

Washoe County District Board of Health Meeting Minutes

Members

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

**Thursday, January 24, 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 1:03 p.m.

The following members and staff were present:

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

Members absent: None

Ms. Rogers verified a quorum was present.

Staff present: Kevin Dick, District Health Officer
Leslie Admirand, Deputy District Attorney
Charlene Albee
Steve Kutz
Chad Westom
Dr. Randall Todd
Luke Franklin
Brittany Dayton
Joelle Gutman

2. *Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Kutz led the pledge to the flag.

3. *Public Comment

As there was no one wishing to speak, Chair Novak closed the public comment period.

4. Approval of Agenda

January 24, 2019

Mr. Dahir moved to approve the agenda for the January 24, 2019, District Board of Health regular meeting. Mr. Brown seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

5. Recognitions

A. District Board of Health Recognition

i. Past Board Chair, County Commissioner Kitty Jung

Chair Novak recognized Commissioner Jung for her service on the District Board of Health, noting her tenure began in January of 2009. He stated the Health District has come a long way since then and wished to thank her for her dedicated service to the District Board of Health.

B. District Board of Health Introductions

ii. Washoe County Appointee to the District Board of Health

Chair Novak welcomed County Commissioner Marsha Berkbigler and informed she would be taking Commissioner Jung's place on the Board. He asked her to speak on her background.

Ms. Berkbigler informed that she has been on the County Commission for six years and is up for reelection in 2020. She stated that she grew up in Sparks, graduated from Sparks High School and has a Bachelor's degree in Business Management.

Ms. Berkbigler informed she had been a Lobbyist for many years and represented a large cross section of businesses and that she had represented all of the physicians in the State of Nevada for seven years as their Government Affairs representative at the state and federal level. She stated that she had once represented a pro bono client, The Nevadans for Non-Smoker's Rights, at a time when smoking was allowed everywhere, and was responsible for changing the laws to restrict where smoking was allowed.

Chair Novak thanked her and stated that many appreciate the results of her work.

iii. Physician Member of the District Board of Health

Chair Novak welcomed Dr. Reka Danko and asked her to introduce herself. Dr. Danko expressed she was honored to be a member of the DBOH. She informed she has lived in the area since the age of five when her family had moved from Budapest. She attended Kindergarten through medical school in Reno and completed her residency in internal medicine at Renown in 2011.

Dr. Danko stated she joined a Hospitalist practice at Northern Nevada Medical Center in Sparks and then held the Medical Director position at Northern Nevada HOPES for four years where she helped grow the Primary Care and Addiction Programs. She informed she subsequently became Addiction Medicine Board Certified in 2018. She stated she is now at Saint Mary's Hospital as a Hospitalist.

Chair Novak stated that the Board was very excited to have Dr. Danko as the Physician Member because her broad knowledge base is aligned with issues in the community.

Chair Novak explained that a Hospitalist is responsible for the treatment of other physician's patients while admitted to that facility.

C. Retirements

i. Julie Pomi, 1/9/2019, Public Health Nurse II - CCHS

Mr. Dick informed that Ms. Pomi was a Public Health Nurse II with CCHS and had worked at the Health District for over twenty-seven years, and related that Ms. Pomi and Mr. Kutz, Division Director for CCHS, had both been in the same nursing class. Although she was not able to be present, Mr. Dick thanked her for her service and congratulated her on her retirement. He read the inscription on the clock that would be presented to her in recognition of her service.

Mr. Dick noted that Ms. Pomi might not be gone from the Health District completely as she may participate in the intermittent hourly nursing program.

D. Years of Service

i. Elena Varganova, 5 years, Hired 1/27/2014 – EPHP

Mr. Dick informed that Ms. Varganova is a bio-statistician with the Communicable Disease Epidemiology Program and congratulated her on five years of service with the Health District.

Ms. Varganova was not in attendance.

E. New Hires

i. Joelle Gutman, Government Affairs Liaison, 1/7/2019 - ODHO

Mr. Dick stated that Ms. Gutman will be responsible for representing the Health District during the upcoming State Legislative Session, and will also work to support Health District policy interventions and governmental relations at the local and federal level.

Mr. Dick informed the Governmental Affairs Liaison is a new position for the Health District, and is one of the elements the Board adopted in the Strategic Plan for the Health District. He expressed he is delighted to have Ms. Gutman on board with the Legislative Session due to begin shortly, as it will allow for better capacity to deal with the myriad of public health issues that occur there.

