

Washoe County District Board of Health Meeting Minutes

Members

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

**Thursday, September 26, 2019
1:00 p.m.**

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

1. *Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Chair Novak called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

The following members and staff were present:

Members present: Dr. John Novak, Chair

Marsha Berkgigler

Dr. Reka Danko

Tom Young

Members absent: Michael Brown, Vice Chair

Kristopher Dahir

Oscar Delgado

Ms. Rogers verified a quorum was present.

Staff present: Kevin Dick, District Health Officer
Dania Reid, Deputy District Attorney
Anna Heenan
Charlene Albee
Lisa Lottritz
Randall Todd
Daniel Inouye
Julie Hunter
Catrina Peters
Laurie Griffey
Lona Bogale

2. *Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Todd led the pledge to the flag.

3. *Public Comment

Chair Novak opened the public comment period.

Ms. Cakiroglu of Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful (KTMB) informed the litter survey that had been completed in July 2019 was one of the work items conducted with funds received from the Health District. In her update of that survey, she stated that this evidence-based program is also conducted as part of their affiliation with Keep America Beautiful, and that KTMB had restructured the survey significantly within the past year to make it more reflective of this community, more accurate and more impactful.

Ms. Cakiroglu explained how the study area was divided and volunteers recruited and trained to assess the levels of cleanliness of their areas. The information gained from this study allows KTMB to focus efforts where needed the most.

Ms. Cakiroglu informed the River Clean-Up was being held on Saturday, September 28th, and invited those present to participate.

Mr. Pitkin informed there were between twenty and thirty new HIV infections in Reno each year; of these, approximately 13 develop into AIDS. He provided information on the 90-90-90 initiative which was developed eight years ago with goals of stabilizing the spread of HIV and being accomplished in 2020.

He requested the Board to provide funding for this initiative in this region and to support positive change in the public's perception of AIDS/HIV. He provided a list of resources available locally and nationally to the Board.

Chair Novak closed the public comment period.

4. Approval of Agenda

September 26, 2019

Commissioner Berkbigler moved to approve the agenda for the September 26, 2019, District Board of Health regular meeting. Dr. Danko seconded the motion which was approved four in favor and none against.

5. Recognitions

A. Years of Service

- i. Stephen Shipman, 20 years, Hired 9/20/1999 - EPHP

Mr. Dick wished to recognize Mr. Shipman for his twenty years of service with the Health District. He informed Mr. Shipman is one of the Public Health Emergency Response Coordinators for the EPHP Division, and thanked him for his service.

B. Promotion

- i. Stephanie Chen, Health Educator I to Health Educator II - CCHS

Although Ms. Chen was not able to be present, Mr. Dick congratulated her on her promotion.

C. Accomplishments

- i. Kristen DeBraga – Passed the National Environmental Health Specialist Examination – EHS

Mr. Dick congratulated Ms. DeBraga for passing the National Environmental Health Specialist Examination, informing it is a very difficult exam. He stated the

Health District is very proud of the number of employees who pass this test on their first attempt.

- ii. Amber English – Selected to serve as a member of Council III – Science and Technology at the 2020 Biennial Meeting of the Conference for Food Protection – EHS

Mr. Dick informed Ms. English has been selected to serve as a member of Council III, Science and Technology, at the 2020 Biennial Meeting of the Conference for Food Protection. He congratulated her, stating it is an honor and that Ms. English will represent the Health District well.

- iii. Ellen Messinger Patton – Appointment to the NACCHO Environmental Public Health Advisory Workgroup - EHS

Ms. Messinger Patton was not in attendance. Mr. Dick congratulated her on her appointment to the NACCHO Environmental Public Health Advisory Workgroup

D. New Hires

- i. Kelcie Atkins, 9/3/2019, Registered Dietitian Nutritionist, - CCHS

Ms. Lottritz introduced Ms. Atkins, stating she is the new registered dietician in WIC. She informed Ms. Atkins has experience working in the clinical setting and providing community outreach, is a native Nevadan, a UNR graduate, a certified diabetes educator and is currently completing her MPH at UNR.

