

WASHOE COUNTY DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
JULY 28, 2011

PRESENT: Mr. Matt Smith, Chairman; Commissioner Kitty Jung, Vice Chair; George Furman, MD; Councilman Dan Gustin (arrived at 1:30pm); George Hess, MD; Denis Humphreys, OD; and Councilwoman Julia Ratti

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Dr. Joseph Iser, District Health Officer; Eileen Coulombe, Administrative Health Services Officer; Bob Sack Director, Environmental Health Services; Dr. Randall Todd, Director, Epidemiology and Public Health Preparedness; Mary-Ann Brown, Director, Community and Clinical Health Services; Kevin Dick, Director, Air Quality Management; Patsy Buxton, Fiscal Compliance Officer; Lori Cooke, Fiscal Compliance Officer; Stacey Akurosawa, EMS Coordinator; Laurie Griffey, Administrative Assistant; Dr. Lei Chen, Senior Epidemiologist; Denise Stokich, Epidemiologist; Melissa Peek, Epidemiologist; Steve Fisher, Department Computer Application Specialist; Krista Hunt, Environmental Health Specialist; Amber English, Environmental Health Specialist; Suzanne Dugger, Air Quality Specialist; Curtis Splan, Department Computer Application Specialist; Bev Bayan, WIC Program Manager; Janet Smith, Recording Secretary; and Leslie Admirand, Deputy District Attorney

At 1:05pm, Chairman Smith called the Washoe County District Board of Health meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Dr. Joseph Iser, Washoe County District Health Officer.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken and a full quorum of the Board noted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Smith

Stated, new revisions to the *Nevada Open Meeting Law* require meetings of public bodies allow for a public comment period at the beginning of the meeting and again at the end of the meeting, or allow for a public comment period during every possible action item. Stated, it would be his

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- recommendation the Board allow for public comment at the beginning of and at the end of each meeting.

Ms. Leslie Admirand, Deputy District Attorney

Stated, today's agenda has been prepared with the new language; and with public comment at the beginning and the end the meeting; that further, the language allows for public comment during any possible action item.

Chairman Smith

Stated, the Board of Health has "always allowed comment during any possible action item when anyone has requested the opportunity to speak."

APPROVAL/DELETIONS – AGENDA – JULY 28, 2011

Chairman Smith called for any deletions or amendments to the agenda.

MOTION: Dr. Humphreys moved, seconded by Ms. Ratti, that the agenda of the District Board of Health July 28, 2011 meeting be approved as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL/ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS – MINUTES – JUNE 23, 2011

Chairman Smith called for any additions or corrections to the minutes of the June 23, 2011 District Board of Health meeting.

Dr. Furman

Stated, in the attendance, it should read that Ms. Ratti arrived at 1:15pm.

MOTION: Ms. Ratti moved, seconded by Dr. Furman, that the minutes of the District Board of Health June 23, 2011 meeting be approved as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

RECOGNITIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Chairman Smith and Dr. Iser presented a plaque to Dr. Amy Khan in recognition of her years of service as a member of the District Board of Health, serving from January 2007 through April 2011; and serving as Vice Chair from January 2011 through April 2011.

Dr. Khan

Stated, as the Board and Staff are aware, she "so appreciated the opportunity to serve on the Board; that it has been a pleasure and an honor to get to know and work with the other Board members; that it was very hard for her when she had to submit her resignation." State, she "would commend Staff for their dedication, as she has worked with Staff for a number of years, beginning in 2002 when the Health District was her first one (1) year CDC assignment." Stated, she "knows and feels very confident Dr. Hess will do an excellent job for the Board.

Chairman Smith and Dr. Iser presented a Certificate of Recognition to Ms. Suzanne Dugger for **10 Years-of-Service.**

Dr. Iser stated, as the Board of Health members and Staff are aware "the function of the Health District is very important; that the job is to protect and promote public health; to save lives and to prevent disability to the best of our capabilities." Stated, the following individuals have "done that through writing an article recently published in the *Journal of American Medical Association* (JAMA), entitled "*Japanese Encephalitis in Two Children – United States, 2010.*"

Advised Japanese Encephalitis is a very rare disease in the United States; and therefore, "often unrecognized," which is the purpose of the article in educating physicians, clinicians, medical assistants, medical leaders, etc. who read JAMA.

