

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, September 27, 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

Vice Chair Novak called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

The following members and staff were present:

Members present: Dr. John Novak, Vice Chair

Michael Brown
Dr. George Hess
Oscar Delgado
Kristopher Dahir
Tom Young

Members absent: Kitty Jung, Chair

Ms. Rogers verified a quorum was present.

Staff present: Kevin Dick, District Health Officer, ODHO
Leslie Admirand, Deputy District Attorney
Charlene Albee
Steve Kutz
Chad Westom
Christina Conti

2. *Pledge of Allegiance

Charlene Albee led the pledge to the flag.

3. *Public Comment

Vice Chair Novak opened the public comment period

Mr. Michael Pitkin spoke to issues he has experienced with medical care. He stated that his HIV positive blood specimen had gone missing and he has since been discharged from all medical care after Northern Nevada Hopes refused to supply him with a letter stating the possibility of them having lost the specimen. Subsequently, he stated Northern Nevada

Hopes Board opined he had fabricated this issue and that the State of Nevada Licensing concurred with Hopes' stance.

Mr. Pitkin stated he had requested other medical records and communications under the Freedom of Information Act and stated he was refused, informed the records didn't exist and that he had fabricated the story.

Mr. Pitkin listed the many medical appointments he had at Hopes, including those for back issues. He stated that he didn't want surgery for his condition, but wanted to be prescribed pain pills for the times he was in pain. He stated that he had gone to physical therapy through last summer and that Hope's psychiatrist had not checked his medical records but had declared him to have an addiction to pain medication.

He asked the District Board of Health to look at area security strategies, ethical standards of bias, methodologies for medical error, clinical best practice guidelines and health informatics.

Vice Chair Novak closed the public comment period.

4. Approval of Agenda

September 27, 2018

Vice Chair Novak informed that Item 9 had been requested by Chair Jung and would be held to be heard at the October 25th District Board of Health (DBOH) Meeting.

Mr. Dahir moved Item 9 be held from the agenda to be heard at the October 25th DBOH Meeting and approve the agenda for the September 27, 2018, District Board of Health regular meeting. Mr. Brown seconded the motion which was approved six in favor and none against.

5. Recognitions

A. Years of Service

i. Joshua Restori, 5 years, Hired 9/9/2013 - AQM

Mr. Dick informed that Mr. Restori has been with Air Quality Management for five years and stated his service at the Health District is appreciated.

B. New Hires

i. Debra McLaughlin, Medical Billing Specialist, 8/20/2018 – CCHS

Mr. Kutz stated that CCHS is pleased to welcome Ms. McLaughlin as the new Medical Billing Specialist, informing that that Ms. McLaughlin has eight years of billing and coding experience and is a Certified Coder with the American Association of Professional Coders. He informed that she has worked for eighteen months as a temporary employee, processing the backlog of claims and increasing CCHS' revenue.

Mr. Kutz stated that Ms. McLaughlin's positive demeanor and willingness to do more are great assets and that CCHS is happy to have her as a permanent Washoe County employee.

ii. Jessica Conner, Public Health Investigator, 9/17/2018 – CCHS

Mr. Kutz welcomed Ms. Conner into the newly established Public Health Investigator position within the HIV Program. He informed that Ms. Conner has her Bachelor of Science in Community Health Science with a Master's Degree in Public Health, both from the University of Nevada Reno.

Mr. Kutz stated that Ms. Conner comes to CCHS from the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health where she was employed as a Health Facilities Inspector since 2014.

C. Shining Star

- i. Laurie Griffey – AHS
- ii. Holly McGee – CCHS
- iii. Lorena Solorio – CCHS
- iv. Judy Medved-Gonzalez – CCHS
- v. Samantha Beebe - CCHS
- vi. Carmen Mendoza - EPHP

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. Laurie Griffey is the recipient of three Shining Star nominations and thanked her for her dedication to excellent service.

Mr. Dick congratulated Ms. McGee, Ms. Solorio and Ms. Medved-Gonzalez of the Tuberculosis Clinic for their Shining Star Awards, although Ms. Medved-Gonzalez was not able to attend.

Mr. Dick recognized Ms. Beebe for her Shining Star Awards.

Mr. Dick then congratulated Ms. Mendoza for her excellent work and informed that she has received ten Shining Star Nominations, more than anyone in the County has received to date.

