



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, June 23, 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 1:00 p.m.

The following members and staff were present:

Members present: Oscar Delgado, Chair
Michael Brown
Kristopher Dahir (via zoom)
Dr. Reka Danko (logged in at 1:03 via zoom)
Dr. John Novak

Members absent: Robert Lucey, Vice Chair
Dr. John Klacking

Mrs. Valdespin verified a quorum was present.

Staff present:

Kevin Dick, District Health Officer
Sabrina Brasuell
Amber English
Laurie Griffey
Dania Reid
Francisco Vega
Dr. Nancy Diao
Erin Dixon
Lisa Lottritz

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Heather Kerwin led the pledge to the flag.

3. Approval of Agenda.

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Michael Brown moved to approve the agenda for the June 23, 2022, District Board of Health regular meeting. Dr. Novak seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

4. **Recognitions.**

Years of Service

- i. Nicole Mertz, Public Health Nurse II, 30 years, hired June 8, 1992 – EHS
- ii. Mary Olga Rodriguez, Human Services Support Specialist, 15 years, hired June 11, 2007 - CCHS

Health Officer, Kevin Dick acknowledged and thanked Ms. Mertz and Ms. Rodriguez for their years of service.

New Hires

- i. Rocio Alvarez, hired June 6, 2022, Community Health Aide - CCHS
- ii. Griffin Hadlock, hired June 6, 2022, Environmental Health Trainee – EHS
- iii. Deborah Nord, hired June 21, 2022, Office Support Specialist – CCHS
- iv. Vicki Ahrens, hired June 21, 2022, Account Clerk I – AHS

Health Officer, Kevin Dick introduced Ms. Alvarez as a new hire. Ms. Alvarez was not in attendance. Mr. Dick continued to invite Ms. Dixon to introduce her division's new hire.

Ms. Dixon introduced Mr. Hadlock as a new member of the Environmental Health Services (EHS) team. She briefly shared Mr. Hadlock's experience and education with the Board.

Ms. Lottritz continued to introduce Ms. Nord as the new Office Support Specialist for her division. She continued to share her experience, background, new duties and education with the Board.

Ms. Fernandez was asked to introduce her division's new Account Clerk, Ms. Ahrens. Ms. Fernandez shared Ms. Ahrens' experience and background with the Board.

Chair Delgado welcomed and congratulated all new hires.

Promotions

- i. Vicki Ahrens, hired June 21, 2022, promoted to Account Clerk I from Office Assistant II - AHS

Washoe County Health Heroes

- i. Kathryn Olson – EHS
- ii. Heather Kerwin – EPHP
- iii. Jessie Latchaw – EPHP
- iv. Jessica Cabrales – AQM
- v. Kellisa Shirane, honorable mention – CCHS
- vi. Maricela Caballero, honorable mention – CCHS
- vii. Carmen Mendoza, honorable mention – EPHP/Vitals

Health Officer, Kevin Dick, recognized all the employees nominated for the Washoe County Health Heroes award. He briefly highlighted the values that were used to nominate these employees and expressed appreciation for the efforts of the employees.

Additionally, Mr. Dick read all the honorable mentions and thanked them for their efforts as well.

5. Public Comment.

Chair Delgado opened the public comment period.

Ms. Cindy Martinez asked the Board to consider if it was wise to take a public county position on administering Emergency Use Authorization COVID-19 injections that have been recommended by the CDC for children as young as six months. Ms. Martinez stated she is very concerned about the evidence showing vaccine injuries as a result of having received these products. Ms. Martinez continued to opine that there is a place and appropriate application of these products with the elderly and immune compromised population; however, she stated scientific information shows that children are not susceptible to grave disease from the infection of COVID-19. Ms. Martinez added that in fact children that incur the exposure become a valuable part of herd immunity which in turn protects their families by extension the community. She continued to state that the United States is the only country in the world that is authorizing the vaccine for children, as opposed to Europe who has withheld the Moderna products due to some of alleged negative effects. Ms. Martinez spoke of other potential side effects the vaccines may have, quoting a variety of articles containing studies on vaccine administration.

Ms. Valdespin called Mr. Bruce Foster without response.

