 12, 2022 – AQM

Health Officer, Kevin Dick, acknowledged and congratulated Mr. Schnieder on his recent promotion as Sr. AQM Specialists.

Washoe County Health Heroes

- i. Kara Roseburrough – CCHS
- ii. Dawn Spinola – EPHP

- iii. Laurie Griffey – AHS
- iv. Nennette Cano – AHS
- v. Kristen Palmer – AHS
- vi. Susy Valdespin – ODHO
- vii. Kathleen Doyle – CCHS
- viii. Rebecca Gonzales, Honorable Mention – CCHS
- ix. Lauren Huntsman, Honorable Mention – CCHS

Health Officer, Kevin Dick, acknowledged and thanked all the listed employees on their recent recognition as Health Heroes and for going above and beyond.

## 7. Proclamations.

### A. Red Ribbon Week Proclamation.

Health Officer, Kevin Dick, read the proclamation into the record and invited Joe Dibble as well as Dr. Yolanda Chatwood, from Joint Together Northern Nevada (JTNN), to join him.

Mr. Dibble briefly described the partnership and efforts shared by the Health District and JTNN. Mr. Dibble introduced Dr. Chatwood.

Dr. Chatwood, Deputy Director for JTNN, provided background on the Red Ribbon movement, which is a symbol of commitment to raise awareness of the destruction caused by drugs in America. Dr. Chatwood shared that JTNN has partners with the Washoe County Health District, Washoe County School District, the DEA, and the Nevada Wolfpack Athletics to raise awareness around the continuum of care and support the community in making healthy choices. She concluded by thanking the Board for their support.

Dr. Danko commended JTNN for their hard work on the side of prevention, education, and community and family support.

Dr. Chatwood was presented with the Proclamation.

**Vice-Chair Brown moved to approve the Red Ribbon Week Proclamation. Dr. Danko seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.**

## 8. Public Comment.

**Chair Dahir opened the public comment period.**

**Having no public comment, Chair Dahir closed the public comment period.**

## 9. COVID-19/Monkeypox Update & Information.

Staff Representative: Kevin Dick

Board Representative: Dr. Reka Danko

Health Officer, Kevin Dick opened this item by providing an update on the COVID-19 situation. Mr. Dick reported that the new 7-day average stands at about 30 new cases per day and staying steady at that level. Mr. Dick continued to report the State reported 25 confirmed or suspected hospitalizations of people with COVID-19 in Washoe County. The Nevada Hospital Association reported that hospitalizations are remaining flat at 2.1% of staffed in-patient beds being used for COVID-19 patients. The positivity rate is at 13.3%. Additionally, Mr. Dick reported a vaccination POD was held at the Discovery Museum on October 26, one was being held at the Convention Center on October 27 and will be in Gerlach on November 9. He continued to report that vaccinations are being dispensed at a rate of about 6,150 a week in

Washoe County and of those about 5,800 are the bivalent boosters; however, the Health District is still only accounting about 7% of the vaccination administration community wide.

Mr. Dick continued to report that while Washoe County has not seen the impact from RSV or flu and COVID-19 in the hospitals as it has been seen in the news from the Northeast; however, there has been an increase in RSV cases overall.

Mr. Dick stated that there are 21 reported Monkeypox cases, which shows a significant decrease. He concluded by informing that TPOXX is available for treating those who contract monkeypox and vaccination is available for high-risk individuals and close contacts.

Mr. Dick invited Dr. Danko to report on the item.

Dr. Danko did not have additional reports.

#### **10. 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. Cancel the November 17, 2022 District Board of Health meeting.