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. August 23, 2018

B. Budget Amendments/Interlocal Agreements

- i. Retroactively approve the Notice of Award from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service for the period September 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019 in the total amount of \$521,000 (\$52,100 cash match) in support of the Community and Clinical Health Services Division (CCHS) Family Planning Program IO# 11506.

Staff Representative: Nancy Kerns Cummins

C. Re-Appointment of Dr. Cathleen Fitzgerald, DEnv, PE, and Mr. Gerald Lee Squire, Jr., to the Air Pollution Control Hearing Board (APCHB) for a three-year term beginning September 27, 2018 thru September 27, 2021; and the re-appointment of Ms. Jeanne Rucker, REHS, to the APCHB for a three-year term beginning October 24, 2018 thru October 24, 2021.

Staff Representative: Charlene Albee

D. Presentation, discussion, and possible approval of the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) Notification Policy for asbestos related renovation and/or demolition activities.

Staff Representative: Charlene Albee

- E. District Board of Health authorization for the Administrative Health Services Officer to sign required certifications related to federal grants to include the annual indirect cost rate proposal, fiscal reports and routine reimbursement requests.
Staff Representative: Anna Heenan
- F. Approve Amendment #1 to Interlocal Agreement with University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine Multi-Specialty Group Practice North, Inc., dba MEDSchool Associates North (MSAN) to increase the number of vasectomy procedures through March 31, 2019.
Staff Representative: Nancy Kerns Cummins
- G. Recommendation for the Board to uphold an unappealed citation issued to Turquoise Solar, Case No. 1204, Notice of Violation No. 5672, with a \$4370.00 negotiated fine.
 - i. Turquoise Solar – Case No. 1204, NOV No. 5672
Staff Representative: Charlene Albee
- H. Acknowledge receipt of the Health Fund Financial Review for August, Fiscal Year 2019
Staff Representative: Anna Heenan

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

7. *Presentation: Fighting the Flu in Washoe County: Education, Outreach, and Access to Vaccines

Presented by: Heidi Parker, Executive Director, Immunize Nevada

Ms. Parker informed she would be speaking on the efforts to fight flu in Washoe County such as education, outreach and access to vaccines.

Ms. Parker stated that the public is aware of the severity of last flu season. She informed that one challenge to public outreach is the broad age range recommended to receive immunization, making it difficult to focus messaging to key audiences. Other challenges she informed of were cuts to resources that limit the ability to provide no-cost flu clinics at community sites and of widespread misinformation that reduces the number of persons who choose to be vaccinated.

Ms. Parker informed of the positive trend in the increased number of persons that have been immunized over last year, however, she stated that overall immunization rates last year for Washoe County were about 10% below the national average.

Ms. Parker detailed the wide variety of points of delivery for flu vaccines, stating that immunizations will be given as long as the vaccine supply lasts, and that pharmacies can vary on the earliest age they will immunize children.

Ms. Parker highlighted Immunize Nevada's key activities to improve immunization rates in Washoe County. She informed that their partnership with Renown and the Washoe County School and Health Districts to provide school-located flu vaccination clinics will continue through the 2018-19 school year, and that classrooms will receive tissue, sanitizer wipes, etc., from Immunize Nevada's annual community drive. New for this year are age appropriate educational materials for students.

Ms. Parker detailed the advertisement campaigns and highlighted their partnership with Nevada Broadcaster's Association which provided over one million dollars in advertising last year alone. She stressed the huge benefit to the state provided by this partnership, and that it wouldn't be possible to advertise or promote their message without this partnership.

Ms. Parker highlighted the efforts being put forth to educate healthcare professionals to lead by example and receive their flu vaccine, as well as to encourage them to educate and

strongly advocate for flu immunization to their patients.

Ms. Parker informed a survey given by CVS Health found that over twenty percent of those surveyed who didn't get a flu vaccine last year say they are more likely to receive one this year.

Ms. Parker stressed the importance of supporting employees who need time off to get vaccinated, or to stay home if they become ill.

Immunize Nevada also presents the Annual Silver Syringe Award to healthcare organizations who have personnel vaccination rates above 90%.

Mr. Dahir inquired if Ms. Parker had planned to present this information to the City of Sparks, opining it would be valuable to present to all of the jurisdictions. Ms. Parker replied she would be happy to present at the Cities and County.

