



Washoe County District Board of Health Meeting Minutes

Members

Oscar Delgado, Chair
Robert Lucey, Vice Chair
Michael D. Brown
Kristopher Dahir
Dr. Reka Danko
Dr. John Novak
Dr. John Klacking

Thursday, April 28, 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.

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

The following members and staff were present:

Members present: Oscar Delgado, Chair
Robert Lucey, Vice Chair (present via zoom)
Michael Brown
Kristopher Dahir
Dr. John Klacking (logged in at 1:42 via zoom)

Members absent: Dr. Reka Danko
Dr. John Novak

Mrs. Valdespin verified a quorum was present.

Staff present:

Kevin Dick, District Health Officer
Francisco Vega
Dr. Nancy Diao
Erin Dixon
Lisa Lottritz
Latricia Lord
Rayona LaVoie

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Rayon LaVoie led the pledge to the flag.

3. Approval of Agenda.

April 28, 2022

Michael Brown moved to approve the agenda for the April 28, 2022, District Board of Health regular meeting. Councilman Dahir seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

4. **Appearance:**

School of Public Health Dean, Dr. Muge Akpinar

School of Public Health Development Director, Gabrielle Brackett, MS, MPH

Washoe County District Board of Health Scholarship Recipient.

Ms. Brackett, School of Public Health Development Director, began her presentation by thanking the District Board of Health for their partnership in support of the School of Public Health. She continued by sharing some background on the 2022-2023 Washoe County District Board of Health Scholarship recipient, Nathan Turner, a third-year Kinesiology student.

Ms. Brackett continued to provide some updates on their scholarship endowment, as well as a brief description of the School of Public Health. Ms. Brackett concluded by introducing Dr. Muge Akpinar, Dean of the School of Public Health.

Dr. Akpinar provided some updates on the School of Public Health student population, research and programs, student opportunities, and certificates. Dr. Akpinar continued to speak of their accreditation and their vision for the future. Dr. Akpinar briefly stated their desire to increase their national reputation; therefore, supporting the local community if key for the School of Public Health.

District Health Officer, Kevin Dick, reminded the Board and acknowledged that the Health District is an academic health department in collaboration with the University of Nevada, Reno School of Public Health.

Chair Delgado thanked the team for the presentation and expressed his appreciation for students staying home and giving back after graduation.

5. **Recognitions.**

A. Years of Service

- i. Erin Dixon, 20 years, hired April 22, 2002 - EHS
- ii. Maricela Caballero, 25 years, hired April 28, 1997 - CCHS

Health Officer, Kevin Dick acknowledged all employees for their years of service. He continued to thank and congratulate all employees for their years of service and presented Erin Dixon, who was present, with a certificate and pin.

B. New Hires

- i. Monica Pearl Simard, March 28, 2022, Public Health Nurse I - CCHS
- ii. Jasmine Olvera, March 28, 2022, Community Health Worker, CCHS
- iii. Dasie Rodriguez, April 11, 2022, Community Health Worker - CCHS
- iv. Ian Check, April 11, 2022, Environmental Health Specialist Trainee - EHS
- v. Eva Leon, April 25, 2022, Community Organizer - ODHO
- vi. Itzayana Montoya-Adame. April 25, 2022, Community Organizer - ODHO
- vii. Camille Haga, April 25, 2022, Program Coordinator - CCHS

Health Officer, Kevin Dick asked Lisa Lottritz, Erin Dixon, and Julia Ratti to introduce their team's new employees.

Ms. Lottritz introduced Ms. Simard, Ms. Olvera, and Ms. Rodriguez as new members of the Community and Clinical Health Services (CCHS) team. Ms. Lottritz briefly shared their education and background to the Board. Additionally, she introduced Ms.

Solorio as an internal promotion from Community Health Aide to new Community Health Worker.

Ms. Dixon introduced Mr. Check as a new member of the Environmental Health Services (EHS) team. She briefly shared Mr. Check's experience and education to the Board. Additionally, she introduced Mr. Collins as an internal promotion from Environmental Health Specialist to Sr. Environmental Health Specialist. Ms. Dixon recognized Mr. Collins as an asset due to his extensive experience in his department.

Ms. Ratti introduced two of her three new employee, Ms. Leon and Ms. Haga. She continued to share their experience, background, and education.

Chair Delgado extended a great welcome to the new employees and congratulated those who were promoted.

C. Promotions

- i. Keyla Solorio, from Community Health Aide to Community Health Worker, effective March 28, 2022 - CCHS
- ii. Byron Collins, from Environmental Health Special to Sr. Environmental Health Specialist, effective April 11, 2022 - EHS

Divisions Directors, Lisa Lottritz and Erin Dixon introduced these promotions on the previous item #4B.