B. Approval of Draft Minutes.

C. Budget Amendments/Interlocal Agreements

- i. Approve a Notice of Subaward from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public & Behavioral Health retroactive to July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, in the total amount of \$2,332,707.00 (no required match) in support of the Community and Clinical Health Services Division (CCHS) COVID-19 Immunization (IO# TBD) and authorize the District Health Officer to execute the Notice of Subaward and any future amendments  
Staff Representative: Kristen Palmer

D. Recommendation for the Board to Uphold Uncontested and Settled Citations Not Appealed to the Air Pollution Control Hearing Board.  
Staff Representative: Francisco Vega

- i. West Coast Paving, Inc., Case No. 1389, NOV AQMV22-0023
- ii. Rilite Aggregate Company, Case No. 1400, NOV AQMV22-0026
- iii. Rilite Aggregate Company, Case No. 1401, NOV AQM22-0027

E. Acknowledge receipt of the Health Fund Financial Review for September, Fiscal Year 2023.  
Staff Representative: Anna Heenan

**Dr. Novak moved to approve the consent agenda. Vice-Chair Brown seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.**

#### **11. Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority.**

**A. Review and Acceptance of the REMSA Health Operations Report for September 2022.**

Presented by: Barry Duplantis

Barry Duplantis, Chief Operating and Financial Officer and Interim CEO for REMSA Health began his presentation by highlighting that in the month of September REMSA was compliant in priority 1, with priority 1 calls in zone A at 88% and in zones B, C and D at 91%. Mr. Duplantis added that September has been a challenging month due to the special

events around the community. Despite this fact, REMSA remains compliant year to date in both A zones and B, C, and D zones.

Mr. Duplantis reported REMSA Health continues to focus on meeting its franchise obligations as they continue to recruit and hire additional staff. He continued to report on the number of employees that REMSA Health currently employs.

Mr. Duplantis reported that REMSA Health responded to over 8,000 calls, and out of those calls 4,907 patients were transported. Mr. Duplantis reiterated that the demand for EMS services continues to be strong. Mr. Duplantis concluded by reporting the results on their Patient Survey for the month of September.

Mr. Duplantis concluded by reporting on the progress on securing their annual audit. He reported an independent accounting firm is examining their books and records. Mr. Duplantis expects a report to be available in the month of December and will share with the Board in January.

**Dr. Novak moved to approve REMSA Health Operations Report for September 2022. Dr. Klacking seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.**

**B. Recommendation to accept and possible direction regarding the update on the REMSA Corrective Action Plan due to the Notice(s) of Non-Compliance with Article 7.1 for FY2021-2022 for the Amended and Restated Franchise Agreement for Ambulance Service Amended August 25, 2022.**

Staff Representative: Barry Duplantis

Barry Duplantis, Chief Operating and Financial Officer and Interim CEO for REMSA Health began his presentation by highlighting some of the things REMSA Health is doing such as increasing the number of shifts they use to support the community from 62 to 71. He added that REMSA Health is reactivating an on-call policy, so that they have folks who are ready to engage when others call in sick.

Mr. Duplantis continued to report that REMSA Health has been networking with the fire agencies and asking those agencies to assist in fill per diem shifts with qualified medics. However, one of the issues is the onboarding process as they need to be acclimated to the charting system and protocols. Mr. Duplantis opines this effort will assist in collaborating with partners but also participating in regionalization.

Mr. Duplantis reported one of the issues they have is the number of clinical workers they have staffed. At this moment, they have 161 clinical workers but would like 180. He reported that REMSA Health is focused on hiring; however, he opined employee retention is a priority and REMSA Health is working hard in improving employee satisfaction along with hiring new staff.

Dr. Novak commended Mr. Duplantis in their efforts to improve. Dr. Novak made note of the scores under the executive summary as REMSA Health is still running below the national average sum and added there is work needed in that area.

Mr. Duplantis responded with a shared concern. He continued to elaborate on some of the ideas REMSA Health has considered to allow the community to provide good or bad feedback.

Chair Dahir opined that the amount of people not being transported needs to be addressed, perhaps by educating the community on seeking other resources in situations that are not a

true emergency. Chair Dahir offered assistance in circulating information to the community regarding patient navigation.

Mr. Duplantis reported that REMSA Health has ongoing communications regarding patient navigation. Mr. Duplantis stated it's hard to know the cause of these calls, but REMSA Health will continue to put the word out.

Dr. Klacking inquired about the growth of these calls over last year.

Mr. Duplantis reported it's about a 7% increase.

Dr. Klacking asked if REMSA Health budgeted for that increase as well as gas prices.

Mr. Duplantis reported the budget does include gas prices, as they budgeted for \$6 a gallon with a consumption of 700 gallons a day.