In response to the mention of reduced funding, Mr. Dahir inquired if Immunize Nevada lacks the funding to provide free vaccinations to the public. Ms. Parker informed that the school-located vaccination project is fully funded for this year because of Renown Health's support. She stated Immunize Nevada's pharmacy partner did not receive free immunization vouchers for those who qualify, therefore, other community clinics held in previous years have been reduced for this year. Ms. Parker informed that Immunize Nevada is continually raising funds to provide immunization for the uninsured population.

Mr. Dahir inquired of the \$131,000 she'd mentioned; Ms. Parker stated those funds were from a flu-specific grant that is used for the statewide Broadcaster's Association partnership for materials produced and community outreach advertisements. She informed that the event and staffing budget are funded by a separate Immunize Nevada budget.

Mr. Dahir inquired if the District Board of Health should look for options to assist with funding for flu clinics through Immunize Nevada that service the uninsured population. He requested Mr. Dick to provide suggestions for funding at the October DBOH Meeting.

Ms. Parker stated that Immunize Nevada has a great partnership with the Health District. She informed that the Health District contracts with a number of insurance companies but not all, and that even some insured people in the community are challenged to access healthcare. She stated additional funding would allow those persons to be immunized by paying for the cost of the vaccine and related clinic expenses.

Mr. Dick opined that this topic would be one that could be discussed at the upcoming Strategic Planning Retreat on November 1st within the subject of how to spend a portion of the fund balance.

Dr. Hess wished to confirm that an uninsured person could receive flu immunization at the Health District. Mr. Dick informed that is correct.

Mr. Young inquired what the cost of the injection would be. Ms. Gabor, Supervisor for the Immunization Program, informed that the cost for any vaccine is \$21.34, and that for those who do not have insurance or the ability to pay, the fee is waived.

Vice Chair Novak agreed this topic should be discussed at the Strategic Planning Retreat.

Mr. Dahir inquired how donations could be made to Immunize Nevada. Ms. Parker informed that donations can be made online, by check, and because they are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, there are a number of ways to support their program such as corporate sponsorship.

Mr. Dick wished to thank Ms. Parker for her presentation and for her tireless advocacy for vaccination and shaping vaccination policy in Nevada, opining we are all fortunate to have Ms. Parker leading Immunize Nevada.

Vice Chair Novak inquired why Nevada has such a low rate of vaccination. Ms. Parker informed that there have been great strides in childhood immunization over the last decade,

which can be attributed to the impact of Affordable Healthcare Act. In regards to flu immunization, challenges include the need to be immunized annually and the issue of misinformation about the immunization. She stated the effort to educate and encourage immunization is ongoing and noted that there has been an increase in the number of persons immunized so far this year, and that is something to be proud of.

Vice Chair Novak inquired if Ms. Parker could give a forecast for this year's flu season. Ms. Parker quoted Health District's Silver Syringe award winner, Ms. Shore, stating that the most predictable thing about flu season is that it is unpredictable. Ms. Parker stated her hope was that last year's flu season helps people understand the severity of influenza and that they will choose to be vaccinated this year. She reminded that this is the hundred-year anniversary of the 1918 Flu Pandemic and that although there have been great strides in the ability to prevent the flu, it could still happen again. She encourages people to become vaccinated earlier rather than waiting.

8. Discussion and possible appointment of Ms. Elena Mnatsakanyan or Mr. Joe Macaluso as Hospital Continuous Quality Improvement Representative to the Regional Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board.

Staff Representative: Christina Conti

Ms. Conti stated the EMS Advisory Board is the overseeing board for the EMS Oversight Program created through their interlocal agreement, and that two of the positions on the Board are DBOH appointees; the Emergency Room Physician, currently held by Dr. Michaelson of Saint Mary's and the Hospital Continuous Quality Improvement Representative that is being vacated by Ms. Ward of Northern Nevada Medical Center (NNMC). She informed that Ms. Ward has served on this Board for four years and recently received a promotional opportunity within NNMC and so will not seek reappointment.

Ms. Conti informed that there was a targeted outreach for the position and two individuals had responded. She stated that both applicants were extremely strong as detailed by their resumes. She informed the EMS Oversight recommends the Board appoint Mr. Joe Macaluso to the position. Based on resumes and correspondence, staff believes him to have a stronger background at this time.

Ms. Conti informed that Ms. Mnatsakanyan is also from Northern Nevada Medical Center, so by choosing Mr. Macaluso, would provide Renown an opportunity to have representation on the Board.