Mr. Dick informed that Ms. Gutman has State Legislative Lobbying experience working with Ferrari Public Affairs and the McMullen Strategic Group during the 2015 and 2017 Legislative Sessions, that she served as the Domestic Violence Ombudsman for the Office of the Attorney General and most recently as the Rural Behavioral Health Coordinator for seven frontier counties and the Rural Behavioral Health Policy Board. He stated Ms. Gutman has a BA in Communications from the University of Arizona Tucson, and a Masters of Social Work degree from UNR.

Mr. Dick welcomed Ms. Gutman and stated he was very glad to have her on board.

F. Shining Star

- i. Linda Gabor
- ii. Ana Gonzalez
- iii. Nancy Kerns Cummins
- iv. Laura Rogers
- v. Susan Schroeder
- vi. Cory Sobrio
- vii. Michael White
- viii. Jackie Chaidez

Mr. Dick reminded the Board that the Shining Star Awards are to recognize exceptional customer service or performance in the Health District, and that nominations can come from either external customers or staff.

Mr. Dick introduced nominees with three or more Shining Star recognitions; Ms. Gabor, Public Health Nurse Supervisor with CCHS, Ms. Gonzalez with CCHS, Ms. Kerns Cummins, Fiscal Compliance Office with AHS, Ms. Rogers with the ODHO, Ms. Schroeder with EHS, Mr. Sobrio, Public Health Nurse with the TB Clinic and Mr. White, Storekeeper with CCHS.

Mr. Dick introduced Ms. Chaidez with the WIC Program with twenty Shining Star recognitions.

Mr. Dick congratulated all employees recognized.

G. Special Recognition

i. Dianna Karlicek, Organizer of the Health District Adopt a Family Campaign

Mr. Dick informed Ms. Karlicek has volunteered to organize the Adopt a Family Campaign for the past four years during the holiday season, stating that she does an incredible job working across the Health District to engage staff in supporting a number of families. He informed that in 2018, due to her efforts and the generosity of staff, the Health District was able to help five families with a total of twenty-four people; fifty staff members donated a total of \$2,375, fifty-seven items, and four boxes of food, and one hundred fifty-five presents were delivered. Ms. Karlicek estimates the number of volunteer hours at approximately 50.

Mr. Dick stated that, in addition to all she does for the Health District within her job duties, Ms. Karlicek takes on the task of helping as many families as possible. He thanked her for her efforts.

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.

Ms. Berkbigler stated she would need to recuse herself from the approval of the December minutes because she hadn't attended the meeting. Chair Novak opined that she and Dr. Danko both may need to recuse themselves. Mr. Brown indicated he was also not at that meeting.

Ms. Admirand informed that the Board is approving the form of the minutes, not the content, so the Board Members that were not present at the meeting can participate in the vote.

A. Approval of Draft Minutes

i. December 13, 2018

B. Budget Amendments/Interlocal Agreements

i. Retroactive approval of Award from the Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) for the period January 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019 in the total amount of \$19,800 in support of the Environmental Health Services Division (EHS) Food Retail Standards Program –NC State Retail HACCP and Validation and Verification Course IO-11545; and if approved, authorize the District Health Officer to execute the Agreement.
Staff Representative: Jennifer Pierce

ii. Approve a Notice of Subaward from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public & Behavioral Health retroactive to January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 in the total amount of \$287,496 (no required

match) in support of the Community and Clinical Health Services Division (CCHS) HIV Prevention Program IO# 11552 and authorize the District Health Officer to execute the Notice of Subaward.

Staff Representative: Nancy Kerns Cummins

- iii. Retroactive approval of Award from the Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) for the period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 in the total amount of \$3,000 in support of the Environmental Health Services Division (EHS) Food Retail Standards Program –Managing Employee Health Workshop IO-11549; and if approved, authorize the District Health Officer to execute the Agreement.

Staff Representative: Jennifer Pierce

- iv. Approve Award from the Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) for the period January 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019 in the total amount of \$3,000 in support of the Environmental Health Services Division (EHS) Food Retail Program Standards Program – Joint Nevada Food Safety Task Force and NevEHA Annual Educational Conference Project, IO 11548; and if approved, authorize the District Health Officer to execute the Agreement.