Stated, the following Staff members recognized for the collaboration on this article are: Dr. Lei Chen; Senior Epidemiologist; Ms. Melissa Peek, Epidemiologist; Ms. Denise Stokich, Epidemiologist; Dr. Randall Todd, Director, Epidemiology and Public Health Preparedness. Advised, Dr. Mary Anderson also assisted on the collaboration of the article.

Advised he would encourage people to read the article as "it is a well-written article and accessible to those who don't have a significant medical background. Stated he will forward the Board members a copy of the article.

Chairman Smith and Dr. Iser recognized Ms. Janet Smith for earning her International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP) – Certified Professional Secretary (CPS) level of certification.

CONSENT AGENDA – BUDGET AMENDMENTS/INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS

The Board was advised Staff recommends approval of the **Notice of Grant Award, dated June 23, 2011**, from the **Department of Health and Human Services Public Health Service** in the amount of **\$785,000** in support of the **Family Planning Program** for the period of June 30, 2011 through June 29, 2012.

MOTION: Dr. Humphreys moved, seconded by Dr. Furman, that the Notice of Grant Award dated June 23, 2011, from the Department of Health and Human Services Public Health Service in the amount of \$785,000 in support of the Family Planning Program, for the period of June 30, 2011 through June 29, 2012, be approved as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.

REGIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AUTHORITY

Chairman Smith advised that the June 2011 REMSA Operational and Financial Report will be continued to the Board's August 25, 2011 meeting.

REVIEW – ACCEPTANCE – MONTHLY PUBLIC HEALTH FUND REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT – JUNE 2011

Ms. Eileen Coulombe, Administrative Health Services Officer

Advised the Board members have been provided with a copy of the Health Fund Revenue and Expenditure Report for the month of June 2011, advising "in government there is a 13th period in a financial year"; therefore, although the Fiscal Year ended June 30th, Staff is in the process of performing "the reconciliation for closing out Fiscal Year 11."

Advised the Health District participated in the A-133 external audit performed by Kafoury, Armstrong and Company of the Health District's Family Planning Program. Advised; that A-133 audits are performed for a number of the Federal grants awards. Advised the audit has been

completed; that the Health District received a preliminary report indicating "there were no findings; that the efforts of Ms. Buxton, the Fiscal Compliance Officer; and the Family Planning Program Manager, Ms. Stacy Hardie and her Program Staff are to be commended for being very conscientious in the expenditure of the Program funding." Advised the auditors did request the Health District submit the final Financial Status Report (FSR) to allow for a "testing of the [funding] match requirements."

Ms. Coulombe reviewed the Report in detail, advising Staff recommends the Board accept the Report as presented.

In response to Dr. Humphreys

Regarding the "revenues of the federal grants and the grants indirect (431100 and 105) and the difference between the plan and the actuals," Ms. Coulombe advised, "a number of the grants will close on June 30th; that Staff is in the process of billing those out as the reconciliations are performed; therefore, there will be receivables. All of the adjustments will occur in period 13."

Advised, "last September Ms. Buxton and Ms. Cooke provided an overview of "where the budget ended-up"; that Staff can provide a similar presentation this year for the September meeting. Advised, next month Staff will present the beginning of the new Fiscal Year; that in the Report the first column "2011 Plan is the budget; that the second column is the Actuals; that the third column the Balance is the percentage of what is remaining."

In response to Dr. Humphreys regarding the budgeted overtime, Ms. Coulombe advised "the actual value regarding the overtime is approximately \$97,000 as compared to the \$161,000 2010 Actuals; that the \$301,000 noted in the 2010 Plan was "largely due to the H1N1 clinics; that the District did receive appropriations to assist in funding the H1N1 clinics."

MOTION: Ms. Ratti moved, seconded by Dr. Humphreys, that the District Health Department's Revenue and Expenditure Report for June 2011 be accepted as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

UPDATE – FISCAL YEAR 12 – POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF

Dr. Iser

Advised, as the Board is aware, a Fundamental Services Review (FSR) of the County was conducted by Management Partners through the Organizational Effectiveness Committee (OEC). Stated, he has provided the Board members with a copy of the draft FSR Report, dated July 12, 2011 (a copy of which was placed on file for the record). Stated within his District Health Officer's Report he provided the Board members with a copy of the FSR OEC Review Session, dated July 19, 2011.