Mr. Brown moved to accept the EMS Advisory Board's recommendation to appoint Mr. Joe Macaluso as the Hospital Continuous Quality Improvement Representative to the Regional Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board. Dr. Hess seconded the motion which was approved six in favor and none against.

9. *Presentation: IWasPoisoned.com (held for the October 25, 2018 DBOH Meeting)

Staff Representative: Chad Westom

10. *Presentation: NALBOH Conference Update

Presented by: John Novak

Vice Chair Novak informed that he is on the Executive Board of NALBOH, National Association of Local Boards of Health, and is Treasurer for this organization. He informed the NALBOH Conference was held in August in Raleigh, North Carolina, and stated there had been a record attendance.

Vice Chair Novak noted that it has been approximately a five year effort by some very dedicated members to overcome financial issues to revive NALBOH and that it is now a

highly respected organization. He informed that the Executive Directors of both the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) and the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) attended the conference along with two other national board representatives. The entities worked together with NALBOH to create alliances for the betterment of public health.

Vice Chair Novak informed that NALBOH is an organization for Health Board Members and provide many educational opportunities for them, such as the instruction provided at the annual conference for new Health Board Members. He stated NALBOH also has a program offered through the University of Michigan to produce materials to train members. He stated that the Orientation Manual developed by the Health District to train new members is quite comprehensive, and opined it beneficial for the DBOH to utilize the University of Michigan materials, as well.

Vice Chair Novak informed the next NALBOH Conference will be held in Denver, Colorado in mid-August to offer better air transportation access and a family friendly venue. He stated that conference information was in the newsletter sent earlier that day to Board Members.

Vice Chair Novak opined NALBOH has made phenomenal progress in the past three years and now, in conjunction with NACCHO and ASTHO, are working toward similar goals across a wide base of influence for Public Health in the United States.

Dr. Hess inquired if the three entities would merge and if they would adopt a new name for the group. Vice Chair Novak informed that no new entity has been formed, but the entities are aligned to work toward mutual goals. He stated a joint meeting of the leadership for the organizations will be held on the first weekend in March 2019 to map a path forward.

11. Review, discussion and possible adoption of the Business Impact Statement regarding proposed revisions to the District Board of Health Regulations Governing Air Quality Management, specifically Section 010.090 (DEFINITIONS - MAJOR EMITTING FACILITY OR MAJOR STATIONARY SOURCE), Section 010.091 (SYNTHETIC MINOR SOURCE), Section 030.900 (PART 70 PERMITTING REGULATIONS) and Section 040.046 (INCINERATOR BURNING) with a finding that the proposed revisions and General Title V application fee will not impose a direct and significant economic burden on a business; nor do the proposed revisions and application fee directly restrict the formation, operation or expansion of a business; and set a public hearing for possible adoption of the proposed revisions to the regulations and application fee for October 25, 2018 at 1:00 pm.

Staff Representative: Charlene Albee

Ms. Albee informed this Business Impact Statement has been prepared to potentially provide for a General Title V Permit Program established for Air Curtain Incinerators (ACI). She described an ACI as a very large open rectangular steel box with an attached engine and fan that creates a horizontal air curtain at the top. The debris is loaded into the ACI from the top which burns at extremely high temperatures and minimizes the amount of ash while the air curtain prevents the great majority of small particulates from entering the atmosphere.

Ms. Albee stated that Truckee Meadows Fire purchased an ACI with the intent to offer an alternative method of disposing of green waste in the community in a safe and air quality-friendly way. She reported last year approximately thirteen fires were caused by escaped pile burning.

In reviewing the type of permitting necessary for the operation of an ACI, Ms. Albee informed it was determined a Title V Permit would be required. A Title V Permit is a federal permit under 40 CFR Part 70 of the Clean Air Act.

Ms. Albee informed a standard permit for a stationary source is processed within thirty days. Regulations allow eighteen months for processing of a Title V Permit due to the extensive process involved, which includes public comment periods and extensive work with EPA on review and revisions. She stated a General Title V Permit would be able to be processed within thirty days and would cost \$2,873 instead of \$36,000 for the standard Title V Permit.

Ms. Albee stated that the reasons for promoting use of the Air Curtain Incinerator are to increase public safety and support clean air in our community.

Ms. Albee summarized the Business Impact Statement, stating its purpose is to expedite permit processing time, ensure compliance with federal regulations and reduce the permit fee to make it affordable to operate an ACI.