**Vice-Chair Brown moved to approve to accept the update on the REMSA Corrective Action Plan. Dr. Danko seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.**

**C. Update of REMSA Health's Public Relations during September 2022.**

Presented by: Alexia Jobson

Alexia. Jobson, Director of Public Relations for REMSA Health began her item by providing recent updates to her report and addressing the patient navigation previously mentioned. Ms. Jobson reported that REMSA Health's Choose the Right Care campaign continues to be available, which included social posts as well as a boosted social paid campaign in social media.

Chair Dahir suggested Ms. Jobson utilize Mr. Reese and Dr. Danko as resources to put the word out regarding patient navigation.

Ms. Jobson continued to report that REMSA Health celebrated one of its medical directors, Dr. Jenny Wilson, as a Nevada Business Magazine 2022 Physician Healthcare Hero.

REMSA Health partnered with UNR to produce a reel featuring Wolfie, Alphie, Luna, and REMSA Health's education manager, Jenny Walters to remind citizens and particularly students about pedestrian safety around the campus.

Ms. Jobson concluded by sharing that Riley, the REMSA Health racoon, made their debut in Washoe County sharing public messages on the news, social media, and special events around the community. Riley will encourage the public especially young Washoe County citizen to understand the importance of CPR, pulse point, vaccinations, staying safe in hot/cold weather, water safety, helmet safety, pedestrian safety, proper car seat installation, and knowing when and when not to call 9-1-1.

Ms. Jobson opened the item for questions from the Board.

Chair Dahir commended the Board of Health's tradition to take pictures with the new employees.

Ms. Jobson reported Riley would be visiting at the next District Board of Health meeting.

**12. Presentation and possible acceptance of the FY22 Strategic Plan Results.**

Staff Representative: Julia Ratti

Ms. Ratti began her presentation by reminding the Board of the promise to bring an update on the results of the Strategic Plan.

Ms. Ratti continued to provide background on the purpose of performance management which includes accountability and the continuous improvement process to inform decision making.

Ms. Ratti explained how performance management would roll out and explained that it would be different from the planning cycle and provided some examples for clarification.

Ms. Ratti continued to discuss the initiatives and interpreted the chart that showed the progress in the plan and explained that the items that were listed as not started items will begin in FY23, as this is an 18-month planning cycle. She continued to discuss the outcomes of the plan and explained how they roll into division and district goals.

Ms. Ratti reported the current steps of the plan to the Board and spoke of the next step, which includes an annual report for FY22 and quarterly reports as of FY23.

Ms. Ratti invited Francisco Vega, AQM Director, to discuss some of last year's successes.

Mr. Vega highlighted a few goals and outcomes that pertained to his division. Additionally, he shared some of the achievements in his division to include achieving a data capture rate of greater than 98% for both ozone and PM2.5. Secondly, he reported installing ten low-cost sensors at various school throughout the region which contributed to reducing risk and improve health outcomes for children.

Chair Dahir commended Mr. Vega on his work and continued to ask if there are 17 sensors that have been installed around the region.

Mr. Vega confirmed there are 7 regulatory sensors throughout the region and 10 low-cost sensors.

Chair Dahir stated that if there are barriers with accomplishing these goals, the Board would like to know how to assist.

Erin Dixon, EHS Director, shared successes in two of the goals. One accomplishment was with vector-borne diseases, they have performed four treatments bases on surveillance activities resulting in a decrease in mosquito activity. Second accomplishment related to reducing negative environmental health impacts associated with land development. Ms. Dixon reported that her team has finalized the update to the Standard Operating Procedures, implemented internal audit system, and additional training was provided. Additionally, she reports that these changes have led to consistency and improved customer service experience as well as an increase in the number of plans with review, inspection, and approval by 25%.

Lisa Lottritz, CCHS Director, highlighted three goals of her division. First goal related to acting as a safety net for the community which included immunization services such as the 167 offsite or outreach events that were conducted in FY22. Second goal targeted building a bridge between communities, clients, and services with Community Health Workers. This was accomplished by integrating Community Health Workers into all CCHS programs and increasing access to care. Third goal targeted increasing community participation in physical activity and nutrition programs by increasing the number of corner stores engaged in offering healthy foods which was accomplished in FY2022 by integrating three stores and conducting customer/owner in-store surveys to evaluate the program.