- ii. Scott Oxarart, 9/3/2019, Public Health Communications Program Manager – ODHO

Mr. Dick informed a new Public Health Communications Program Manager has been hired, Mr. Oxarart, and informed he was not present to be recognized due to the birth of his daughter earlier in the week. Mr. Dick stated Mr. Oxarart has a degree in Journalism from UNR, has media experience in both print and radio with Reno Gazette Journal and KOH, has worked previously in digital communications at Renown Health and in Washoe County's Communications Team, and comes to the Health District most recently from Sierra Nevada Corporations. He expressed he was very glad to have Mr. Oxarart at the Health District.

E. Shining Stars

- i. Jennifer Howell
- ii. Blair Hedrick
- iii. Judy Medved-Gonzalez
- iv. Cory Sobrio
- v. Janet Smith
- vi. Carmen Mendoza

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.

Ms. Medved-Gonzalez and Mr. Sobrio were not in attendance.

Mr. Dick informed that Ms. Howell is with the HIV program at CCHS and has received four Shining Star Awards. Ms. Hedrick with the EPHP Vital Statistics Program and Ms. Medved-Gonzales and Mr. Sobrio, both of the TB Program in CCHS, have received eleven Shining Stars. He stated that Ms. Smith of AQM has ten Shining Stars, and Ms. Mendoza of the EPHP Vital Statistics Program has an

amazing twenty-six Shining Stars. He congratulated them all on their outstanding service.

Chair Novak congratulated staff for their accomplishments and thanked them all for their contributions to the Health District.

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 22, 2019

B. Budget Amendments/Interlocal Agreements

- i. Retroactive approval of Notice of Subgrant Award from the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health, for the period August 1, 2019 through July 31, 2020 in the total amount of \$160,129 in support of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Program; and if approved authorize the District Health Officer to execute the Subgrant Award.
Staff Representative: Jennifer Hoekstra

- ii. Retroactively approve the Notice of Subgrant Award from the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health, for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 in the total amount of \$19,374 (with \$1,937.40 or 10% match) in support of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) Public Health Preparedness BP1 Carryover Program; and if approved authorize the District Health Officer to execute the Subgrant Award; Approval of emergency response supplies; and if approved, authorize the District Health Officer to distribute the supplies including signing all necessary paperwork.
Staff Representative: Jennifer Hoekstra

- iii. Retroactively approve the Notice of Subgrant Award from the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health, for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 in the total amount of \$27,823 (with \$2,782.30 or 10% match) in support of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) BP1 Carryover Program; and if approved authorize the District Health Officer to execute the Subgrant Award; Approval of Point of Dispensing (POD) supplies, Stop the Bleed supplies, Chemical, Burn, Radiation, Nuclear, Explosive (CBRNE) supplies; and if approved, authorize the District Health Officer to distribute the supplies including signing all necessary paperwork.
Staff Representative: Jennifer Hoekstra

- C. Approve a donation of seven (7) bicycles with an approximately value of \$5,600 to the City of Reno/Project HERO (Healing Exercise Rehabilitation Opportunity).

Staff Representative: Nancy Kerns Cummins

- D. Recommendation to Uphold Citations Not Appealed to the Air Pollution Control Hearing Board.

- i. Rainbow Market #10, Case No. 1215, NOV No. 5741

- ii. KDC Construction, Case No. 1216, NOV 5744

Staff Representative: Dan Inouye

E. Acknowledge receipt of the Health Fund Financial Review for August, Fiscal Year 2019
Staff Representative: Anna Heenan

Mr. Young moved to accept the Consent Agenda items as presented. Commissioner Berkbigler seconded the motion which was approved four in favor and none against.