D. Retirements

- i. Janet Smith, Administrative Secretary, effective March 12, 2022 – AQM

Mr. Dick acknowledge Ms. Smith's retirement by sharing her service to the Health District as a formal employee as well as a contracted employee, for a total of 43+ years of service. Mr. Dick presented Ms. Smith with a token of appreciation.

E. Special Recognitions

- i. District Health Staff – COVID-19 Response

Mr. Dick acknowledge all the Health District staff for their COVID-19 Response efforts and service. Mr. Dick acknowledged and expressed his heartfelt gratitude for the willingness of staff to step up and perform duties outside of their normal tasks.

Chair Delgado expressed his appreciation for all the hard work of the Health District staff, which has served as a model not just in the community and in the State but also across the nation.

Councilman Dahir expressed his amazement for everything that was accomplished under adversity. Additionally, he expressed his appreciation for having a team that is ready to step up to get the work done.

F. Washoe County Health Heroes

- i. Christabell Sotelo-Zecena – EPHP
- ii. Narsy Perez-Zapata – EHS
- iii. Teresa Long – EHS
- iv. Amanda Santos – CCHS
- v. Christina Sheppard – CCHS
- vi. Lisa Wilson – CCHS

- vii. Mike White – Honorable mention – EHS
- viii. Shayna De Silva – Honorable mention – EPHP
- ix. Karen Frazier – Honorable mention – EPHP COVID-19 Response
- x. Daisy Lara – Honorable mention – EPHP COVID-19 Response
- xi. Maribeth Michaud – Honorable mention – CCHS

Mr. Dick briefly described the Washoe County Health Heroes, which is focused on the values at the Health District. Additionally, he briefly explained the two existing tiers.

Mr. Dick continued to acknowledge all the recognized employees as well as listing all the honorable mentions. Mr. Dick thanked all staff for their hard work.

Chair Delgado asked for a round of applause for the employees that were recognized.

6. Proclamations.

A. Proclamation – Washoe County Air Quality Awareness Week.

Staff Representative: Francisco Vega

District Health Officer, Kevin Dick, read the proclamation for Air Quality Awareness Week into the record and invited Air Quality Division Director, Francisco Vega, to accept said proclamation.

Mr. Vega stated air quality has an impact in the health, welfare, and quality of life for the residents of Washoe County. He added his division is looking forward to working with regional partners in improving the air quality in Washoe County.

B. Proclamation – National Bike Month and Bicycle Safety Month and Washoe County Bike Month.

Staff Representative: Yann Ling-Barnes

Mr. Dick read the National Bike Month and Bicycle Safety Month and Washoe County Bike Month proclamation into the record and invited Stephanie Chen to accept said proclamation.

Ms. Chen reminded everyone that May is Bike Month and encouraged the community to replace some of their car trips with cycling, walking, or skating. She concluded by sharing the website www.bikewashoe.org for more information.

Michael Brown moved to approve the Washoe County Air Quality Awareness Week and National Bike Month and Bicycle Safety Month and Washoe County Bike Month proclamations. Councilman Dahir seconded the motion which was approved unanimously with Dr. Danko, Dr. Novak, and Dr. Klacking in absentia.

7. Public Comment.

Chair Delgado opened the public comment period.

Having no public comment Chair Delgado closed the public comment period.

8. COVID-19 Update & Information.

Staff Representative: Kevin Dick

Board Representative: Dr. Reka Danko

Health Officer, Kevin Dick opened this item by reporting that the COVID-19 situation remains positive, as the community level for COVID impact per the CDC criteria is at low

with 23.7 new cases per day for the 7-day average. Although, this number represents an increase, the risk remains at the low level. Mr. Dick added that the variant mostly found is BA.2.

Mr. Dick reported vaccinations continue to be administered with an event happening at the Earth Day event at Bartley Ranch. He continued to provide a list of events where vaccinations will be available. Additionally, he provided statistics for those vaccinated. Mr. Dick highlighted a study published by the CDC in their mortality/morbidity weekly review. Briefly he described that the study showed that those between the ages of 0-17 years of age had a higher percentage of infection than those in age tiers over 17 years of age. Mr. Dick noted that likelihood of vaccination increased in the age tiers over 17 years of age; therefore, reflecting the level of protection in vaccinations. Mr. Dick added that those under 5 are not eligible for vaccination and the lowest percentage of vaccinated are under the 17-year-old age group, where most infections were reported.