Staff Representative: Jennifer Pierce

- v. Retroactive approval of Award from the Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) for the period January 1, 2019 through July 31, 2019 in the total amount of \$2,851 in support of the Environmental Health Services Division (EHS) Food Retail Standards Program –FDA Program Standards Self-Assessment and Verification Audit Workshop IO-11544; and if approved, authorize the District Health Officer to execute the Agreement.

Staff Representative: Jennifer Pierce

- C. Approve an Intrastate Interlocal Contract between Public Agencies between the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services and Washoe County Health District for the provision of an onsite Family Services Specialist (FSS) worker to assist Health District clients inquiring about welfare assistance programs.

Staff Representative: Nancy Kerns Cummins

- D. Approval of authorization to travel and travel reimbursements for non-County employee Dr. John Novak in the approximate amount of \$1,806.88, to attend the NALBOH Board Meeting and Joint NACCHO Meeting (ASTHO Washington Week Event) in Washington D.C., March 11-13, 2019.

Staff Representative: Kevin Dick

- E. Acknowledge receipt of the Health Fund Financial Review for December, Fiscal Year 2019

Staff Representative: Anna Heenan

Mr. Brown moved to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Young seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

There was no public comment.

7. *Presentation – Waste Characterization Study and Updates on KTMB Community Outreach Activities with Waste Management

Presented by: Christi Cakiroglu, KTMB Executive Director and Luke Franklin

Ms. Cakiroglu expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to present to the Board.

Ms. Cakiroglu informed her presentation would be covering two topics; the first is an update on the funding received by Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful (KTMB) from the Washoe County Health District tire fund which is provided to the Health District from the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection to provide waste reduction, recycling and public outreach efforts.

She stated that KTMB is a private, non-profit organization and will be celebrating their thirtieth anniversary in 2019. KTMB is the only non-profit Keep America Beautiful affiliate in the State of Nevada and was founded by the Biggest Little City Committee in an effort to engage residents in improving the community through parks and clean-up efforts.

Ms. Cakiroglu explained that, as a private, non-profit organization, KTMB is unique from many other Keep America Beautiful affiliates nationwide that are tax-funded and part of their local Public Works Departments. She informed the Health District first began funding KTMB in 2003 as their partner in litter control to help offset the cost of dumpsters for clean-up activities, and thanked the Health District for those contributions.

Ms. Cakiroglu reviewed KTMB's scope of work, noting they've grown over the years to include many community-wide clean-ups including the Illegal Dumping Task Force which was founded in 2006 with a focus on prevention and includes many local and federal partners. She summarized by saying KTMB is a leading clean up, education and prevention organization, and that illegal dumping has been markedly reduced.

She informed that broad partnerships were formed in 2006 between KTMB and the cities of Reno and Sparks and Washoe County, Reno Sparks Indian Colony, Bureau of Land Management and the United States Forest Service. She noted the amount of trash to be removed after the initial clean-up has declined over the years and the number of volunteers has increased. She informed hypodermic needles are increasingly being found in clean-ups and thanked the Health District for providing sharps containers.

Ms. Cakiroglu informed the Litter Survey is done as part of KTMB's affiliation with Keep America Beautiful and is the largest evidence-based program for KTMB, noting its purpose is to rate how clean or dirty the community is. She stated the statistics prove this community is getting cleaner.

Ms. Cakiroglu explained that, with the funding received from the Health District, KTMB is working with their County, Sparks and Reno partners to make this survey even more accurate and useful for the local jurisdictions.

Without Health District funding, Ms. Cakiroglu expressed that the Adopt a Spot program would not be in operation, explaining their efforts to make it a self-funded program failed. She thanked the Health District for their support, noting that there were 1860 volunteer hours contributed last year and the program has grown.

She informed KTMB could use the Health District's help in identifying groups that might be interested in adopting thirty-four areas in their map that have yet to be claimed.

Ms. Cakiroglu informed that over 10,000 Christmas trees were collected for recycle last year and detailed locations provided for trees to be dropped off.

Ms. Cakiroglu informed that Health District support provided the ability to produce and publish their KTMB Recycling Guide in English and Spanish last year, increasing community education. She noted real estate companies have begun to include the Guide in welcome baskets for their clients.

Ms. Cakiroglu noted the Waste Characterization Study was part of the Health District Solid Waste Management Plan Update in 2016 and has just been completed. She stated this study is very closely aligned with the work of KTMB, and gave examples of companies that have greatly reduced their percentage of waste through recycling and composting. She

informed that Mr. Luke Franklin, Senior Environmental Health Specialist with the Washoe County Health District, was present to answer any questions associated with the study.