7. PUBLIC HEARING Review, discussion, and possible adoption of the proposed revisions to the District Board of Health Regulations Governing Air Quality Management, Section 040.035 Open Fires.

Staff Representative: Daniel Inouye

Mr. Inouye stated the Board had directed AQM to revisit the open fire regulations. He informed that Ms. Julie Hunter has been the Project Manager and has worked closely with the public and fire agencies, and that the Board had adopted the Business Impact Statement at the August 22nd District Board of Health Meeting.

Ms. Hunter, Senior Air Quality Specialist reviewed the current regulations and the proposed revisions for the Board. She stated that staff recommends the Board adopt the proposed revisions to the District Board of Health Regulations Governing Air Quality Management, Section 040.035 Open Fires, and offered to answer any questions.

Chair Novak inquired if there was any public comment. Ms. Rogers informed there was not.

Commissioner Berkbigler moved to adopt the revisions to the District Board of Health Regulations Governing Air Quality Management, Section 040.035, Open Fires. Mr. Young seconded the motion, which was approved four in favor and none against.

8. Review, discussion and possible adoption of the Business Impact Statement regarding proposed revisions to the District Board of Health Regulations Governing Air Quality Management, Section 040.055 (Odorous or Gaseous Contaminants) with a finding that the revised regulations do not impose a direct and significant economic burden on a business; nor do the revised regulations directly restrict the formation, operation or expansion of a business; and set a public hearing for possible adoption of the proposed revisions to the Regulations for October 24, 2019 at 1:00 pm.

Staff Representative: Daniel Inouye

Mr. Inouye informed that Mr. Wolf and his staff have been working on revisions to odor regulations that involve advancements in technology and economic development in the region.

Mr. Wolf, Permitting and Enforcement Branch Chief, stated he would present the Business Impact Statement (BIS) for proposed odor regulation revision. He informed the current regulation as written does not provide for quantification of odors using an olfactometer. In an effort to better serve the community, AQM has purchased an olfactometer and have worked on these proposed regulation revisions to allow measurement of nuisance odors.

Mr. Wolf informed the proposed regulation revision would set a nuisance level for residential and non-residential areas. In this process, he stated two public workshops were held on September 4th which were attended by three members of the cannabis industry; no public comment was given. He informed there are no proposed additional fees to add quantification to the regulations, and there is a potential this addition will streamline odor investigations.

Mr. Wolf stated that staff recommends the District Board of Health adopt the Business Impact Statement and set the public hearing for possible adoption of the proposed regulation

revisions at the next scheduled DBOH meeting in October.

Commissioner Berkbigler expressed understanding that these regulations relate to cannabis facilities, and inquired if they would also apply to farms, use of manure as fertilizer, odor from diesel equipment, etc., and if investigations would be driven by complaints.

Mr. Wolf informed that the proposed regulations are for nuisance odors in general and that no specific industry was singled out. He stated the olfactometer was purchased specifically for use on cannabis grows in Washoe County, due to their increasing number. Regarding agriculture, Mr. Wolf informed the Health District does not have regulatory authority. In regards to diesel odor, Mr. Wolf explained that there are idling limits that are enforceable by AQM.

Mr. Young inquired if cannabis complaints outnumber other types of complaints. Mr. Wolf informed that was correct, with complaints regarding the geothermal plant coming in second.

Commissioner Berkbigler informed of an animal rendering plant in Lemmon Valley and expressed concern that a long standing business providing a needed service could potentially be shut down due to complaints from a growing population moving into that area. Mr. Wolf informed that AQM works not only with the complainant, but the person or entity the complaint was against.

Ms. Berkbigler stated that the proposed regulation revisions seemed to be logical in their approach to the issue.

Mr. Young inquired what an olfactometer costs. Mr. Wolf stated the device AQM purchased was approximately \$2500. Mr. Wolf informed they have taken it on several investigations, and thus far, there has not been enough odor for it to register on the meter.