Mr. Dick reported that therapeutics are readily available and four local pharmacies that are in the federal Test and Treat Program allow for people to get tested for COVID-19 and obtain a prescription for treatment if they test positive. Additionally, 50 pharmacies and health care providers are dispensing therapeutics across the community.

Ms. Valdespin stated for the record that Dr. John Klacking has made an appearance at 1:42 p.m.

Councilman Dahir asked why the antiviral medicine is not readily available outside of the elderly and those susceptible to the virus.

Mr. Dick responded that those are the guidelines set forth by the Food and Drug Administration and the CDC; however, he opined the issue is that the medical community is not prescribing the treatments.

Councilman Dahir asked if the Health District is bound to only provide treatment to the elderly.

Mr. Dick clarified the Health District does not have authority over how the treatment is prescribed.

Councilman asked if the Health District makes decisions based on what is decided in Washington DC.

Mr. Dick confirmed the State abides by the decisions made in Washington DC.

Councilman asked how the Health District could move to express opposition, as he opined this process didn't make sense.

Mr. Dick affirmed that if the Board made a resolution to oppose the decision, he would communicate said resolution to the State.

Councilman Dahir affirmed his desire to express opposition to this decision, as he feels that if there's medicine available it should be used on those that are sick.

Dr. Klacking asked if the Washoe County has a plenty supply of Paxlovid.

Mr. Dick affirmed there is a plenty supply that is available through multiple organizations, per the communications at the federal and state level. He additionally informed there are under 1,000 weekly courses of treatment provided to the State.

Dr. Klacking asked if this is a rollover number.

Mr. Dick reported the number of treatments builds up over time.

9. Consent Items.

Matters which the District Board of Health may consider in one motion. Any exceptions to the Consent Agenda must be stated prior to approval.

A. Approval of Draft Minutes

- i. March 24, 2022

B. Budget Amendments/Interlocal Agreements

- i. Approve the Park Permit for Temporary Use Agreement and the Indemnification Letter for the use of Mira Loma Park with the City of Reno Parks and Recreation and authorize the District Health Officer to execute the Agreement, and any future amendments and MOU agreements with partnering agencies
Staff Representative: Wes Rubio
- ii. Approve agreement between Washoe County Health District (WCHD) and Social Entrepreneurs, Inc. (SEI) to establish an implementation process for the County's Behavioral Health Crisis Response System for a total amount of \$125,900.40 for the period June 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.
Staff Representative: Kristen Palmer and Julia Ratti

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

Staff Representative: Francisco Vega

- i. Recommendation for the Board to uphold an uncontested citation issued to McCarran Mart, Case No. 1302, Notice of Violation No. AQMV22-0004 with a \$9,380.00 penalty.
- ii. Recommendation for the Board to uphold an uncontested citation issued to McCarran Mart, Case No. 1302, Notice of Violation No. AQMV22-0004 with a \$9,380.00 penalty.
- iii. Recommendation for the Board to uphold an uncontested citation issued to CFPC, LLC, Case No. 1355, Notice of Violation No. AQMV22-0001 with a \$750.00 penalty.

Councilman Dahir moved to approve the consent agenda. Michael Brown seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

10. Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority.

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

Presented by: Dean Dow

Dean Dow, President and CEO of REMSA Health and Care Flight, began his presentation by opening his item for questions from the Board.

Mr. Dow followed up on an action item from the Board's request from last month. Mr. Dow reported REMSA Health had a Joint Advisory Committee meeting on April 13, 2022. The meeting was well attended including all fire partners and the discussion centered around the ability to continue with patient guidance programs and the tier system. Mr. Dow reported a second meeting is to be scheduled to condense the conversations and make recommendations, the Board will receive notification once the date is set.

Councilman Dahir asked for an update on staffing.

Mr. Dow stated REMSA Health is suffering along with the health care system. However, his organization has seen a little more interest over the last few weeks.

Councilman Dahir continued to ask how many employees would make REMSA Health whole.

Mr. Dow stated there is a class of 14 that will start the first week in May. After this class, he predicted he would need about 15 more people.

Michael Brown moved to approve REMSA Health Operations Report for March 2022. Councilman Dahir seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

B. Update of REMSA Health’s Public Relations during March 2022.

Presented by: Alexia Jobson

Mr. Dow, President and CEO of REMSA Health and Care Flight filled in for Ms. Alexia Jobson to present the Public Relations report for March 2022.

Mr. Dow provided updates since the writing of Ms. Jobson’s report, making note of staff being absent due to their attending a conference being held in Tennessee.