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

6. COVID-19 Update & Information.

Staff Representative: Kevin Dick

Board Representative: Dr. Reka Danko

Health Officer, Kevin Dick opened this item by providing an update on the COVID-19 situation. Mr. Dick reported as of this meeting the 7-day average was at about 177 new cases per day which appears as there is a plateau and seeing some decline in cases; however, there has been over 233 per day reported over the past two days. He added the dominant lineage in the community was the BA.2.12.12, but the State Public Health Lab has confirmed 8 cases of BA.5 and 3 cases of BA.4. Mr. Dick reported he expects to see the percentage of cases from BA.5 and increases in wastewater occurring in Washoe County. Additionally, he reported the 7-day average of hospitalizations has increased to 40 from 35 last week but remain with good hospital capacity.

Mr. Dick reported the CDC community level remained at Medium. He stated that an adjustment on the footprint for testing at the POST has been made due to the Reno Rodeo, but will go back to the drive-thru testing using the infrastructure and facilities established for that purpose on either July 1 or July 5, based on the Reno Rodeo demobilization.

Mr. Dick continued to report that the Health District is now able to offer COVID-19 immunization to those 6 months and older with the FDA and CDC approval, adding that the process that the vaccines went through for development testing, evaluation and review was quite vigorous and the vaccines are safe. The benefits outweigh any risks they may pose.

Mr. Dick conducted a PowerPoint presentation and reviewed slides from the CDC presentation given by Katherine E. Fleming-Dutra, MD to the Advisory Committee on immunization practices in the 6 months to 4 years age group. Mr. Dick shared slides pertaining to hospitalizations among children and adolescents 6 months to 17 years as well as the rates of

hospitalization by vaccination status among children and adolescents 5-17 years old. Mr. Dick highlighted the severity of COVID-19 associated hospitalization among children 6 months to 17 years by noting that the highest percentage was represented by the 6 months to 4 years old age group.

Mr. Dick continued to share that this presentation showed COVID-19 being the leading cause of death among children ages 0 to 19 years during the period of March 1, 2020 to April 30, 2022. Additionally, the COVID-19 related deaths per year in the United States prior to recommended vaccines far exceeds the deaths for other vaccine preventable diseases.

Mr. Dick summarized the epidemiology of children ages 6 months to 4 years by stating that there has been over 570,000 cases among infants less than 1 year old and more than 1.9 million among children 1-4 years.

Dr. Danko highlighted Mr. Dick's report about continuance in caution as a steady stream of COVID-19 and complications has been seen both in hospitals and post-acute settings.

7. 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. May 26, 2022

B. Budget Amendments/Interlocal Agreements

- i. Approve a Notice of Award from the Department of Health and Human Services retroactive to April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023 in the total amount of \$515,000 (\$59,248 indirect, \$894,153 required match) in support of the Community and Clinical Health Services Division (CCHS) Title X Program IO#11997, and further approve, due to a reduction in grant funding, the elimination of two vacant unfunded positions: Community Health Aide #70002183 and Advanced Practice Registered Nurse #70002282, and authorize the District Health Officer to execute the Notice of Award and any future amendments.
Staff Representative: Loraine Fernandez

- C. Acknowledge receipt of the Health Fund Financial Review for May, Fiscal Year 2022.
Staff Representative: Anna Heenan

Dr. Novak moved to approve the consent agenda. Dr. Klacking seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

8. Presentation and acceptance of the "Washoe County, Nevada Air Quality Trends (2012-2021)" Report.

Staff Representative: Dan Inouye

Mr. Inouye introduced his item by providing the content of the Air Quality Trends report. He continued to introduce Brendan Schnieder, Air Quality Specialist, and shared Mr. Schnieder expertise and duties as it related to the Trends report.

Mr. Schnieder provides background information regarding the Trends report and explained the requirements stipulated by the Clear Air Act to establish National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). Mr. Schnieder provided a detailed summary chart for 2021, which contained the Air Quality Index for every day. He stated 35 days exceeded at least one of the NAAQS for either zone, mainly due to the wildfire smoke.