Chair Novak opened the public comment period.

Mr. Adler, representing Silver State Government Relations, opined that olfactory sensors are good tools, and noted that there are terpenes in plants other than cannabis, so hoped cannabis would not be the only plant investigated.

Mr. Adler stated the cannabis industry is aware of the odor these plants can exude, and informed they utilize carbon filters to minimize the odor impact outside of the facility. He stated these facilities work with the surrounding community and, using their feedback, take steps to address those issues. He encouraged AQM to let them know of any complaints.

Chair Novak closed the public comment period.

Commissioner Berkbigler moved to adopt the Business Impact Statement regarding proposed revisions to the District Board of Health Regulations Governing Air Quality Management, Section 040.055 (Odorous or Gaseous Contaminants) with a finding that the revised regulations do not impose a direct and significant economic burden on a business; nor do the revised regulations directly restrict the formation, operation or expansion of a business; and set a public hearing for possible adoption of the proposed revisions to the Regulations for October 24, 2019 at 1:00 pm. Dr. Danko seconded the motion which was approved four in favor and none against.

9. Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority

Presented by: Kevin Romero and Alexia Jobson

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

Mr. Romero, Vice President of REMSA, informed he was filling in for Mr. Dow and is available to answer any questions

Mr. Young moved to accept the REMSA Operations Reports for August, 2019. Commissioner Berkbigler seconded the motion which was approved four in favor and none against.

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

Ms. Jobson stated there were a variety of media stories highlighting REMSA's special events team, including wellness tips for special event visitors and highlights about REMSA's partnership with the Sparks Fire Department to successfully manage the medical triage and treatment area at the Rib Cook-Off.

Ms. Jobson informed Senator Catherine Cortez Masto visited REMSA and toured the entire campus, visiting with staff, field providers and dispatchers in late August. Ms. Cortez Masto was impressed with the services REMSA provides.

Ms. Green, Education Manager, was featured in a series of interviews announcing that REMSA is currently conducting paramedic entrance exam testing. REMSA's entire education program and the impressive pass rate that paramedics have on their national registry exam were key points of the story.

Mr. Ceballos, Community Education Coordinator, provided an interview and demonstration to KOLO on how to properly install car seats during National Child Passenger Safety Week. Lastly, Ms. Jobson informed REMSA began announcements of flu shots that will be provided to over one hundred homebound citizens of Washoe County. She stated REMSA is working with the media to generate awareness of this program, and that information can be found at <http://www.remsahealth.com/news/homeboundflu/>. REMSA is offering this program in partnership with the Washoe County Health District.

Chair Novak asked that Ms. Jobson give her name for the record in the future. He expressed the homebound flu shot program is a wonderful service. He reminded those present to get their flu shots.

Commissioner Berkbigler moved to accept the REMSA Public Relations report for August 2019. Mr. Young seconded the motion which was approved four in favor and none against.

Note: This item is a non-action item; approval was not required.

10. Presentation and possible acceptance of the revised 2018-2020 Community Health Improvement Plan.

Staff Representative: Catrina Peters

Ms. Peters, Director of Programs and Projects, reviewed the focus areas of the 2018-2020 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) and the method by which these were broken down into actionable, measureable items. She informed that eighty percent of the goals within the Plan had been accomplished and detailed the successes for those present.

Ms. Peters stated the CHIP committee was reconvened on August 8th to celebrate accomplishments and review progress made. Decisions were made regarding which items should be rolled over into the revised CHIP that were not achieved or have value that would warrant further work. She informed that potential additions to the Plan were also discussed by the group. Sub-groups then discussed details of action plans for implementation, timelines, and those responsible for specific tasks were identified to keep progress moving forward.

Ms. Peters informed of items proposed for rollover, including behavioral health services that providers wish to deliver in the school setting to overcome the issue of transportation.