Mr. Dow continued to state that now that the Reno Aces had their opening day, REMSA Health has a 30-second explainer video that speaks to the right levels of care and how to choose them. Additionally, he mentioned RTC buses will be featuring interior ads in English and Spanish that not only address the 9-1-1 utilization issues but also include Assess & Refer messaging for the community.

Mr. Dow concluded by reporting that at the beginning of next month representatives from REMSA Health and the Regional Communications Center will be participating in the Nevada Donor network press conference.

Chair Delgado asked Mr. Dow to express his gratitude to the REMSA Health team and Board for their efforts in communicating with the District Board of Health.

11. Presentation and possible acceptance of the 2021 Community Health Improvement Plan Annual Report.

Staff Representative: Rayona LaVoie

Rayona LaVoie, Management Analyst, began her presentation by providing a summary of the 2021 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Annual Report.

Ms. LaVoie noted that the CHIP is a community driven improvement plan; however, the Health District is charged with tracking the activities and tracking and collecting data, as well as preparing the annual report, which highlights all the accomplishments in the last year.

Ms. LaVoie spoke of the CHIP’s focus areas, objectives, strategies, and tactics. She continued to briefly define the progress in each of the focus areas such as housing and homelessness, behavioral health, and physical activity and nutrition. Ms. LaVoie highlighted the Eddy House, Signs of Suicide program (SOS), Living Ideation program, Behavioral Health Crisis Response System, Healthy Corner Store, Family Health Festivals, and the Healthy Living Behavior program.

Ms. LaVoie continued to provide a brief overview of the 2022-2025 Community Health Needs Assessment and CHIP.

Councilman Dahir shared that the City of Sparks’ had preliminary direction for staff to look into using some of their America Rescue Plan Act funds for mental health in the community. He suggested working together with the Health District in this matter.

Ms. LaVoie thanked Councilman Dahir for the information and stated she would ensure a connection between Ms. Julia Ratti and Councilman Dahir.

Chair Delgado commended Ms. LaVoie on a good job and expressed his appreciation for such a solid work plan.

Councilman Dahir moved to accept the 2021 Community Health Improvement Plan Annual Report. Michael Brown seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

- 12. Recommendation for the appointment of Chad Carnes, P.E., Frank Kurnik, Jr., Kenneth Lund, and John Adams as members of the Sewage, Wastewater and Sanitation Hearing Board (SWS Board), and appoint Ron Anderson, P.E. as an alternate to the SWS Board for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2022 and ending on April 30, 2025. Staff Representative: Latricia Lord**

Latricia Lord, Sr. Environmental Health Specialist, began her presentation by making note of some resignations and expired terms from the SWS Board, which led to recruitment of numerous applicants. Ms. Lord noted that this appointment would completely fill the SWS Board for the first time in over 10 years.

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

Chair Delgado asked if staff had recommendations for appointment.

Ms. Lord confirmed and listed all the applicants recommended to be appointed.

Michael Brown opined the listed applicants were a good selection.

Michael Brown moved to appoint Chad Carnes, P.E., Frank Kurnik, Jr., Kenneth Lund, and John Adams as members of the Sewage, Wastewater and Sanitation Hearing Board (SWS Board), and appoint Ron Anderson, P.E. as an alternate to the SWS Board for a three-year term beginning May 1, 2022 and ending on April 30, 2025. Councilman Dahir seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

13. Staff Reports and Program Updates

- A. Air Quality Management** – EPA Receives NOI to Sue for Failure to Act on NV SIP Revisions, Nevada Pledges to Electrify All New Trucks and Buses by 2050, EPA Reinstates Waiver for California’s GHG Standards and ZEV Sales Mandate, Administration Announces Billions of Dollars in Funds for Clean Buses, Divisional Update, Monitoring and Planning, Permitting and Compliance.
Staff Representative: Francisco Vega

Mr. Vega opened his item by highlighting Governor Sisolak’s agreement to sign on and pledge to have at least 30% of all new trucks and buses sold in the State be zero emission by 2030 and 100% by 2050, as these vehicles are significant contributors of air pollution in Washoe County. Mr. Vega continued to report that in support of this agreement the federal government announced \$1.47 billion dollars in competitive grants to transition older bus fleets to cleaner burning and electric buses. He continued to report on additional funding opportunities in support of this agreement.

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

Councilman Dahir asked if these funds can be used for the replacement car program.

Mr. Vega reiterated these funds are only dedicated to buses and government fleet, at this point.

Dr. Klacking asked if there has been changes to the thought of getting ahead of the game in regard to the decision from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Mr. Vega reported a proposal has not been made, thus, comments would not be appropriate at this time. Once the EPA makes a recommendation then the Health District can move forward with providing comment.