She explained that the study was done over a period of two years for a more complete analysis and explained the methodology of the study and the results. Results show that over fifty percent of the materials could have been composted and there was a significant amount of recyclables that could also have been diverted.

Ms. Cakiroglu stated a huge business opportunity exists in this area to divert, process and resell organic waste. She highlighted the need to do a better job of educating residents about recycling, encourage better and smarter recycling and create a cultural shift to promote owning less and to minimize packaging. She outlined potential steps to help businesses and individuals compost and encouraged the Board to take this information to their colleagues and jurisdictions to work to improve the ability to compost.

Mr. Young expressed his appreciation for KTMB's activities and stated he has participated in a number of them and provided incentives for volunteers. He opined that KTMB and the Health District can work to improve is the ability to compost, noting there is only one composting facility that he is aware of. He stated marketing campaigns to encourage the use of this or other facilities, to make it more convenient to compost and to promote the use of locally produced compost would be beneficial to the effort.

Mr. Dahir encouraged KTMB to review the contract with Waste Management. He opined the area is not prepared for citizens to recycle as well as it could be, informing there are other groups that would like to provide recycling services but cannot due to the existing Waste Management contract. He expressed it would be advantageous to review the conditions of a contract prior to renewal with Waste Management to allow more and better options for recycling, and that without better planning, little improvement can be realized on this important issue.

Mr. Brown remarked that other areas allow the wood products that would go into the area's landfills be delivered without charge to be chipped and used for soil stabilization. He expressed there is a need to work together to make it easier for the customer and a more efficient process, and that the Board needs to be involved to do what they can to make it happen.

Mr. Delgado informed he is a big supporter of KTMB and will sponsor and support them in any way possible, stating they do so much for the community's neighborhoods. He expressed that their projects bring communities together; what better way to meet your neighbor and show pride in your community than to participate in cleaning it up? He agreed with Mr. Dahir's comments and stressed the need to find ways to work with the contracted entities to improve options for recycling. He thanked Ms. Cakiroglu for her presentation and her efforts, and that he looked forward to continuing this conversation.

Chair Novak thanked Ms. Cakiroglu for her educational presentation and inquired what material can be taken to Fulcrum Bio-Energy. Ms. Cakiroglu informed the plant is still under construction with plans to be operational in 2020, and is being built in Storey County. She opined it beneficial to research what can be delivered there and how best to work with them.

8. Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority

Presented by: Dean Dow and Alexia Jobson

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

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Mr. Dow informed he was available to answer questions regarding the November and December Operations Reports.

Mr. Brown moved to accept the REMSA Operations Reports for November and December, 2018. Ms. Berkbigler seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

C. *Update of REMSA's Public Relations during November 2018

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Ms. Jobson introduced herself as Public Affairs Manager for REMSA and informed she would be providing an update regarding some current community and public relations activities.

She informed that REMSA has recently announced the achievements and addition of several new employees across the organization, including the appointment of the Clinical Communications Manager as a regional instructor for the International Academy of Emergency Dispatchers, as well as Mr. Barry Duplantis being hired as CFO and Deborah Kotrady as the new Clinical Education Nurse. REMSA's Education Department celebrated the graduation of sixteen paramedics in early January.

Ms. Jobson stated the Journal of Emergency Medical Services recently featured an article she submitted through REMSA with the Academy of International Mobile Healthcare Integration in regards to how enhancing a public and community relations program can build awareness of and an affinity for an EMS Agency.

KUNR's Anh Gray attended REMSA's Bleeding Control class last week and conducted in-depth interviews with their Education Coordinator and class participants about the importance of developing bleeding control skills.

Mr. Dahir inquired how REMSA is attracting new paramedics to assure there are enough to fill the community's needs. He noted that the Cities have encouraged some of them to join their fire departments.

Mr. Dow informed that nationally, for the past several years, there has been a decline of advanced EMTs and paramedics. He stated that, since December 2018, the eight fire departments in the area and REMSA have created a new paramedic program specifically for the fire service that aligns with their shift schedules, noting REMSA retains their paramedic program on the REMSA campus.

Mr. Dow opined it will be difficult over the next several years to maintain adequate numbers of trained paramedics, but feels they are poised to mitigate that issue with the three classes that are now available.