She stated they are working to locate space at the school. The Signs of Suicide program was earmarked for continued work and funding to be provided. One priority is to increase the screening rate of students; it is hoped a way forward will be identified in partnership with the School District.

Under Goal 1, housing stability, Ms. Peters informed it is proposed to include a strategy around GoodGrid implementation, a case management software program that provides the opportunity to show outcomes around case management and referral successes across the community. Also proposed for addition is a certification program for Peer Recovery Support Specialists, who are persons that have recovered from a substance use issue and are trained to assist those experiencing similar issues on a path toward recovery. She informed the first steps would be to deploy a survey to find how many specialists are in the community, identify persons interested in becoming a specialist and provide training for both.

Under Goal 2, Ms. Peters informed of proposed revisions which include producing the Behavioral Health Data profile annually, which will be included in the Washoe County Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board annual report. Other elements were proposed to be added to the Provider Data Handout for comparison of data from year to year, as well as to add information on employer loan repayment opportunities to aid in the retention of providers in the area.

Another strategy under Goal 2 is to assess the Medicaid claim data for answers to questions around FTEs, sliding scale and providers who take Medicaid. Also proposed for rollover is the work around Behavioral Health Licensure Board modernization due to the delay in the license process taking upwards of six months. The work will include identification of Boards that offer efficiency opportunities such as the ability to enter continuing education credits online, online application for license, etc.

Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT), is proposed for expansion. Ms. Peters informed SBIRT is a process healthcare providers would adopt to be able to screen for high-risk behavior and appropriately refer for treatment.

Ms. Peters informed that seniors were added to the scope of work under Goal 3, which is around reducing suicide and depression. She stated strategies and tactics were added to support a BUILD Health Challenge grant, which is intended to address the alarming senior suicide rates.

Commissioner Berkbigler moved to accept the revised 2018-2020 Community Health Improvement Plan. Dr. Danko seconded the motion which was approved four in favor and none against.

11. 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: Laurie Griffey

Ms. Griffey, Human Resources Representative for the Health District, informed the documents in their packet include the questions that have been used in the past for both the District Health Officer and the County Manager. She stated that, if the questions and the list of participants provided were approved by the Board, staff would need direction from them to proceed with the evaluation.

Chair Novak inquired if the Board had any other participants they would like to include in the evaluation. Hearing none, he called for a motion.

Commissioner Berkbigler moved to accept the Evaluation Forms for the District Health Officer's Annual Review and direct Staff to conduct the evaluation. Mr. Young seconded the motion which was approved four in favor and none against.

Ms. Griffey informed the evaluation would be emailed to them shortly. Chair Novak requested the participants to complete and return it to Ms. Griffey in a reasonable amount of time in order to complete the process.

12. *Staff Reports and Program Updates

A. Air Quality Management, Daniel Inouye, Acting Director

Program Update - Truckee Meadows Regional Plan Update, Divisional Update, Program Reports (Monitoring/Planning; Permitting/Enforcement)

Mr. Inouye provided an overview of the past Ozone season, stating the area was fortunate to have low Ozone concentrations this year and so had zero exceedances.

B. Community and Clinical Health Services, Lisa Lottritz, Director

Divisional Update – Severe Pulmonary Disease Associated with E-Cigarette Use; 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

Ms. Lottritz stated that, at the prior DBOH meeting, Chair Novak had requested more information on E-cigarettes to be presented at this meeting. She informed that Ms. Bogale, CCHS Health Educator, would be providing a presentation on the topic.

Ms. Lottritz thanked EPHP, EHS and the Chronic Disease Program for a great collaboration in the investigation of suspect vaping-related cases.

Ms. Bogale presented on the recent national investigation into cases of lung injury and illness that may be associated with E-cigarette use. She informed the numbers on her presentation had been correct as of yesterday, but that the CDC released updated information she had just received prior to this meeting.