Stated, as he advised the Board members, Staff provided comments to Management Partners both verbally and written; however, "none of [Staff's comments] were incorporated into the final report. Stated, the Board members have been provided with a copy of his letter to Mr. John Berkich, Assistant County Manager, dated July 25, 2011 (a copy of which was placed on file for the record), in response to the recommendations of Management Partners. Reviewed the two (2) "main items of the Report, which would affect the Health District," advising one (1) is the "formation of a Municipal Services Agency, which would incorporate several County Departments including Environmental Health and Air Quality Management." Advised, his response is directed "at the public health responsibilities and the need of Environmental Health and Air Quality to remain within the District." Stated, he advised "both are public health agencies and eliminating those Divisions from the Health District would limit the ability to provide public health, to prevent disease and to monitor for potential adverse effects which could impact a disease." Stated, "the second big issue is the recommendation of Management Partners for the development of a Health Services agency in the County," which would "take most of the CCHS Division and Emergency Preparedness and incorporate those Divisions into a County agency that would include Social Services, Senior Services, Public Guardian and other Programs that are a component of Social Services." Advised the functions of the CCHS Division are not the functions of Social Services; that the functions of CCHS Division Staff "are to protect the public health." Stated, his letter delineates "why these recommendations would not result in a good outcome."

Stated, he advised the OEC should any of the recommendations be forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners a "cost-benefit or cost-effectiveness analysis should be performed; that, as an example – one case of neuro-invasive West Nile Virus would offset the entire savings that are currently expended on the larvacide chemicals used to control mosquitoes." A case of West Nile Virus can range from an individual being asymptomatic to resulting in death, significant disability or death requiring; that expenses for treating the illness can include Emergency Room care, Intensive Care Unit (ICU) hospitalization, in-patient care, and rehabilitation. Advised, the costs of providing these services to one (1) individual could "easily cost \$160,000 – 170,000; that two (2) cases of neuro-invasive West Nile Virus would offset the entire budget for the chemicals for prevention."

Stated, the OEC forwarded the Report to the Board of County Commissioners with a recommendation for approval.

Dr. Furman

Stated, he concurs with Dr. Iser regarding the cost-benefit analysis; that his cousin was diagnosed West Nile Virus and the associated medical costs for treatment has been \$1 million. Stated, currently cases of the Asian Tiger Virus, caused by mosquitoes, have been reported in areas of the southeast, Arizona and Colorado. Stated mosquitoes can carry Dengue fever also; that "he mentions these to stress the need for funding for mosquito abatement."

Dr. Iser

Stated, the cost estimates he provided are "direct primary costs only; and does not include the indirect costs associated with lost time at work, or an outbreak of more than one case in Washoe County." Stated the loss of tourists not coming to the area due to an outbreak could be devastating to the economy of the area.

In response to Chairman Smith

Regarding the FSR, Dr. Iser advised "it is an on-going process with the County"; that the Board of County Commissioners will be reviewing the recommendations of Management Partners. Stated, he is "in no way minimizing the issues facing the County and the County Budget"; that he is aware that the financial implications are dramatic. Stated, his concern is dismantling the Health District "abrogates the role of the Health District to protect the public's health."

In response to Ms. Jung

Regarding the Interlocal Agreement establishing the Health District, Dr. Iser advised, although, he could not address the legal issues of these recommendations the requirements of the Interlocal Agreement would have to be addressed.

Advised, individually he did submit two (2) options for consideration for saving money, including allowing employees who have other insurance coverage to "opt out of the County's insurance"; and the possibility of the provision of other health-related services provided by the County through Juvenile Services and Social Services be transferred to the Health District.

Dr. Iser

Stated, as the Board is aware, the Health District has implemented the 1.7% budgetary reductions; that Staff has been working on developing a 10% reduction plan; that Staff has been advised the development of a potential 25% reduction plan will not be necessary.

Advised, he and Ms. Coulombe met with the County Manager and "reaffirmed the 10% budget reduction would be from the General Fund transfer, which is approximately \$800,000."

Ms. Coulombe

Advised the draft Fundamental Services Review (FSR) Report from the OEC will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday, August 9th; that the County will be reviewing the plans in September.

Advised, the Board members have been provided with a spreadsheet of the "10% Scenario Planning Value" (a copy of which was placed on file for the record), which was prepared through a consensus of the Leadership Team with Dr. Iser's input. Reviewed the spreadsheet in detail, advising these proposed reductions will achieve the 10% (\$805,650); that the reductions will result "in less ability to absorb unforeseen expenditures." Advised, "any unforeseen expenditures within any program will result in the Division in which it occurred having to adjust the divisional expenditures to address those unforeseen expenses to remain in-balance." Advised, "this will have a broader impact to the provision of direct services."