Dr. Hess requested an overview of proposed changes to the regulations. Ms. Albee informed that the same information is in the revised language of the regulations as had been present in the original, with the inclusion of required steps to obtain a general permit. She informed they discovered it to be a better process to delete the existing regulations and rewrite them due to changes in local regulations required to be referenced in this process. Because Washoe County Air Quality Management is a delegated authority, AQM adopts the majority of the program by reference, however, Ms. Albee informed the revisions are detailed for transparency to provide clear direction for constituents to maintain compliance.

Mr. Dahir opined all measures that can be taken to improve air quality are important and inquired what the expected additional workload might be for AQM staff. Ms. Albee informed that a general permit entails the same amount of work as a standard, individual permit, because the bulk of the work for the general permit has been invested up front.

Mr. Dahir inquired if Ms. Albee was of the opinion that ACIs should be more widely used. She agreed, and stated that these incinerators will become more necessary as urban growth encroaches on forested areas which will increase the challenge to provide for defensible space, coupled with homeowners' need to dispose of green waste. Ms. Albee opined that ACI's will provide a safe and eco-friendly option and stressed that an ACI is an air pollution control device.

Mr. Brown informed there are three ways to remove fuels: mechanical, which is the most costly, people removing fuels from forests and community areas, and prescribed fire. He stated prescribed fire is not used as much now as it had been in the past due to the residual smoke, labor intensity and issues that have occurred. He opined the ACI to be a beneficial tool and was proud the Health District is working with the local fire agencies to achieve the ability to utilize them.

Vice Chair Novak inquired if the location of the ACIs would be fixed or mobile, and Ms. Albee informed they are trailer mounted and can be operated where they are needed.

Vice Chair Novak inquired if a contractor could utilize the ACI as well, and Ms. Albee confirmed that is correct.

Mr. Dahir moved to adopt the Business Impact Statement regarding proposed revisions to the District Board of Health Regulations Governing Air Quality Management, specifically Section 010.090 (DEFINITIONS - MAJOR EMITTING FACILITY OR MAJOR STATIONARY SOURCE), Section 010.091 (SYNTHETIC MINOR SOURCE), Section 030.900 (PART 70 PERMITTING REGULATIONS) and Section 040.046 (INCINERATOR BURNING), and set a public hearing for possible adoption of the proposed revisions to the regulations and application fee for October 25, 2018 at 1:00 pm. Mr. Delgado seconded the motion which was approved six in favor and none against.

Vice Chair Novak thanked Ms. Albee and her Division for their work to make the use of ACIs feasible and affordable.

12. Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority

Presented by: Dean Dow

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

Mr. Dahir inquired if REMSA had initiated a program for their ambulance staff to provide flu shots in the home of persons who are unable to get out to be immunized. Mr. Dow informed REMSA employees are now receiving their own immunizations, but are also working with community paramedics on a plan such as Mr. Dahir had mentioned. He stated an update of this plan would be available through Mr. Dick at the next DBOH Meeting in October.

Mr. Brown moved to accept the REMSA Operations Report for August 2018. Dr. Hess seconded the motion which was approved six in favor and none against.

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

In relation to the report out on the soft launch of the PulsePoint app in last month's report, Mr. Dow stated that the app is now fully functional and will be covered in an upcoming edition Health Watch on KTVN Channel 2, providing information on how to download it on a mobile phone and its usage.

Mr. Dow invited the fire chiefs in attendance to join him at the podium to announce that REMSA Education Department, along with eight local fire agencies, have cooperated to form a paramedic level training program for those fire agencies. He stated that this program has been designed for fire personnel that are currently employed in the fire service and is flexible to their work schedule. Mr. Dow opined that the program is unique to this area and possibly many states, and expressed they are excited to provide this opportunity to the area's paramedics. He informed that the comradery, team work and effort involved bring this training forward was outstanding, and that the agreement was signed approximately a month ago with the program to begin in mid-December 2018.

Mr. Dow thanked the fire agency representatives that were present and those that could not attend, offering them all applause.

Mr. Dow informed that the special events season is coming to a close for this year and wished to give special recognition to all of REMSA's first responders, communications specialists, emergency medical dispatchers, EMTs and Advanced EMTs, paramedics, supervisors and support staff. He stated that REMSA fielded over 550 events through this season and that many were outdoor events with conditions including extreme heat, large crowds and sometimes difficult situations. He expressed he was proud of the entire REMSA team for their efforts and teamwork in this busy season, along with their fire partners, law enforcement, and other partners.