Dr. Nancy Diao, EPHP Director, reported that one of the key goals was to disseminate to the public accurate public health data in an effort to build trust and timely communication. Dr. Diao reported that the initiative to reach this goal was to publish EpiNews monthly. Dr. Diao reported EpiNews is now being disseminated to over 800 subscribers and is posted on the

District Health website. Another goal Dr. Diao highlighted was one that related to improving public health emergencies by increasing participation from partners including providing an emergency planning input of schools. As a result of this effort, EPHP participated in planning committees for 14 schools to provide input to the school's emergency operations plan discussions.

Chair Dahir asked if emergency trainings are being conducted inside of senior homes.

Dr. Diao responded that the trainings aim to include the community as a whole.

Chair Dahir reiterated that this is an area that could use said expertise.

Ms. Ratti continued to report she would be speaking for Office of the District Health Officer regarding their initiatives. She continued to report that one of their goals was to retain a talented public health workforce and creating a positive and productive work environment by building out additional onboarding activities for new employees that was implemented in September 2022. Ms. Ratti continue to share an onboarding roadmap.

Ms. Ratti stated that one of the collective goals was to maximize and expand facilities to meet the needs of staff and clients which included a remodel of the front lobby of the Air Quality Management Division into Vital Statistics. Additionally, she emphasized their adjustment to a hybrid/remote workforce by upgrading four conference rooms to be Teams Smart Rooms.

Ms. Ratti concluded by briefly speaking about the next steps. She stated one objective is to create a smaller set of key performance initiatives that can be reported out in a dashboard form on a regular basis.

Ms. Ratti opened the items for question from the Board.

Chair Dahir noted Dr. Danko left at around 2:15 p.m.

Mr. Reese thanked Ms. Ratti for the presentation and was impressed with the care that was put into creating the report and its thoroughness.

Dr. Novak briefly echoed Mr. Reese's comments and opined it will be a great tool as they move forward with the plan.

Chair Dahir opined a dashboard will help the Board and staff mutually and thanked everyone for their hard work.

Ms. Ratti expressed appreciation for the compliments and took the opportunity to commend Rayona Lavoie and Camille Haga for organizing the work as well as the Division Directors and Supervisors.

**Dr. Novak moved to accept the FY22 Strategic Plan Results. Dr. Klacking seconded the motion which was approved unanimously with Dr. Danko being absent.**

- 13. Recommendation to approve compensation for the District Health Officer at employee's current hourly rate of \$95.43 for annual leave accrued more than 240 hours in a calendar year and approve payment of \$8,016.12, which represents compensation for 84 hours of annual leave that cannot be used this year due to work requirements.**

Staff Representative: Laurie Griffey

Having no questions concerns, Chair Dahir moved to vote.

**Chair Dahir moved to approve compensation for the District Health Officer for 84 hours of annual leave for a total of \$8,016.12. Dr. Novak seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.**



**14. Review and Approval of the District Health Officer’s Annual Performance Evaluation Results.**

Staff Representative: Laurie Griffey

Laurie Griffey, HR Representative for the Health District, reported 27 of 39 participants responded to Mr. Dick’s performance evaluation. She continued to briefly describe the process of the survey and reported that 96.94% voted that Mr. Dick met or exceeded their expectations and 4.06% felt there was area for growth.

Mr. Dick’s overall results show he was more than exceeded the expectations of the participants.

Mr. Reese stated he did not understand part of the report, which may be due to his unfamiliarity with the HR process. He opined it was not appropriate for the Health Officer not to receive a cost-of-living increase. He asked Ms. Griffey for clarification.

Dania Reid, Deputy District Attorney, stated she did not have the information readily available, so she deferred to Ms. Griffey for an explanation.

Ms. Griffey explained that each employee is withing a certain wage range and once the top of the wage range an employee will only receive a cost-of-living increase annually.

Mr. Dick clarified the top of the range is adjusted every year when the cost of living is implemented. Mr. Dick further clarified he is not eligible for a merit increase but he does receive the cost-of-living increase.