Mr. Schnieder reported on the impact wildfire smoke has had in the air quality and continued to report that for first time in 25 years Washoe County is in violation of 3 NAAQS, which meant we are not breathing healthy air. However, the NAAQS for ozone and particulate matter could be strengthened.

Mr. Schnieder concluded by reiterating the purpose of this report is to address air quality planning decisions on how to attain the NAAQS.

Mr. Schnieder opened this item for questions from the Board.

Councilman Dahir asked if the four days of exceedance were close to the fires that happened in the region and added that he is concerned that Washoe County will dip lower next year. He opined wildfires affect Washoe County in a way that cannot be controlled.

Mr. Schnieder reported the ozone exceedances were at the end of April and in the middle July. He continued to report the ozone season begins on June 1 and goes into the end of August, so it is expected to see ozone concentrations highest without the wildfire smoke present.

Councilman Dahir asked if Mr. Schnieder knew the cause of the high ozone concentrations during those times.

Mr. Schnieder stated it had a lot to do with the weather such as high solar radiation.

Councilman Dahir asked if lowering the overall standard would make a difference on the highest ozone concentration period.

Mr. Schnieder affirmed.

Michael Brown moved to accept the “Washoe County, Nevada Air Quality Trends (2012-2021)” Report. Dr. Novak seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

9. Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority.

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

Presented by: Dean Dow

Aaron Abbott, Executive Director for REMSA Health appeared for Dean Dow, President and CEO of REMSA Health and Care Flight.

Mr. Abbott began his presentation by opening his item for questions from the Board, highlighting that a request was made to answer questions regarding systemwide average response times. Additionally, he stated he wanted to share additional information regarding operations reports and information.

Mr. Abbott stated they are seeing incident response volumes trending this year at a 12% increase from last year and 8% higher on transports, which he opined it indicates people are accessing 9-1-1 in much higher frequency. Mr. Abbott added that in reference to COVID-19, REMSA has had over 282 COVID-19 employee incidents which has resulted in over 6,158 lost personnel hours since July 2021.

Mr. Abbott continued to applaud his Human Resources for a fantastic job for recruiting a total of 49 pre-hospital care providers and emergency medical care dispatch providers since May 2021.

Dr. Novak made an observation regarding the executive summary which is reported to be lower than everyone else nationwide.

Mr. Abbott opined a variable for the lower scores is the inability to survey people via phone. The current agency is using a text message service to capture the data and are currently having a poor time collecting responses. However, he stated he cannot affirm that is the reason for the lower scores, but it is certainly something that has occurred over the last months.

Dr. Novak continued to opine the response time are still lopsided from Reno and Sparks and it is an issue specifically for the city of Sparks.

Mr. Abbott stated REMSA is trending on the positive direction both in Reno and Sparks from an average response time perspective. He continued to note that one of the shifts that have been seen is an increase in the number of calls from the city of Sparks.

Councilman Dahir commended REMSA on hiring personnel and hopes employee retention happens as well. Councilman Dahir asked if A zone is something REMSA determines and why does everyone have to be on a big zone that causes the stated issues.

Mr. Abbott reported the zones are determined through an annual process in coordination between REMSA and staff from the District Board of Health, where contiguous population density is considered. He continued to add the REMSA posts ambulances based on the past 20 weeks of historical call data which poses some difficulties.

Councilman Dahir asked REMSA to revisit the process in determining zones. He also added that what he hears from his city is that response times are not getting better.

Mr. Abbott clarified that the improvement he referred to derived from the data perspective which depicts that response times from April to May show an improvement.

Michael Brown moved to approve REMSA Health Operations Report for May 2022. Dr. Novak seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

B. Update of REMSA Health's Public Relations during May 2022.

Presented by: Alexia Jobson

Ms. Jobson, Director of Public Relations for REMSA Health began her presentation by providing updates on recent activities.

Ms. Jobson reported REMSA Health's Regional Emergency Communication Center was recently reaccredited as the world's 54th medical accredited of excellence by the International Academy of Emergency Dispatch (IAED). Mr. Jobson made note that out of 3,600 centers around the world using the IAED dispatch protocol for police, fire, medical and nurse navigation only about 300 are accredited. This accreditation is the 8th continuous one for REMSA Health, as only 12 agencies in the world have accomplished this recognition.