Mr. Dow informed that on September 24th, REMSA had the honor of hosting the Western Division of the National Emergency Medical Services Memorial Bike Ride, honoring seventy-nine personnel who perished due to service related circumstances. He stated this event started in 2011 in Boston and has grown rapidly across the country and consists of three divisions; Eastern, Mid-America and Western. This year's route begins in Reno, to South Lake Tahoe, through Northern California, and will end in San Francisco, growing in the number of riders along the route. He stated it is REMSA's honor to have been involved in hosting and bringing attention to this event and to raise awareness and donations for the families.

Mr. Dahir commended REMSA and fire agencies for the training program for paramedics, noting the good that results when entities come together regionally.

13. Discussion of Process and Presentation of Evaluation Forms for the District Health Officer's Annual Review and Possible Direction to Staff to conduct the evaluation.

Staff Representative: Kevin Dick

Presented by: Vice Chair John Novak

Vice Chair Novak informed that the District Health Officer is evaluated annually. Ms. Griffey informed the list of participants for Mr. Dick's evaluation is included in the Board's packets and the questions are the same as have been used for the County Manager and District Health Officer's review for the past two years. She stated that using Survey Monkey encourages response to the survey over the same questions being mailed to the participants.

Ms. Griffey requested the Board's approval to begin the evaluation process and informed the results would be brought back to the Board for Mr. Dick's evaluation in open meeting at the October DBOH Meeting.

Dr. Hess moved to accept the Evaluation Forms for the District Health Officer's Annual Review and Direct to Staff to conduct the evaluation. Mr. Delgado seconded the motion which was approved six in favor and none against.

Vice Chair Novak directed the Board members to confirm their email addresses to be correct on the survey participant list.

14. *Staff Reports and Program Updates

A. Air Quality Management, Charlene Albee, Director

Program Update, AQMD Monitoring Network, Wildfire Season 2018, Divisional Update, Monitoring and Planning and Permitting and Enforcement

Ms. Albee informed that Mr. Rinaldi, Chair of the Air Pollution Control Hearing Board since 2002 and appointee to the Board for twenty-seven years, would not seek re-appointment. She noted that he is a Certified Industrial Hygienist and has provided tremendous direction and mentoring as the Air Pollution Control Hearing Board has developed over the years. Ms. Albee stated it has been a great honor to have him on the Board and that he will be missed. Mr. Rinaldi will be recognized for his service at the next DBOH Meeting

Ms. Albee stated that an announcement of the board vacancy was posted to the Washoe County, District Board of Health and the Air Pollution Control Hearing Board websites, and that she hoped to have a candidate to announce for appointment at the next DBOH Meeting, as well.

Vice Chair Novak inquired if the notice of vacancy could be extended to include areas outside the County in hopes of attracting another Industrial Hygienist to fill the position. Ms. Albee informed that there are few Certified Industrial Hygienists in the area and that there has always been an emphasis to recruit members to represent all areas that AQM regulates. She informed there have been a number of persons interested and was optimistic they would find a well-qualified candidate.

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

Divisional Update – New Third Party Payer, 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 presented photos of the Family Field Day event held at Yori Park in early September. He informed that the Chronic Disease Prevention Program partnered with the City of Reno and some of the local mobile home parks to hold this event that was very well attended by both staff and the public to promote the Washoe County Health District.

Mr. Kutz informed CCHS has partnered with the artist of the Healthy Living Mural at Traner Middle School, Erik Burke, who is painting colorfully patterned walkways and the basketball court at Yori Park. He informed his work is scheduled to be completed by the weekend of September 29th and there would be an update at the next DBOH Meeting.

Mr. Delgado expressed the event went very well and that staff is appreciated for their hard work. He informed that the managers of several mobile home parks reached out in public comment at a City of Reno meeting to inform they did not feel very safe in their community and that there weren't many opportunities to engage with local residents and take ownership of their park. This event, led by the Health District, allowed Mr. Delgado and other Councilmembers the opportunity to engage with those community members around their concerns. He opined that it will take several community events to build trust and establish a family friendly presence in the area's public spaces.

Mr. Delgado informed there is potential for a Halloween Trick-or-Treat Event with the neighbors to help build a sense of community. He extended his thanks to the Health District, Mr. Dick, the Board and staff for their efforts in redeveloping and engaging area residents in improving their quality of life.