Dr. Klacking followed up by asking if Mr. Vega felt as though the Health District would fit into the category, as there were 11 areas that were considered special. Dr. Klacking continued to clarify his inquiry, reminding Mr. Vega of a previous conversation concerning Washoe County being in a basin which may present a challenge to comply with the requirements.

Mr. Vega affirmed there are concerns with wildfire smoke and continued to report that a report is submitted to the EPA annually to exclude data from wildfires when determining compliance. However, he clarified the focus at the moment is emissions associated with the region.

- B. Community and Clinical Health Services - Divisional Update - National STD Awareness Month; Data & Metrics; Sexual Health (Outreach and Disease Investigation), Immunizations, Tuberculosis Prevention and Control Program, Reproductive and Sexual Health Services, Chronic Disease Prevention Program, Maternal Child and Adolescent Health, and Women Infants and Children.**
Staff Representative: Lisa Lottritz

Ms. Lottritz began her presentation by updating the Board with information regarding the receipt of the 2020 data on sexual transmitted diseases. She continued to provide a brief summary of the report. Ms. Lottritz added that they have 4 confirmed cases of congenital syphilis already this year compared to the 8 reported for the entire year of 2021.

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

Dr. Klacking asked if the rankings she provided were statewide.

Ms. Lottritz affirmed.

- C. Environmental Health Services - Highlighted Program; Program Activities; Consumer Protection (Food/Food Safety, Commercial Plans, 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 Waste Management program.

Ms. Dixon thanked the Board for approving member for the SWS Board and continued to report her division is in the process of recruiting members for the Food Protection Hearing Advisory Board.

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

Councilman Dahir mentioned a conversation he had with the City of Sparks Manager and suggested any announcements similar Ms. Dixon's recruitment announcement can be shared at their council meeting.

Ms. Dixon thanked Councilman Dahir for opportunity.

D. Epidemiology and Public Health Preparedness - Communicable Disease, Public Health Preparedness, Emergency Medical Services, Vital Statistics.

Dr. Diao opened her item by reporting that they are nearing the end of the flu season and reported they are on week 17 of their Influenza Like Illnesses surveillance.

Dr. Diao briefly reported on the influenza report nationally and locally, which overall falls on the lower end. She concluded by reporting that all the referenced reports are made available online.

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

E. Office of the District Health Officer - COVID-19 Response, COVID-19 Joint Information Center, Health District Communications Update, County FY23 Budget Process, Title X Funding, Community Health Needs Assessment, Community Health Improvement Plan, Health Equity, and Public Communications and Outreach.

Staff Representative: Kevin Dick

Mr. Dick open his item by reporting that on April 19, County Manager presented the recommended budget to the Board of County Commissioners, which included the above base request and budget that the District Board of Health approved in February. The budget is scheduled to be approved on May 17, 2022 by the Board of County Commissioners.

Mr. Dick reported on the Title X funding. He reported that the Health District had been receiving funding through the Title X program for Family Planning services since 1970; however, on March 30 the Health District was informed that while the proposal was approved it would not be funded by the Department of Health and Human Services. Mr. Dick reported the Governor along with the State's Senators and Congressman Horsford submitted a letter to Secretary Becerra to alert him of the situation as well as the lack of advance notice of funding denial. As a result, the Health District was asked to submit a budget proposal for funding for a one-year period for a reduced amount of \$500,000 compared to almost \$850,000 the Health District had been receiving in previous years.

Mr. Dick reported that due to the anticipated level of funding, services will have to be curtailed including services provided at the jail, the community clinics at the Eddy House, the vasectomy program, and night clinics would have to be reduced to twice a month. Mr. Dick added the walk-in Wednesday clinics that were recently advertised will also not be able to accommodate as many patients, as there will be less walk-in availability, despite its initial success. Additionally, Mr. Dick stated that the Title X funding provided the ability to serve minors with contraceptive services without parental consent; however, without the funding the Health District may lose that ability.

Mr. Dick concluded by reporting on the County Health Rankings media coverage and reported Washoe County ranked #2 for Health Outcome and #4 for Health Factors, which places Washoe County in the top tiers of counties in Nevada.

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

Councilman Dahir asked about the termination of Senate Bill 4 and how the Health District is handling its closure, as he has heard of some difficulties in making the transition.

Mr. Dick suggested an update on the next District Board of Health meeting; however, he expressed the Health District shares Councilman Dahir's concern as SB4 inspections are no longer necessary, but it remains a requirement under the State's law.

14. Board Comment.

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

Adjournment.

Chair Delgado adjourned the meeting at 2:31 p.m.

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