Reviewed the current vacancies, advising these are positions which have budgetary appropriations, as vacancies with no appropriations will be eliminated. Advised, the recruitment of three (3) budgeted positions will be "staggered to achieve a \$90,000 savings." Ms. Coulombe reviewed in detail the effects to service levels within the various Divisions, which will occur at the 10% reduction level, including increased work load for other Staff and delays in customer service levels.

Advised the Health District's 10% Scenario Planning document will be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners tomorrow.

Advised, the County has extended the deadline for submission of volunteer incentive requests from July 29th to September 1st.

Ms. Jung

Stated, "it is important for the Shared Services Elected Officials Subcommittee to be advised with the proposed 10% reductions there will be no single point of contact or resources for plan review permits or license applications throughout the County and the two (2) Cities." She would request an email be sent to Mr. Dave Childs (Assistant County Manager), advising him of this, as there is an effort to provide "one-stop shopping to be able to provide these services." Stated Staff can advise Mr. Childs this "is at her request, as he will know if it should be brought to the attention of this Subcommittee."

In response to Mr. Gustin

Regarding delays in services, Ms. Coulombe stated, although, she may not be able to address a request immediately, she acknowledges requests for response or services as soon as possible so the customer is aware the request was received.

Mr. Gustin

Questioned if there are "guidelines regarding an acceptable response level taking into consideration all of the extra duties Staff are performing."

In response to Mr. Gustin

Ms. Coulombe

Stated, in regard to time management of different functions and deadlines, she works with Administration Staff to review and adjust priorities as necessary; that she acknowledges these efforts in personnel evaluations specific to goals met. Advised it has been necessary to delay the development of policies and procedures, which can result in "managing by crisis."

Mr. Sack

Stated, "for Environmental Health Services there isn't a nationwide standard specific to 'a response time for a request for services; that there are mandates with which the District must comply (i.e., annual inspections of every food establishments); however, how and when that is accomplished" is at the discretion of EHS.

Advised, he may have to "re-prioritize [Staff duties] on a daily basis depending if there is an outbreak or other event to which Staff must respond." Advised the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has Program Standards establishing a goal specific to the number of facilities each inspector should have; however, the Health District does not have the capacity to achieve that goal. Advised Staff does respond to complaints; however, "how fast Staff can respond to complaints is dependent on what else is occurring."

Advised, "the only requested inspections conducted by Staff are any construction inspections and opening inspections of any type of facility (i.e., pools, spas, food establishments); that these are scheduled appointments." Advised "higher priority will get the attention with lower priorities taking longer to perform."

Mr. Dick

Advised, currently Staff will continue to "meet the time period requirements for issuing permits; that Staff has been able to issue the permits for minor sources within thirty (30) days"; however, Staff will not be able to provide as much one-on-one assistance for the annual permit renewal process. Stated, it is within the fee structure to charge late fees for non-renewals. Advised, Staff attempts to respond to complaints within twenty-four (24) hours; however, a complaint received on a Sunday may not receive a response until Monday. Advised, Staff may respond to complaints received on a Saturday, as it may affect the air quality of Washoe County; however, Staff does attempt to avoid overtime when possible.

In response to Chairman Smith regarding notifying companies regarding the renewal of their permits, Staff advised the Health District does mail renewal notifications.

Dr. Iser

Stated, he would commend Mr. Sack, as "45% of the reductions are within the EHS Division." Stated, the elimination of standby pay is of concern as it can "impact fire and police partners should an event such as a toxic spill occur, as it will be more difficult to contact Staff after hours." Stated, a goal would be "to get standby pay reinstated to ensure Staff is available to respond."

Stated, he has received "great support with Staff working hard and diligently as a team to achieve this." Advised, it is becoming more important to allow the Division Directors to hire employees for those positions, which are funded, and currently remain vacant; that he will begin allowing this "in the near future or the District will not be able to maintain appropriate response times."

Mr. Gustin

Stated the residents of Washoe County have "repeatedly heard about reductions in the Cities and the County; however, when it does not immediately affect them they do not understand how it impacts day-to-day services. There is a disconnect with people between the reductions and what it means in services."