Mr. Kutz informed the partnership with Washoe County Sheriff's Office to provide reproductive health services has been scaled back due to a reduction in funding, and female detainees will now be brought to the Health District to provide services. He stated that, as early as mid-October, CCHS will be able to resume services provided at the Sheriff's Office to improve the delivery of services. Mr. Kutz stated that Captain Clark and staff, as well as NaphCare staff, have been wonderful to work with and that the women appreciate this opportunity.

Mr. Dahir requested the Board Members be informed about events such as the Yori Park Event, to have the opportunity to attend and support staff and allow them the ability underscore that the District Board of Health is a regional Health Board.

C. Environmental Health Services, Chad Westom, Director

Environmental Health Services (EHS) Division and Program Updates – Training, Epidemiology, Community Development, Food, Special Events, Invasive Body Decoration, Land Development, Safe Drinking Water, Schools, Vector-Borne Disease, Waste Management and Inspections.

Mr. Westom informed he did not have any information to add to his report, but that he would be glad to answer any questions.

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

Program Updates for Communicable Disease, Outbreaks, West Nile Virus Disease, Unusual Illness, Seasonal Influenza Surveillance, Medical Reserve Corps, Inter-Hospital Coordinating Council, Isolation and Quarantine, Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Mutual Aid Evacuation Annex Training and Workshop, EMS Protocols Task Force and EMS Strategic Plan Revision

Ms. Conti, representing Dr. Todd in his absence, informed she had nothing to add to the report and would defer any questions the Board may have to Dr. Todd.

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

District Health Officer Report – Public Health Accreditation, Quality Improvement, Strategic Plan, Community Health Improvement Plan, Truckee Meadows Healthy Communities, Washoe Behavioral Health Policy Board, State Funding for Public Health, Government Affairs Liaison, Other Events and Activities and Health District Media Contacts.

Mr. Dick expressed how proud he is of the Health District staff who have been working hard for a number of years toward Accreditation, informing the effort began in 2014 with the Fundamental Review recommendations. He thanked Vice Chairman Novak for advocating for the Health District to move forward with Accreditation. He announced that there will be an event immediately following the DBOH Meeting for the submission of the 213 required documents to the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) for their review, and that a site visit would follow within approximately six months.

Mr. Dick informed that Truckee Meadows Healthy Communities (TMHC) had a Board of Directors Planning Retreat on September 12th, facilitated by Ms. Kruse of KPS3, where a consensus was reached defining the function of TMHC as that of a convening role for the coalition and advocacy in the areas of Housing and Homelessness, Preserving Mental Health with the focus on crisis stabilization and suicide prevention, and Physical Activity and Nutrition around support for the 5210 Program, as identified by the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP).

Mr. Dick informed there had been a community conversation on the comprehensive Affordable Housing Strategy for the region on the evening of September 26th with Enterprise Community Partners, TMHC and Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency (TMRPA). The event was held at the Discovery Museum with approximately eighty persons in attendance to hear details of the strategies being considered, and opined there was valuable input received for the development of this comprehensive strategy.

Mr. Dick informed there is an upcoming Family Health Festival (FHF) at O'Brien Middle School on October 8th from 3:00-6:00 p.m. where flu shots will be made available. He stated that the FHF is also a Point of Dispensing Exercise.

Mr. Dick stated that the Behavioral Health Policy Board is moving forward with work around Crisis Stabilization Services. He informed he is participating on a subcommittee to develop a business case showing a reduction in costs from utilization of Crisis Stabilization Services vs. traditional methods of caring for persons in crisis to present to the State

Mr. Dick expressed he was pleased to report that the Legislative Committee on Healthcare met September 24th and will move a BDR forward to provide for a Public Health Fund and an appropriation of five dollars per capita for Public Health, which will be provided to the Health Authorities. He stated this appropriation would provide a significant boost in state funding and is hopeful it will move forward successfully through the Legislature.

In regards to the upcoming Legislative Session, Mr. Dick highlighted the announcement that an open recruitment is underway for the Government Affairs Liaison, informing the recruitment will end October 3rd. He encouraged anyone interested to apply who believes themselves to be a good fit for the position, noting job specification information is available on the County Human Resources site.

Mr. Dick presented an interview with Ms. Shore of Immunizations on the topic of flu vaccinations. He also wished to thank Councilman Dahir for providing media coverage

of his flu shot prior to the DBOH meeting, noting KOLO, KRNV and KTVN were there for that event.