Mr. Dahir informed the City of Sparks works to promote first responders as hero status to stress the importance of those positions, as well as highlight the benefits and pay in order to draw new recruits and maintain existing staff. He stated this may be a valuable part of the strategy for the Health District, REMSA and fire departments to use.

9. Presentation, discussion and possible approval of the Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority (REMSA) Franchise Compliance Report for the period of 7/1/2017 through 6/30/2018.

Staff Representative: Brittany Dayton

Ms. Dayton welcomed the two new Board Members and congratulated the new Chair and Vice Chair on their elections.

Ms. Dayton informed the District Board of Health has annually been provided a presentation on REMSA's Franchise Compliance Report for the previous fiscal year. She stated the Staff Report Compliance Check List and Compliance Report included in the Board's packets are an assessment of REMSA's adherence to the various requirements of the Amended and Restated Franchise for Ambulance Service.

Ms. Dayton reported that for Fiscal Year 2017-2018, staff found REMSA compliant with all auditable Franchise Articles and therefore recommends the Board approve the Compliance Report for FY2017-2018. She informed she would be happy to answer any questions.

Mr. Dahir moved to approve the Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority (REMSA) Franchise Compliance Report for the period of 7/1/2017 through 6/30/2018. Ms. Berkbigler seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Chair Novak thanked Ms. Dayton and acknowledged the great amount of work it takes to produce this report.

10. Update regarding Bill Draft Requests and Bill Drafts for the 2019 Legislative session, and consideration and possible approval of District Board of Health Legislative Priorities and Legislative Principles.

Staff Representatives: Kevin Dick and Joelle Gutman

Mr. Dick informed this report is the beginning of activity for the Legislative season that occurs every two years, in which staff provide two reports, the 2019 Washoe County Health District Legislative Principals and the 2019 Washoe County Health District Legislative Priorities. He stated there is also a spreadsheet that shows the bills evaluated to date by the Health District, noting the bills staff support and intend to testify on are highlighted in green and those that are supported and will be tracked but no testimony is planned are marked in yellow. He stated there are a greater number of bills that the Health District's position is neutral but will be tracking.

Mr. Dick stated that, as the Board knows, there is great deal of activity in a short span of time during the Legislative Session and explained the Legislative Principals are intended to be the elements staff will consider in taking action on bills during the period of time between scheduled DBOH Meetings and will act as guiding principles in decision making for response to new bills and changes and amendments to bills to determine what the Health District's position should be.

Mr. Dick informed the Priorities report outlines the broad scope of priorities Health District staff have identified and are seeking Board approval for the coming Legislative Session. He highlighted the ongoing information that has been provided to the Board on the initiative to have the State increase their funding of public health by an additional five dollars per capita which would advance the State from fiftieth to forty-ninth in public health funding for the State. Mr. Dick stated it is widely known of the huge investment Health and Human Services makes in healthcare within the state and of the miniscule investment in public health from the State, and opined that as long as this situation exists, the amount spent on healthcare will increase versus controlling those costs by having an adequate public health investment from the State.

Mr. Dick stated the e-cigarette priority was initiated due to the huge increase in use of this product by youth and the initiative to increase regulation of e-cigarettes by licensing e-cigarette retailers in the same manner as cigarette retailers, expand on the work of Commissioner Berkbigler to include vaping in the Clean Indoor Air Act, and have e-cigarettes appropriately included for taxation by the State in the statute for other tobacco products. He explained taxation of e-cigarettes would provide another option for increasing public health funding. The last element Mr. Dick spoke of regarding e-cigarettes is one, where if there is an opportunity, the Health District would support increasing the legal age for purchase of tobacco products to twenty-one.

Regarding Behavioral Health, Mr. Dick informed the Health District priority is to support

the bill introduced by the Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board for the establishment of Crisis Stabilization Center and Services in Washoe County. He stated this bill would also provide for immediate care for persons who are experiencing a mental health crisis or substance abuse behavioral problem and would provide crisis care to stabilize the patient, de-escalate and provide them with continuing care at the lower appropriate level of care. He explained the current options are either for law enforcement to deliver the patient to the emergency room which involves extended wait times in which officers are delayed from other duties, or for the person to be booked and incarcerated, both of which result in the individual not getting the treatment they need. Mr. Dick informed the Crisis Stabilization Center approach has been very successful in other communities in providing for much better care for people in crisis and noted this initiative is in alignment with the Behavioral Health component of the Health District's Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) that was adopted by the DBOH.