Ms. Bogale stated the cases of lung injury had risen from five hundred thirty cases with seven deaths to eight hundred five cases among adolescents and adults with twelve deaths. She informed all had history of E-cigarette product use, but there were no specific products or compounds that have been linked to all cases at this time.

Ms. Bogale noted that the related symptoms are often mistaken for an infection; antibiotics are prescribed in an outpatient setting and the person is later hospitalized with the onset of the disease being from a few days to a few weeks. She informed the investigation continues to work to determine the cause which is thought to be chemical exposure, and whether they may be different diseases with similar presentations. She noted that, at this time, there are no local cases.

Prior to this investigation, Ms. Bogale informed of one-time funding allocated toward an E-cigarette prevention campaign. It targeted youth age thirteen to eighteen in Washoe County and discouraged teen use by educating them of the hazards.

Regarding Senate Bill 263 that passed during the last Legislative Session, Ms. Bogale informed it allows for vapor products and alternative nicotine products to be taxed and regulated as other tobacco products, which will help generate funds for local E-cigarette product prevention and control. Approximately \$200,000 is expected to be allocated to the Health District from the State.

Mr. Young inquired if the investigation included cannabis vaping products. Ms. Bogale stated they are looking in to all substances including THC.

Mr. Dick informed there had been a news report within the past few days that the State is reporting cannabis vaping products sales are down about fifteen percent in the dispensaries, and opined the public appears to be heeding the advisories that are being provided for their education.

Regarding the funding the Health District is supposed to receive from SB263, Mr. Dick stated that it went into effect July 1st and the regulatory component of SB263 to add vaping to the Clean Indoor Air Act will be effective January 1st. He informed the State has yet to establish the account and distribute the funds to any of the local health authorities or to the Tobacco Prevention Coalition to allow them to deploy the statewide advertising campaigns.

Commissioner Berkbigler inquired if there is evidence of secondary exposure from vaping. Mr. Dick explained that one of the problems in understanding the health impacts of vaping is the lack of data and regulations. He stated it is known there is secondhand exposure and there are toxins and carcinogens that are formed in the aerosols from vaping, but there is not yet the understanding of what the health impacts are for those that use the products or are exposed secondhand.

C. Environmental Health Services, Charlene Albee, Director

Environmental Health Services (EHS) Division Program Updates – Child Care, Community Development, Epidemiology, Food, Land Development, Safe Drinking Water, Schools, Vector, Waste Management, and Inspections.

Ms. Albee informed she did not have updates to her report but wanted to inform a staff member attended the Western States Regional Food Safety Program convention in Phoenix where a presentation on CBD oil was heard. She stated the presentation was nearly verbatim to the presentation she had provided to the Board. She informed there was much interest in EHS staff and the work being done here, and opined the Washoe County Health District is on the right track in their approach to CBD products.

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

Program Updates for Communicable Disease, Outbreaks, Hantavirus, West Nile Virus, Measles, Hepatitis A, PHP Program, Upcoming Exercises, Emergency Medical Services, REMSA Response Data

Dr. Todd stated the Board had requested an update on Hepatitis A in Southern Nevada to be presented at this meeting. He informed the data from the Southern Nevada Health District in his report indicated there were forty-nine outbreak associated cases through June 30th. As of September 18th, new information shows that the case count was eighty-nine. He explained that, of these cases, ninety-four percent were among people who use drugs and eighty percent were among those experiencing homelessness.

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

District Health Officer Report – Public Health Accreditation (PHAB), Community Health Improvement Plan, Quality Improvement, Performance Management, Washoe Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board, Substance Abuse Task Force, Truckee Meadows Healthy Communities (TMHC), Other Events and Activities and Health District Media Contacts

Mr. Dick wished to extend congratulations to the Board of Health for their direction in pursuing public health accreditation for the Health District, recognizing the champion Chair Novak has been in the push to attain accreditation. He expressed how pleased staff and the Board is that the goal of becoming accredited has been realized. He informed of the celebration luncheon that was held for staff that Chair Novak and Councilman Dahir were able to attend.