Ms. Coulombe

Stated, this may be an issue for discussion at the Strategic Retreat; that currently Staff "is so busy responding to requests for services the impacts of the reductions in services can't be documented."

Ms. Ratti

Stated, she is concerned as to the effects to the employees; that within the first three (3) years of the economic crisis "the reliance of not reducing services within the Cities and the County was the employees doing more." This is the fourth year of the crisis and retaining services with fewer employees is no longer sustainable. Stated, she would anticipate a significant reduction in services in relation to the reduction of funding, as employees are going to have to take time off.

Ms. Coulombe

Stated there has been a noted increase in the use of sick leave and vacation leave.

Dr. Iser

Stated, Staff will be discussing the Ending Fund Balance, and how it will affect the Health District's Budget this year and in the future.

Stated, as the Board is aware, the County is offering voluntary incentives; that he does not support furloughs or voluntary incentives "because it costs so much." Stated, any position in which a voluntary incentive is granted cannot be filled resulting in increased work load for remaining Staff. Advised, there have been requests for voluntary incentives, and as the deadline has been extended to September 1st, he anticipates more requests will be submitted. Advised, the loss of positions which are grant-funded would result in the District being unable to expend the full amount of the grant and Staff being unable to achieve the parameters of the grant. Advised, he and the Division Directors have discussed voluntary incentives and his position on the issue; that he has

advised the County Manager he does not anticipate approving very many of the requests. Stated, any voluntary incentives can "only be approved for those employees whose association has approved the wage reductions proposed by the County. Stated, as the date for request submittals has been extended he won't have an update for the Board during the August meeting.

**MOTION: Ms. Jung moved, seconded by Dr. Humphreys, that the Fiscal Year 12 Budget update be accepted as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.**

PUBLIC HEARING – WASHOE COUNTY DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH REGULATIONS GOVERNING PUBLIC BATHING PLACES AND PUBLIC SPAS

1:00 p.m: This being the time set in a Notice of Public Hearing, heretofore published in the *Reno Gazette Journal* on May 20, 23, and June 1, 2011, to consider the proposed amendments to the Washoe County District Board of Health Regulations Governing Public Bathing Places and Public Spas.

Chairman Smith declared the Public Hearing open and called upon anyone wishing to speak either in favor of or in opposition to the proposed additions to the Public Bathing Places and Public Spa Regulations. There being no one wishing to speak either in favor of or in opposition to the proposed amendments, Chairman Smith requested a motion to continue the Public Hearing.

**MOTION: Ms. Jung moved, seconded by Dr. Furman, that the Public Hearing for the proposed amendments to the Washoe County District Board of Health Regulations Governing Public Bathing Places and Public Spas be continued to the Board's August 25, 2011 meeting.
Motion carried unanimously.**

PRESENTATION – EXISTING DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH COMMITTEES – APPOINTMENTS – REAPPOINTMENTS OF THE COMMITTEES

Chairman Smith

Stated, he would recommend he be appointed to the Personnel and Administration Committee, with Dr. Furman being appointed to the Community and Clinical Health Committee; and Dr. Hess be appointed to the Community and Clinical Health Committee, replacing Dr. Khan.

Ms. Ratti

Stated, she would request to be removed from the Marketing Committee and Ms. Jung appointed to replace her on that Committee.

There were no further requests or recommendations for appointments or reappointments to the District Board of Health Committees.

MOTION: Mr. Gustin moved, seconded by Ms. Ratti, that the District Board of Health Committee appointments and reappointments be accepted as outlined.

Motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENT – DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH PROCEDURAL POLICIES

Chairman Smith

Advised, as the Board discussed, recently adopted revisions to the *Nevada Open Meeting Law* have resulted in revisions to the public comment component of the agendas for public agencies. Advised, as presented, the revised agenda provides for a public comment period at the beginning and at the end of the meeting. Advised the revision to the *Nevada Open Meeting Law* requires a revision to the District Board of Health Procedural Policies, as presented, with the addition of a new Subsection XIII. Public Comment; and a renumbering through Subsection XIV. Adjournment.

In response to Ms. Ratti

Regarding the Board having the flexibility to accept public comment when requested, Ms. Admirand advised the Board does have that authority; that the revised language to the agenda does provide for that.

Dr. Humphreys

Stated, that he concurs with the proposal to have the opportunity to accept public comment at the beginning and at the end of the meeting; that it would be appropriate to have both public comment items.