Mr. Dick informed the Health District has identified BDRs and bills that address Housing and Homelessness issues and are also in alignment with elements of the CHIP. He explained a BDR initiated by the Task Force for Affordable Housing chaired by Senator Ratti is written to support the proposed pilot program that would provide ten million dollars of transferrable tax credits for affordable housing per fiscal year. Another BDR initiated by the Task Force regarding homelessness would provide Medicaid reimbursement for supportive services for the severely mentally ill. He informed Medicaid is not able to provide direct reimbursement for housing homeless, severely mentally ill people, but these wrap-around support services would be services that could help people maintain tenancy.

Mr. Dick informed this is the short list of key priorities that he is requesting the Board to approve, while understanding the bills listed within the spreadsheet are just the beginning of those being tracked that have a bearing on public health or the Health District.

Ms. Berkgigler inquired where patients would be taken to receive crisis stabilization care at this point. Mr. Dick informed there is not a solution at this point for additional inpatient beds, but the approach with the Crisis Stabilization Center is to provide short stay inpatient care or active outpatient programs that can accommodate their needs at lower costs than providing a bed for every patient. He explained the concept of the "living room treatment," where rather than a person be placed in an institution, they are provided more of a caring environment. He informed of a program in Maricopa County, Crisis Now, that has achieved huge savings with an estimate of 97 FTEs of law enforcement. He stated he has a meeting with Sheriff Balaam and some of his staff to discuss this and other issues, opining that the Sheriff's Office and Health District will be in alignment on a number of Legislative issues in the coming Session.

Mr. Delgado informed the CHAB Board will be presented with Well Care as the Community Triage Center operator and opined this may present an opportunity for a Crisis Stabilization model. He stated similar models operating in other areas are a great resource for gaining knowledge on what works and doesn't to build a program to meet our community's needs.

Mr. Dahir opined that all of the Boards that DBOH Members work with are of the same opinion and are all supporting this initiative, but was not confident that Carson City shares the same perspective. He stated his belief that housing is one of the most important aspects for the care of persons in crisis, and stressed its support important at the local as well as State level.

Mr. Dahir requested Mr. Dick to speak on their conversation regarding the importance of the five dollar per capita funding and of taxes that may soon be lost. Mr. Dick informed the

funding mentioned in that conversation was around the one dollar per smog certificate produced in the smog check program that Washoe and Clark Counties receive under the Air Pollution Control Fund in support of Air Quality Management Programs. He explained there are potential changes in methods of conducting smog checks pending implementation, and providing there is a Legislative change to the smog check program, the goal will be for the Health District to find an alternative funding source for Air Quality.

Mr. Dick informed a possible option to replace the current funding structure for AQM would be a separate air pollution fee to be assessed at the same time as the annual registration renewal fee.

Mr. Young noted he was unaware that e-cigarettes are not taxed. Mr. Dick informed that they are taxed at only a standard sales tax rate at this point.

Chair Novak inquired if action to accept the report was required. Ms. Admirand informed the District Health Officer is requesting the Board to approve the District Board of Health Legislative Priorities and Legislative Principles.

Ms. Berkbigler moved to approve the District Board of Health Legislative Priorities and Legislative Principals. Mr. Brown seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Chair Novak thanked Ms. Gutman and stated the Board appreciates her work.

11. *Staff Reports and Program Updates

A. Air Quality Management, Charlene Albee, Director

Program Update, Ozone Advance Goals, Divisional Update, Monitoring and Planning and Permitting and Enforcement

Ms. Albee informed Mr. Joseph Serpa, who has filled the required Contractor Member position on the Air Pollution Control Hearing Board, provided notification last week that he would not seek reappointment. She stated that the Builders Association of Northern Nevada and Associated General Contractors have been notified and that AQM will be actively be recruiting for that position. She informed the recruitment is open through February 1st and they hope to present a list of nominees to the DBOH at the February meeting for appointment of the new member.

Ms. Albee informed she would be travelling to Washington D.C. during the week of January 28th to attend the National Association of Clean Air Agency (NACAA) Executive Board Meeting on the 29th and 30th, and will then meet with Senator Cortez Masto's staff on the 31st to provide updates and hopefully gain support on the national level from them regarding challenges faced in the area of air pollution control.