Ms. Jobson reported REMSA Health hosted a press conference to share a variety of hot weather and water safety messages including a mock scenario of a pediatric drowning. Ms. Jobson reported these messages, and the related giveaways were made possible by REMSA Health in partnership with the Health District.

Ms. Jobson concluded by reporting on a new online request form made available through their website. The form can be used to request the donation of equipment, supplies, and resources designed to reduce death and disability from injury, illness, and sudden cardiac arrest.

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

C. Update, Discussion and Possible Direction regarding Joint Advisory Committee discussions of potential modification of the Amended and Restated Franchise Agreement for Ambulance Service Section 2.3 Level of Care.

Presented by: Dean Dow, President/CEO of REMSA Health

Sabrina Brasuell, EMS Coordinator for Washoe County Health District Oversight Program appeared for Dean Dow, President/CEO of REMSA Health and opened this item by providing some background on this request.

Ms. Brasuell reported that on March 24, REMSA Health put forth a request to the District Board of Health to review Section 2.3 specific to the Level of Care of the Amended and Restated Franchise Agreement for Ambulance Services. She continued to report that the patient care response was modified during the COVID-19 pandemic to include a tier response system as well as other programs like Assess and Refer; however, as the expiration of the Emergency Directive in May 2022 approached the District Board of Health approved a concurrent review.

Ms. Brasuell clarified that the information regarding Section 2.3 in the staff report was not up for approval but rather to provide visibility to the information that was shared for conversation and as a tool in the workgroup.

Ms. Brasuell continued to share some details surrounding the concurrent meetings and opened the item for questions from Board, making note of the availability from EMS Response partners to respond questions.

Chair Delgado thanked Ms. Brasuell for responding to his request to the District Health Officer to have staff report to this Board.

Michael Brown shared that he found the meeting he attended to be very informational and was happy to see the partners present and participating. Mr. Brown asked if this language regarding Section 2.3 C&D in anticipated to be included in the future or are they just discussion points on the tiered response program.

Ms. Brasuell stated it was a starting off point and at this juncture the JAC workgroup is not ready to piece them out as they are very robust conversations.

Chair Delgado clarified this item was intended to provide an opportunity to communicate with the JAC regarding the hopes of the Board in terms of what will be brought for approval.

Councilman Dahir stated he would like to be aware of the main goals from this team.

Ms. Brasuell alluded to the fact that the focus was to ensure that everyone was gathering and potentially pose solution of a more immediacy. However, due to recent events the focus has shifted to beginning with language that is accessible and reasonable for the tier response to continue and identify securities that need to be in place for those actions to be appropriate. Ms. Brasuell offered to bring a specific goal and tangible items to the next District Board of Health meeting.

Councilman Dahir stated he wants to continue to work as a region and support each other where needed.

Michael Brown stated he hoped a lot of emphasis is placed on providing feedback on how the system should work as each agency respond differently, but the goal is to function for the best of the patients and the providers.

Ms. Brasuell affirmed this topic is a factor in all the conversations as well as the fact that regionalization talks are occurring.

Dr. Novak moved to approve Joint Advisory Committee discussions of potential modification of the Amended and Restated Franchise Agreement for Ambulance Service Section 2.3 Level of Care. Michael Brown seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

10. **Recommendation for appointment to the Food Protection Hearing Advisory Board as members. Staff recommends: The re-appointment of Mr. Christopher Thompson for a three-year term beginning on July 1, 2022, and concluding on June 30, 2025; the re-appointment of Mr. JP Pinocchio for a three-year term beginning on July 1, 2022, and concluding on June 30, 2025; the re-appointment of Mr. Michael Chaump for a three-year term beginning on July 1, 2022, and concluding on June 30, 2025; the re-appointment of Mr. Carl Christopher Romm for a three-year term beginning on July 1, 2022, and concluding on June 30, 2025; the appointment of Mr. Jay Rathman for a two-year term beginning July 1, 2022, and concluding on June 30, 2024, the appointment of Ms. Rose Wolterbeek for a two-year term beginning July 1, 2022, and concluding on June 30, 2024, and the appointment of Ms. Lanaii Elkins for a one-year term beginning on July 1, 2022, and concluding on June 30, 2023.**

Staff Representative: Amber English

Amber English, Environmental Health Services Supervisor, began her item by introducing the purpose of this item. She explained all terms expired July 1, 2020; therefore, new appointments are necessary.