Chairman Smith

Stated, the District Board of Health has "always allowed anyone, who has requested to do so, to provide public comment; that the revisions to the *Nevada Open Meeting Law* will not change that.

**MOTION: Ms. Ratti moved, seconded by Mr. Gustin, that the revision to Section III (Order of Business), with the addition of a new Subsection XIII. Public Comment, and a renumbering through Subsection XIV. Adjournment, be approved and adopted as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.**

STAFF REPORTS AND PROGRAM UPDATES

A. Director, Epidemiology and Public Health Preparedness

Dr. Randall Todd, Director, Epidemiology and Public Health Preparedness, presented his monthly Division Director's Report, a copy of which was placed on file for the record.

Dr. Todd

Advised the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Program has partnered with *Artown* to promote the MRC Program and recruit volunteers; that Staff have been on-site at Wingfield Park each Wednesday evening of this month. Stated, "as of last evening, Staff has received approximately sixty (60) applications from potential volunteers for the MRC Program." Advised, the demographic research conducted by Ms. Hambleton, MRC Program Coordinator, "paid off; that hopefully all of the applicants will be vetted and become active members of the Medical Reserve Corps."

Ms. Jung

Stated, she would recommend Staff contact the representatives of *Artown* to advise "them of this good news so that [*Artown*] can promote this in the media coverage"; that the increased volunteerism should also be promoted with the County.

In response to Ms. Jung

Dr. Todd

Stated, "this is an excellent idea; that on each of the Wednesday evenings the Executive Director of *Artown* had Ms. Hambleton, MRC Program Coordinator, discuss with those in attendance, 'what is MRC, and why it is important for the community'; that Ms. Hambleton has done a phenomenal job in promoting this Program."

Ms. Jung

Questioned the "noted increase in the number of cases of Gonorrhea, and what may be false positives by the private lab."

In response to Ms. Jung

Dr. Todd

Stated, Staff had "noted a slight increase in the number of positive Gonorrhea cases through the laboratory and morbidity reports received in the Communicable Disease Program." Advised, he was contacted by the Nevada Brothel Association due to a noted "dramatic increase in the number of positive cases of Gonorrhea in workers in Lyon County." Advised, this increase "was concurrent with the medical provider of these facilities having changed laboratories, which was utilizing a different test kit. The concern was it was a laboratory artifact resulting in increased positive results." Stated upon conferring with the State Epidemiologist he recommended one (1) week's specimens be tested by both the private and State Laboratory. Advised this resulted "in a notable discrepancy in the positivity rate with none testing positive by the traditional mechanisms utilized by the State Laboratory; and a couple testing positive at the private laboratory." Advised, as he noted, there will be a follow-up meeting with the healthcare provider and representatives of the private laboratory to discuss these concerns.

Advised, "although, prostitution is not legal in Washoe County, this private laboratory is performing considerable non-brothel-related work in Washoe County. Stated, Ms. Brown, Division Director in Community and Clinical Services (CCHS), has indicated these issues "have already begun to cause concern in the STD Clinic. Stated, "when an individual is potentially falsely positive it can create unnecessary stress for them, as the partner would then be tested who may test negative resulting in further stress between the couple." Advised Staff will be assisting the State in "attempting to resolve this issue."

Dr. Iser

Stated, "this underscores the importance of having a functional, well-funded public health laboratory at the State-level. During a crisis, such as H1N1, if there is not a well-funded, well-operated public health laboratory everything else falls apart." Stated, when reviewing Legislative priorities the importance of a well-funded, high-functioning public health laboratory "things can fall behind and an epidemic could truly rage out-of-control before we know it."

In response to Ms. Jung

Regarding "no sentinel flu report," Dr. Todd advised the sentinel flu reports are "reported only during the flu season." Advised, "last year there were year-round reports due to the H1N1; therefore, flu data is more seasonal; that Staff continues to review surveillance data; however, there has not been anything to report."

B. Director – Community and Clinical Health Services

Ms. Mary-Ann Brown, Director, Community and Clinical Health Services, presented her monthly Division Director's Report, a copy of which was placed on file for the record.