Ms. Albee explained Senate Bill 1857 would delay implementation of Step 2 emission standards for wood stoves for three years and would have a significant impact on the ability to attain the Ambient Air Quality Standards. It has passed Environmental and Public Works and is pending further review when the new Session opens.

Mr. Dahir stated he toured a new affordable housing project in Reno and informed the builder had incorporated high efficiency equipment. He opined the upcoming ribbon cutting ceremony would be an opportunity for the Board to be present and show the community the Health District's acknowledgement and appreciation for them doing the right thing. He stated that if a certificate of acknowledgement and appreciation were given to contractors using best practices, it would carry greater significance if it were presented in person by members of the Board.

Ms. Albee agreed and informed these practices are becoming more prevalent in the

community, as noted in her report regarding the Northern Nevada Medical Center's implementation of voluntary conditions submitted by AQM to reduce negative impact on air quality.

Chair Novak inquired of the possibility of Air Quality Management enhancing local regulations to a more stringent level to protect air quality standards due to the unique geographical conditions in this area. Ms. Albee informed the New Source Performance Standards have been adopted by AQM which includes the adoption of the emissions standards that state these will apply unless EPA adopts a more restrictive standard. Because of this, Ms. Albee stated that standards will remain as they are locally even if federal standards are reduced. She noted that this situation could potentially bring about legal challenge.

Ms. Albee explained the wood stove industry has calculated a .01 billion dollar financial benefit for the three year extension of the regulations while EPA's analysis shows a .27 billion dollar health impact. While the regulations would be extended only three years, the emissions from the stoves manufactured and sold during that time would impact air quality for their span of use over approximately twenty years.

Ms. Albee informed the District Health Officer sent a letter to the Senatorial staff on behalf of Air Quality Management and NACCA also sent a letter to all Senators in the United States, bringing these issues to their attention.

Chair Novak thanked Ms. Albee for her work at the national level.

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

Divisional Update – 2018 Year in Review; Data & Metrics; Sexual Health, Immunizations, Tuberculosis Prevention and Control Program, Family Planning/Teen Health Mall, Chronic Disease Prevention Program, Maternal Child and Adolescent Health and Women Infants and Children

Mr. Kutz informed WIC will be attending two events for federal workers affected by the government shut down; the events will be held at the Reno Town Mall and Reno Airport over the next few weeks.

C. Environmental Health Services, Chad Westom, Director

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

Mr. Westom stated he had nothing to add to his report, but would be happy to answer any questions the Board might have.

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

Program Updates for Communicable Disease, Outbreaks, Annual Communicable Disease Summary, Seasonal Influenza Surveillance, Public Health Preparedness, Statewide Planning, Community-based Exercise, Medical Reserve Corps, Inter-Hospital Coordinating Council, Points of Dispensing, CASPER, Emergency Medical Services, Earthquake Tabletop Exercise, New Non-acute Care Member of the MAEA, Pediatric Disaster Response Training, Continuation of EMS Strategic Planning, Update to EMS Protocols, Proposed Revisions to the MAEA, REMSA Compliance

Dr. Todd wished to update the Board concerning the pediatric disaster response training section of his report. He informed the EPHP EMS Coordinator had a group from Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service visit to provide training on pediatric disaster response. He stated the training had received news coverage and presented the video of

that report that included comments by Vice Chair Brown. Mr. Ulibarri, Public Information Officer for the Health District, had informed Dr. Todd the video had 60,700 viewers and a monetary value of \$15,950. Dr. Todd stated the Health District would not have it within their budget to purchase that kind of coverage, and opined it beneficial when these kinds of events become newsworthy.

Mr. Dahir inquired the status of the flu season. Dr. Todd informed that, thus far, this flu season has been quite a bit milder than last flu season with one flu related death reported to date. For the week ending January 5th, the twelve participating sentinel healthcare providers reported a total of 186 patients with influenza like illness (ILI). The percentage of patients seen with ILI was 2.8%, 186 out of 6,720 patient visits, which is above the regional baseline of 2.3%. Dr. Todd noted that, to appreciate the mildness of this season, one would have to compare it to last year.

Mr. Dahir inquired if this milder season may have to do with the Health District's efforts to improve the number of flu shots administered to residents. Dr. Todd informed that Nevada still has one of the lowest rates for flu shots in the nation and opined the cause for the milder season is the dominant strain of influenza this year is the H1N1 virus. He noted the flu vaccine available this year is more effective on the H1N1 virus as compared to the H3N2 virus that was the more dominant strain in the previous two years.