Mr. Dick stated he was pleased to announce that Washoe County Health District is the second health department in Nevada to receive accreditation and the first to become

accredited under Version 1.5. He explained that Carson City became accredited under an earlier version which didn't have as many requirements as Version 1.5, and noted staff are proud that Washoe County Health District was able to become accredited before Southern Nevada Health District.

Mr. Dick stated he had received a letter of congratulations from both NACCHO and the CDC. He informed the plaque from PHAB has not yet arrived, but that he will share it when it does.

Regarding Truckee Meadows Healthy Communities, Mr. Dick informed of the presentations of the Regional Strategy for Housing Affordability made to the Reno and Sparks City Councils on Monday the 23rd and to the Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday the 24th that TMHC developed in partnership with the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency and Enterprise Community Partners. He opined the Strategy was well received in those presentations and noted that he had provided public comment at those meetings to urge each of those bodies to move forward with implementing the Strategy. He informed the Reno Housing Authority has been identified as an organization that is well equipped and willing to lead the implementation of the Strategy, noting it will take further discussions and work on how each of those bodies would feel comfortable they are properly represented in the way Reno Housing Authority is conducting that work.

Mr. Dick informed that the Behavioral Health Forum: More Powerful Together will be held on October 2nd at the County Chambers where a light breakfast will be served at 8:00 a.m. and meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. He listed the many notable speakers, stating Senator Ratti would provide the initial presentation and speak to activities in the last legislative session.

Mr. Dick informed the Behavioral Health Profile would be presented at this Forum, stating it was developed in the process of updating the behavioral health components of the CHIP.

Mr. Dick informed TMHC's senior suicide project would be covered at the Forum. He stated that TMHC is alive in their bid to obtain funding in the BUILD Health Challenge process with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for this initiative around prevention of senior suicide. He expressed hope that he would soon have positive news regarding that funding. He informed that Ms. Craig of Renown Institute took the lead in writing the proposal for the Build Health Challenge, explaining that she did so in her role as the Vice President of TMHC.

13. *Board Comment

Chair Novak closed the Board comment period.

14. *Public Comment

Chair Novak opened the public comment period.

Mr. Donahue informed he is a resident of Fawn Lane and wished to speak to agenda item number seven. He stated he would like to thank Health District staff for their work to revise the open burning regulations, noting their workshops were informative. He stated he attended one of the workshops and made comment that the draft of the regulations ordinance could have included the thirty-eight properties on Fawn Lane. He explained these properties have traditionally had open burning from the time he began living there in 1999 until it was suspended approximately three years ago.

Mr. Donahue informed he has no other alternative to open burning available to him to get rid of green fuels on his property. He stated he does not have a pickup truck to haul this refuse, and these fuels don't fit in garbage bags very well.

Mr. Donahue explained he had worked with Health District staff and Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District who allowed him a one-year exemption. He commented that it has historically been cultural practice to open burn on Fawn Lane for defensible space, and requested an exemption for the thirty-eight parcels of Fawn Lane residents that fall within Hydrographic Area 87. He informed that his analysis of these properties shows an average of their size is just over two acres and so complies with one of the exemption criteria.

Mr. Donahue stated that he wanted his request on record and hoped there might be an opportunity to review the regulations again and provide Fawn Lane residents an exemption to allow open burning.

Chair Novak closed the public comment period.

15. Adjournment

Chair Novak adjourned the meeting at 2:17 p.m.

Possible Changes to Agenda Order and Timing: Items on the agenda may be taken out of order, combined with other items, withdrawn from the agenda, moved to the agenda of another later meeting; moved to or from the Consent section, or they may be voted on in a block. Items with a specific time designation will not be heard prior to the stated time, but may be heard later. Items listed in the Consent section of the agenda are voted on as a block and will not be read or considered separately unless withdrawn from the Consent agenda.

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

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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

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