Vice Chair Novak informed that, even if the BDR for a Public Health Fund and the five dollar per capita appropriation moves forth successfully, Nevada will still be forty-ninth in the USA for State funding. He expressed hope that it will move forward successfully and opined it is much needed. He wished to extend thanks to Senator Ratti and Senator Spearman for their support.

15. *Board Comment

Vice Chair Novak closed the Board comment period.

16. *Public Comment

Mr. Passow, Emergency Manager for the VA Sierra Nevada Healthcare System based in Reno, informed their catchment area covers 26,000 square miles which includes most of Northern Nevada and a small section of Northeastern California. He informed that, in addition to providing healthcare for their area's Veterans, they are tasked with a facet of the National Disaster Medical System as a Federal Coordinating Center (FCC). He stated that the mission of the FCC is to receive, triage, stage, track and transport inpatients of Acute Care Facilities affected by a disaster or national emergency to a participating National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) medical facility or definitive care provider capable of providing the appropriate level of care. He stated the NDMS medical facilities are the community partner hospitals within fifty miles of an incident.

Mr. Passow informed that FCC has the potential to receive military patients should the Department of Defense Health System and the Department of Veterans Affairs Contingency Hospital System be overwhelmed during a military contingency. He stated that, as an FCC, they are responsible for day-to-day coordination of planning, training and patient reception area operations in this geographic area. The NDMS may be activated in one of three ways; under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, The Public Health Service Act or the Overseas and Domestic Military Contingency Emergency Plan.

Mr. Passow informed that their partner agencies include HHS who has the overall ownership of the National Disaster Medical System, manage the Joint Patient Assessment and Tracking System (JPATS), and manage the funding stream, taking care of the patients and repatriating them once the disaster zone has been stabilized.

Mr. Passow stated the Department of Defense (DoD) is the transport asset, who utilize the Airforce C-130 and C-17 aircraft in the patient transport configuration.

Mr. Passow informed the community partners in this area are the local hospitals who are signatories to the National Disaster Medical System as Definitive Care Providers. Washoe County Health District acts as the Communications and Transport Conduit and REMSA as ground transport, and both help with Surge Tracking.

Mr. Passow reported that on August 28th, in conjunction with the 152nd Air Wing, the VA hosted the first FCC full-scale exercise in Northern Nevada. He informed this exercise brought in full-sized C-130 Aircraft from Georgia, picking up the Airforce AeroMed Evac Association 156th Evac Wing from North Carolina en route, and involved three area Emergency Managers from the Veteran's Headquarters Office of Emergency Management to act as HHS Assistance Teams to provide Just-In-Time training to some VA personnel in the Patient Tracking System.

Mr. Passow stated that locally, the exercise consisted of VA Medical Center personnel as the Flight Line Operations and Reception Clinical Teams, Washoe County Health District's EMS Coordinator Ms. Dayton as a Medical Unit Leader and assisting under the Mutual Aid

Evacuation Act, and REMSA Emergency Manager Mr. Taylor with multiple ambulance units dedicated to the exercise for distributing patient actors to the community's hospitals.

Mr. Passow stated he was present to highlight the successes of the Health District's Mutual Aid Evacuation Annex, processes and the Patient Tracking function under the WebEOC System that Dr. Todd developed, meticulously updates and maintains. He stated the JPAT System is used to send patients to this area, and once here, the back half of the Tracking System is utilized.

Mr. Passow informed that during the exercise, a real world failure of the National JPAT System occurred for two patients, however, during that timeframe, the hard copy of Patient Transport and Patient Tracking System were in effect in conjunction with the WebEOC System. Once the National system came back online, the information was able to be repopulated. In addition to the redundancies, the WebEOC System was able to accomplish that which the National system could not, which is to allow for transferring from an acute care facility to a subacute or specialized facility. At this time, the NDMC does not allow for any facility that is not an acute care facility to sign on as a Definitive Care Provider.

Mr. Passow informed that this system managed by the Emergency Preparedness and Emergency Management System and Dr. Todd was a key component and was viewed as a best practice of co-locating the local Patient Tracking System with the JPATs Management Team.

Mr. Passow thanked the Health District and EMS partners for their support.

Vice Chair Novak requested Mr. Passow to agendaize any future presentation of this importance to avoid having to be limited to a three minute timeframe. He thanked him for his information.

Vice Chair Novak closed the public comment period.

17. Adjournment

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

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