Dr. Todd stressed it is still not too late to get a flu shot, but to realize that it takes a week or two to become fully effective.

Chair Novak thanked all involved for providing the pediatric training, noting his whole professional career was spent providing dental treatment to children. He expressed his thankfulness of the recognition that children are not small adults and cannot effectively be treated as such.

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

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Mr. Dick informed the dates for the Accreditation Site Visit will be June 25th and 26th. He stated the Team will potentially want to meet with some of the Board Members on the second morning of their visit, and that he will be coordinating with Chair Novak on arrangements for these meetings while avoiding a quorum.

Mr. Dick informed of a meeting organized by Mr. Westom with the Builders Association of Northern Nevada (BANN) that was also attended by Ms. Albee and himself on January 17th. The topic of this meeting was around the status of processes in water project plan review since the implementation of the interlocal agreement with TMWA. Mr. Dick informed they'd established the transition date from projects that were already in the pipeline that had come to the Health District, and as of November 1, 2018, the Health District is continuing to work on every new water project with TMWA reviewing those projects for approval as per the interlocal agreement.

Mr. Dick stated BANN provided feedback and plans have been routed to the Health District for reviewed that should not have been. He informed a separate meeting occurred on January 23rd with the Division of Environmental Protection and TMWA to discuss this issue further for resolution and clarify procedures. He opined this process will require follow up with the jurisdictions to make sure plans are routed appropriately.

Regarding the Substance Abuse Task Force whose development was led by the County Manager and includes the participation of Reno and Sparks City Managers, other

agencies in those jurisdictions and other external agencies in the community, Mr. Dick informed the Health District has joined a Community Coalition Accelerator simulcast event offered by an organization that works with communities across the country on comprehensive strategic plans around opioid abuse. The date of the event will be April 5th and will be held at the REOC. It will be a day long webinar that will include ten community groups from across the nation, working around a number of topic areas to develop better plans of methodology for agencies to improve interaction to better address related issues. He opined it will be a good opportunity to learn strategies to address other issues as they arise.

15. *Board Comment

Chair Novak opened the Board comment period.

Mr. Brown requested an update for a future DBOH Meeting around public burning within Washoe County. He informed that the fire service agencies encourage homeowners to take care of the green waste on their property, noting that, several years ago, there had been programs for residential burning through permitting processes with local jurisdictions. He acknowledged that Air Quality Management has a large role in this process with air quality control, and noted that some of those programs have ceased to operate in the effort to meet attainment of the Ozone standards. He opined attainment is extremely important, but that he believes there are times residents should be allowed to remove the “flashy fuels” they can remove safely on their own, as well as to allow agricultural burns.

Mr. Brown acknowledged the upcoming meetings around this topic and noted his appreciation of this activity, but requested a report back to the Board due to the fire events in California and others in the western United States underscoring the importance of these fuels being removed. He stated his hope is that there will be methods agreed upon to eliminate this type of fire hazard and provide a user-friendly option for residents.

Ms. Berkgigler expressed she was happy to be a member of this Board.

Mr. Dahir informed on the Parent Project in the City of Sparks that involves trained police members that work with parents of difficult children. He explained this program helps teach the parent to effectively parent these children and opined it is a model that would be beneficial for the Health District and DBOH to consider supporting. He stressed his belief that the best healthcare is prevention, in this case, when parents know how to care for their children vs. having outside agencies take on that role. He informed that one of the Sparks Officers who is retiring plans to work in this project on a more extensive basis.

Chair Novak informed the Parent Project is a national project and is extremely worthwhile, noting Officer Gallup has offered to present to the Board on this topic.

Mr. Dahir informed that statistically, the positive results are proven in this program. Chair Novak stated it programs like this will work to reduce the jail budget, as well.

Dr. Danko expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to be part of the District Board of Health.

Chair Novak reminded the Board of the trainings he wants to initiate for Members to be held twice per year that he had mentioned at the Strategic Planning Retreat.

Chair Novak encouraged those present to access the Health District website, noting it is an extremely well done site that can be accessed at the following address: <https://www.washoecounty.us/health/index.php>

Chair Novak closed the Board comment period.

16. *Public Comment

As there was no one wishing to speak, Chair Novak closed the public comment period.

17. Adjournment

Chair Novak adjourned the meeting at 2:39 p.m.

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