Ms. Brown

Advised, when the Health District issues a Request for Application(s) (RFA) for community Subgrants, Staff stipulates "dependent upon available funding; that there has been a significant decrease in the HIV Prevention Grant funding; therefore, Staff will be withdrawing the RFA for the HIV Prevention Community Subgrant." Stated, Staff has been advised "not only will there be a significant reduction this year, but again for the next five (5) years"; that due to the complexity and costs as the Fiscal Agent Staff has made the determination to eliminate this Grant, thus eliminating the grant funding to the community.

Advised, Staff will "be focusing on the direction presented by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Community HIV Prevention Plan." Stated she has conferred with the two (2) agencies currently receiving the grant funding and those agencies which may be affected by this decision regarding "how to move forward." Stated, with the projected reductions in CDC support for prevention programs for the next five (5) years it will be necessary to determine what [the Health District] "can do this year and for the next five (5) years." Stated, she anticipates the Health District's Program "will be a very small HIV testing program due to all of the reductions."

In response to Ms. Ratti

Regarding the closure of the University of Nevada, Reno Orvis School of Nursing Clinic, Ms. Brown stated, "this will be a huge loss to the community; that Staff has utilized the School of Nursing Clinic as a referral source for those requiring primary care."

Advised, Staff anticipates an increase in the number of clients requesting services, which were previously provided by the Nursing School Clinic; that this closure "will have an impact on a number of providers, particularly the HAWC Clinic and those agencies which provide primary care needs." Stated, "the Dean of the Nursing School contacted her prior to the press release, and was distraught about having to make this decision; and how it will affect the community." Stated, the closure of this Clinic "is a tremendous loss in the community and was based strictly on budget."

Ms. Ratti

Stated, all State, county and local agencies are "going through these parallel budget processes, all making these challenging budgetary decisions in isolation; that had it been necessary to reduce significant clinic functions, or if HAWC had to significantly reduce services it would be truly catastrophic for the community.

Ms. Brown

Stated, this closure and the reductions to the prevention programs results "in a burden on the other end of the system"; that the perception is "reductions can be made to prevention services (i.e., Home Visiting, TB surveillance, HIV, etc.), as the impact isn't immediately seen"; however, the reductions to services will result in increased morbidity and mortality.

Ms. Ratti

Stated, her concern is the reduction of services "for those people at the riskiest end of the spectrum." Stated, "when significant reductions are being made to services, and whenever possible", agencies should confer to determine "what other agencies are considering."

Ms. Brown

Stated, when considering the changes to the HIV Prevention Program, Staff considered "what the State and community agencies are doing; what the CDC recommendations are; and how to take

into account all of these changes being aware there is a solid HIV Prevention Planning Group in the community." Stated, state and federal agencies are retaining more funding for their programs resulting "in less and less resources for local agencies; that this trend will continue for programs which rely heavily on CDC funding."

Ms. Ratti

Stated, it is of vital importance "for HAWC to stay healthy and remain open in this community, as the community would be in trouble with the loss of that resource."

Dr. Iser

Stated, Ms. Ratti's comments "are absolutely correct, which is why it is important the Board and he, as the director, review these services (HIV, Immunization and a variety of other programs), and do the best to save them."

Ms. Ratti

Stated, in "that effort to turn things around, Staff is to be commended for the evening Family Planning Clinics; that she is aware it is not more service; however access to evening services is important."

C. Director – Environmental Health Services

Mr. Bob Sack, Director, Environmental Health Services, presented his monthly Division Director's Report, a copy of which was placed on file for the record.

Ms. Ratti

Stated, Dr. Iser and Mr. Sack "took the time to meet with her, Councilman Lawson, the City Manager, and the Purchasing Manager to discuss the definition of garbage and the history of trash, garbage, recycling, etc., and how that works within the community." Stated, "with everyone being very busy this meeting was very helpful in educating more individuals within the City of Sparks as to how it all works." Stated, she "would thank Staff, as it cleared-up some misconceptions."

Mr. Sack

Stated, "he appreciates the [Ms. Ratti's] comments." Stated, Dr. Iser has "made the commitment to ensure he and the divisional staff are "reaching out to more of the City and County partners to discuss these issues."

D. Director – Air Quality Management

Mr. Kevin Dick, Director, Air Quality Management, presented his monthly Division Director's Report, a copy of which was placed on file for the record.

Mr. Dick

Advised, "Ozone results from a photochemical reaction of precursor chemicals in the atmosphere; that with the higher temperatures following the beginning of summer the District experienced an increase in the Ozone level on June 25th and 26th into the unhealthy for sensitive groups range." Stated, although, the temperatures have remained high during the summer the Ozone Standard has remained within a healthy range since then."