**Vice-Chair Brown moved to approve the District Health Officer’s Annual Performance Evaluation Results. Dr. Novak seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.**

Chair Dahir stated he looks forward to working with Mr. Dick in the upcoming year.

Mr. Dick thanked everyone and stated he was pleased to see the overall response from his direct reports, and he opined he could not do this job with all the talented people at the Health District.

**15. Staff Reports and Program Updates.**

**A. Air Quality Management -** NDOT Receives \$38 Million for Highway EV Projects, EPA Nearly Doubles Clean School Bus Rebate Awards to \$965M, Panel Restarts Review of Ozone Standard, Divisional Update, Program Reports, Monitoring and Planning, Permitting and Compliance.

Staff Representative: Francisco Vega

Mr. Vega opened his item by highlighting that NDOT received \$38 million for highway electric vehicle projects as part of the Nevada electric vehicle infrastructure deployment plan where AQM was involved in providing input as to where the charging station should be placed and where the funding should be spent. He continued to inform that the EPA announced they were nearly doubling the clean bus rebate program from \$500 million to almost a billion dollars. He explained that AQM’s role is to provide information regarding the funding available and does not have a role in deciding where the funding goes; however, AQM is always ready to provide letters of support. He finalized by reporting on the status of the Ozone Standard Review, which has restarted and the advisory committee will continue to report to EPA with advisements to strengthen the standard or leave the standard as is.

Mr. Vega opened his item for questions from the Board.

Chair Dahir asked if AQM reaches out to the school district to inform them of the funding.

Mr. Vega confirmed they do reach out to the school district and provide support.

- B. Community and Clinical Health Services** - Fetal and Infant Mortality Review Program; Data & Metrics; Sexual Health (HIV and Disease Investigation), Immunizations, Tuberculosis Prevention and Control Program, Reproductive and Sexual Health Services, Chronic Disease Injury Prevention Program, Maternal Child and Adolescent Health, Women Infants and Children, and Community Health Workers.

Staff Representative: Lisa Lottritz

Ms. Lottritz began her presentation by highlighting Fetal and Infant Mortality Review Program and praised the successes achieved by the Community Health Worker assigned to the program. Ms. Lottritz continued to commend her immunization team in transferring vaccines to providers that are administering immunizations in their offices.

Ms. Lottritz opened her item for questions from the Board.

- C. Environmental Health Services (EHS):** Highlighted Program; Program Activities; Consumer Protection (Food/Food Safety, Commercial Development, Permitted Facilities); Environmental Protection (Land Development, Safe Drinking Water, Vector-Borne Diseases, Waste Management); and Inspections.

Staff Representative: Erin Dixon

Ms. Dixon opened her item by highlighting the Underground Storage Tank Program. She reported the team inspects these tanks annually but is also responsible for construction and when they come out of the ground. She continued to report the Food Program spent 99 hours of straight staff time at the Rib Cookoff last month. Additionally, she made note of BJ's as the winner of the Excellence in Food Safety Award for last year and made note of their current request to nominate candidates for this year. She also reported that the Food Safety team was asked to be a mentor to Guam and Saipan. She continued by reporting that the Land Development was subpoenaed to testify regarding a dispute between a previous and current land owner on October 7. Additionally, the team leadership provided overview and training to Carson City Health and Human Services on how the team works with septic regulations. The Safe Drinking Water team experienced a boil water order for smaller system that had chloroform and E. coli, their involvement was to ensure testing was conducted properly before the order was released. She concluded by reporting that the Vector-Borne program had a total of 505 mosquito pools tested this season and treated 3,407 storm drains.

Ms. Dixon opened her item for questions from the Board.

Chair Dahir asked to be invited to the award ceremonies to congratulate the winners.

Ms. Dixon invited the Board to reach out if they're interested in participating in any of the programs.

Dr. Novak mentioned a report about finding arsenic and lead in some of the private wells.

Ms. Dixon reported they started a program with DRI to work with well owners to assist and encourage water testing.