Ms. English continued to explain her department's process for recruiting and the number of applicants, with application being included in the packet for this meeting.

Councilman Dahir moved to re-appointment of Mr. Christopher Thompson, the re-appointment of Mr. JP Pinocchio, the re-appointment of Mr. Michael Chaump, and the re-appointment of Mr. Carl Christopher Romm for a three-year term beginning on July 1, 2022, and concluding on June 30, 2025; and the appointment of Mr. Jay Rathman and the appointment of Ms. Rose Wolterbeek for a two-year term beginning July 1, 2022, and concluding on June 30, 2024; and the appointment of Ms. Lanaii Elkins for a one-year term beginning on July 1, 2022, and concluding on June 30, 2023. Michael Brown seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

11. **Recommendation to approve Cost of Living Adjustments in base wage of 5% effective July 1, 2022, and 3.5% effective July 1, 2023, to keep the District Health Officer's position in alignment with the other Unclassified Management positions.**

Staff Representative: Laurie Griffey

Chair Delgado opened this item for public comment.

Ms. Martinez share that in her experience when voting for compensation, she kept in mind her responsibility to not only serve the public but to be mindful that she was in service to the public and it was wrong to be expected to be paid astronomical levels of compensation for the same work that had been done the previous year.

Ms. Martinez stated that while she is not a fan of Mr. Dick, she can recognize that he has training and experience and is responsible for oversight for a lot of things in Washoe County; however, still opines his increase over the last 7-8 years has almost doubled and amounts to

almost \$200,000. Ms. Martinez opined that those on fixed incomes will be expected to pay increased sales and property taxes to sustain these public salaries.

Ms. Martinez invited the Board to think about these types of items going forward as she opined that the community is headed toward an economic financial cliff. Ms. Martinez stated she wishes to register her concerns about salaries as many of the people she represents are currently trying to keep the roofs over their head, food on the table, and take care of their children.

Laurie Griffey, Human Resources Representative for the Health District, began her presentation by stating the Health District is seeking Board approval for the same cost of living for the Health Officer that was approved the Board of County Commissioners for the unclassified management positions, non-represented confidential employees, District and Justice Court employees, Juvenile Service employees, and the Truckee River Flood Management Authority executive director and general counsel. She added the Health Officer's employment contract indicates the salary may be adjusted by a vote of the Board for cost-of-living adjustments consistent with any cost-of-living adjustments provided for other unclassified management employees in Washoe County.

Councilman Dahir stated that the cost-of-living adjustment have not been approved lightly, but it is necessary to continue to take care of staff.

Dr. Novak moved to approve the Cost-of-Living Adjustments in base wage of 5% effective July 1, 2022, and 3.5% effective July 1, 2023, to keep the District Health Officer's position in alignment with the other Unclassified Management positions. Michael Brown seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

- 12. Review, discussion and direction to staff regarding the provisions of the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) entered into by the Cities of Reno and Sparks and Washoe County for the creation of the Health District. Take action to accept the ILA in its current form including the recommendation from the May 26, 2022 DBOH meeting to change the name of the Health District or direct staff to forward any additional recommendations for possible amendments to Reno, Sparks and Washoe County.**

Staff Representative: Dania Reid, Deputy District Attorney

Dania Reid, Deputy District Attorney, opened her item by stating that Item 7C of the Interlocal Agreement requires that this Board review this agreement annually for purposes of allowing the Board the opportunity to look at the provisions by which the Health District is created and make recommendations to the three jurisdictions that are responsible for implementing and creating the Health District.

Ms. Reid made note that the Board decided to recommend a name change to the three jurisdictions and that will be advancing to the concurrent meeting scheduled for next month.