Stated, he has previously advised the Board regarding US EPA issuing the new National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for Ozone on July 29, 2011; that the implementation date has been delayed; however, EPA has provided the Rule to Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review." Advised the current Standard for Ozone is 75 ppb, with EPA proposing a range of approximately 60-70 ppb; that "The Business Roundtable and the American Chemistry Council have fairly aggressive public relation campaigns against this proposed Rule." Stated, he would anticipate media coverage regarding the anticipated costs of implementing the proposed new Rule "and the burden it will place on the economy."

Stated a recent report issued by OMB to Congress "on the benefits and costs of Federal Regulations where it was determined overall the benefits from Federal Regulations from 2000 through 2010 outweighed the cost, particularly pertaining to EPA and the Clean Air Rules. EPA's Air Regulations account for 90-97% of the benefits of the EPA Regulations." Advised, "the Air Regulatory Program is providing significant benefits; that the cost of the Air Regulations are approximately \$19 – 24 billion, whereas the accrued benefits are approximately \$77 – 535 billion." Stated, "this echoes Dr. Iser's comment "it is necessary to not only consider the cost of a program, but to consider the cost-benefits of the investment in a program." Stated, Ms. Lisa Jackson, US

EPA Administrator, recently testified before Congress advising "the Clean Air Act is estimated to have saved 160,000 lives and prevented in excess of 100,000 hospital visits last year alone."

In response to Dr. Furman

Regarding possible penalties should EPA establish the Ozone Standard at 60 ppb, Mr. Dick advised "the first penalty would be to the AQM Staff, as it would result in a significant increase in the amount of work to do in response to that Rule." Advised, currently the District's "design value, which is the level of attainment, is approximately 71 ppb"; therefore, should the new Standard be established at 70 the District "may be able to attain that." Advised, should the new Rule establish a range of approximately 60 ppb, the District would be designated as non-attainment to the new Standard; that there are different levels of non-attainment. Stated, should the Standard be reduced to 60 ppb the District "will have to implement more stringent control measures to limit the emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs), other hydrocarbons, and oxides of nitrogen." Stated, the on-road motor vehicles and off-road large construction equipment are the largest sources of those emissions in Washoe County; that it would be necessary to implement programs to curtail those emission sources.

E. Administrative Health Services Officer

Ms. Eileen Coulombe, Administrative Health Services Officer, presented her monthly Administrative Health Services Officer Report, a copy of which was placed on file for the record.

F. District Health Officer

Dr. Joseph Iser, District Health Officer, presented his monthly District Health Officer's Report, a copy of which was placed on file.

Dr. Iser

Stated, at the District Board of Health Strategic Retreat, Staff will present some of the Legislative issues, "on which Staff would like to work prior to the next Legislative Session." Stated a priority would be an effort to repeal AB 571, which lessened the restrictions of the Nevada Clean Indoor Air Act (NCIAA). Stated, Staff will work with the Board to determine "what will be the most beneficial for the people of Washoe County and the State of Nevada."

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Advised, he has included updates specific to communication, media contacts and outreach efforts for the month in his Report. Stated, he did a presentation to the Board of County Commissioners regarding skin cancer; that he has contacted Mr. Carey, City of Sparks and Mr. Clinger, City of Reno offering to provide the same presentation to the City Councils. Stated, later in the fall he will provide another presentation to the Board of County Commissioners probably on immunizations.

Advised the Board members have been provided a graph, prepared by Ms. Griffey, indicating the percentage level of employee evaluations that have been completed. Reviewed the percentage levels of improvement within each Division, advising the goal is to achieve in excess of a 90% rate within each Division by the end of August.

In response to Ms. Ratti

Regarding the date of the Strategic Retreat, Ms. Smith, Administrative Secretary, advised the Retreat is scheduled for Thursday, October 6, 2011.

Dr. Iser

Stated, the Board members can email him with any specific issues they would like discussed at the Strategic Retreat.

BOARD COMMENT

Ms. Jung

Requested a report regarding bedbugs in the community, as she was unaware it is a problem in the County.

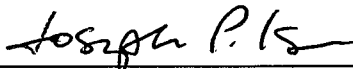
Mr. Sack

Stated he can provide an update to the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment presented.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40pm.



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DISTRICT HEALTH OFFICER/SECRETARY



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