**D. Epidemiology and Public Health Preparedness - Epidemiology, Public Health Preparedness, Emergency Medical Services, Vital Statistics.**  
Staff Representative: Dr. Nancy Diao

Dr. Diao began her presentation with an update in influenza surveillance and reported her teams has put efforts toward increasing awareness in the community. She reported some hospitalizations have happened but remain consistently low. RSV has had a noticeable jump in the past two weeks. She added that nationally the predominant strain of flu is H3N2 followed by H1N1. Additionally, she reported there was an uptick in August due to the school season.

Dr. Diao opened her item for questions from the Board.

**E. District Health Officer Report - COVID-19, Monkeypox, COVID-19 Communications Update, Health District Communications Update, Interlocal Agreement Amendment, Government Affairs, Health Equity, CHIP Forum, Family Health Festival, Workforce Development, November Strategic Planning Workshop, and Public Communications and Outreach.**

Staff Representative: Kevin Dick

Health Officer, Kevin Dick, opened his item by providing highlights to his report. He reported the Health Equity team conducted a community listening tour that included 29 meetings with 59 community leaders and are now working on finalizing the Health Equity Organizational Capacity Assessment and Organizational Capacity Plan, which will be presented at the retreat of November 10.

He added a CHIP forum was held at the convention center on September 30, with 120 members of the community participating. He continued to share that Family Health Festival was held at O'Brien Middle School. The event focused on breast health.

Mr. Dick continued to report that the Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement, for the name change, has been signed by all the jurisdictions. He reported the name change will be official on January 1; however, it may not be rolled out on that date to allow for the rebranding.

Mr. Dick concluded by reminding the Board members of the Strategic Planning retreat date of November 10, from 1-5 p.m. in auditoriums A&B.

Mr. Dick opened his item for questions from the Board.

Chair Dahir encouraged the Board to be ready for a 4-hour meeting on November 10 and come ready to share ideas.

Mr. Reese thanked Mr. Dick for the media updates as he promotes various interest on social media. He continued to commend and express his gratitude for those updates.

**16. Board Comment.**

Vice-Chair Brown asked if there was a way for the Health District to assist in putting the word out regarding the 9-1-1 patient navigation system and incorporate and include the public safety agencies across the board, so that the same message is received in the community. He referred to the efforts of fire department and law enforcement to work with the schools. Additionally, he reminded everyone that those unnecessary calls for non-emergency situations puts a lot of neighboring agencies out of service along with REMSA Health.

Vice-Chair Brown asked Mr. Dick to bring a report that reflect the Health District is working towards this in the future.

Chair Dahir echoed Vice-Chair Brown's request.

Dr. Novak opined the hospital systems also need to be included in this effort.

Chair Dahir asked Board members to pick a division they would like to be a part of as a representative of the Board.

Having no further comments from the Board, Chair Dahir closed this item.

## **Adjournment.**

### **Chair Dahir adjourned the meeting at 2:48 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.

**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 775.328.2416, 24 hours prior to the meeting.

**Public Comment:** *Members of the public may make public comment by submitting an email comment to [svaldespin@washoecounty.gov](mailto:svaldespin@washoecounty.gov) before the scheduled meeting, which includes the name of the commenter and the agenda item number for which the comment is submitted.* Reasonable efforts will be made to hear all public comment during the meeting. During the "Public Comment" items, emails may be submitted 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 emails will only be heard during items that are not marked FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. All public comment should be addressed to the Board of Health and not an individual member. The Board asks that your comments are expressed in a courteous manner. All public comment is limited to three minutes per person. Unused time may not be reserved by the speaker nor allocated to another speaker.

**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 – District Board of Health Member's announcements, reports and updates, request for information or topics for future agendas. (No discussion among Board Members will take place on the item)"

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

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

Washoe County Health District Website <https://www.washoecounty.gov/health>

State of Nevada Website: <https://notice.nv.gov>

*Under an emergency directive issued by Governor Sisolak on March 22, 2020, and extended by a subsequent directive issued on July 31, 2020, the physical location requirement has been suspended.*

**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. Susy Valdespin, Recording 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. Valdespin is located at the Washoe County Health District and may be reached by telephone at (775) 328-2415 or by email at [svaldespin@washoecounty.gov](mailto:svaldespin@washoecounty.gov). Supporting materials are also available at the Washoe County Health District Website <https://www.washoecounty.gov/health> pursuant to the requirements of NRS 241.020.