Michael Brown moved to accept the ILA in its current form including the recommendation from the May 26, 2022 DBOH meeting to change the name of the Health District or direct staff to forward any additional recommendations for possible amendments to Reno, Sparks and Washoe County. Dr. John Novak seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

13. Staff Reports and Program Updates

- A. Air Quality Management** – Reconsideration of the Ozone NAAQS on Pause, EPA Releases Final Policy Assessment for PM NAAQS Reconsideration, SWEEP Issues 2021 Annual Report, Divisional Update, Monitoring and Planning, Permitting and Compliance
Staff Representative: Francisco Vega

Mr. Vega opened his item by highlighting the EPA’s standards are on pause and will update the Board on any additional information. He added that for particulate matter, EPA has released a final assessment for reconsideration of those standards which includes lowering the 24-hour standard from 35 micrograms per meter cubed ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) to between 30 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ and above.

Mr. Vega concluded by reporting on public workshops that were held for the public and regulated community specifically 3 workshops regarding the upcoming wood burning device regulation. He added that 2 training sessions were held for the wood burning device inspectors, a listening session was held for minor changes to the portable source permitting process, and a dust control permit workshop for the regulated community.

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

Councilman Dahir commended Mr. Vega for reaching out to the community to educate and help guide as they move forward.

- B. Community and Clinical Health Services** - Divisional Update – Healthy Corner Store - Grab Healthy Initiative; Data & Metrics; Sexual Health (HIV and Disease Investigation), Immunizations, Tuberculosis Prevention and Control Program, Reproductive and Sexual Health Services, Chronic Disease Injury Prevention Program, Maternal Child and Adolescent Health, Women Infants and Children, and Community Health Workers.
Staff Representative: Lisa Lottritz

Ms. Lottritz began her presentation by reporting that they will be partnering with Renown this Saturday for the 6-month to 5-year clinic. Ms. Lottritz continued to report that CCHS will be participating in the Nevada Pride event as well as keeping busy with back-to-school immunizations. She added a Family Health Festival on July 30 in Sun Valley.

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

- C. Environmental Health Services** – Environmental Health Services (EHS): Highlighted Program; Program Activities; Consumer Protection (Food/Food Safety, Commercial Development, 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 Commercial Development program. She continued to provide background on the responsibilities of that team including the review of the commercial plans for design and infrastructure for conformance of the regulations and codes as well as training new staff.

Ms. Dixon concluded by reporting on the division’s temporary food vendor workshops.

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

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

Dr. Diao opened her item by reporting that her division distributed the new CDC Health Alert Network publication on updated case finding guidance for monkey pox. She added some of the characteristics and symptoms of monkey pox and reported there have been over 3,000 cases worldwide and 42 nonendemic countries. In the US there have been 155 cases in 24 states plus one case tested and confirmed while in the UK. There has been one case detected in Clark County. She concluded that although no cases are present in Washoe County, the teams are being prepared internally if the need arises.

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

Dr. Novak asked where the community stood with the flu.

Dr. Diao reported flu is still high and an updated report will be provided in July.

E. Office of the District Health Officer - - COVID-19 Response, WCHD Communications Update, COVID-19 Communications Update, Health Equity, and Public Communications and Outreach.

Staff Representative: Kevin Dick

Health Officer, Kevin Dick, open his item by responding to Councilman Dahir's earlier request regarding COVID-19 children vaccination information online. He reported there is a link to the CDC's COVID-19 vaccinate for children's page at the www.covid19washoe.com under the resources tab in the regional website.

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

Councilman Dahir thanks Health Officer for a quick response.

14. Board Comment.

Chair Delgado asked Health Officer, Kevin Dick, about the Health District's 3 appointments to the REMSA Board.

Mr. Dick confirmed.

Chair Delgado continued to inquiry about the expiration of those terms.

Mr. Dick affirmed those terms have been expired, but those members will continue to serve until new appointments are made.

Chair Delgado stated those 3 seats include someone with attorney background, someone with an accounting background, and someone from the community.

Mr. Dick affirmed.

Chair Delgado asked for those positions to be published on the Health District website for recruitment and notify REMSA Health of the expired terms.

Chair Delgado further commented he enjoyed seeing Ms. Brasuell presenting on behalf of the District Board of Health with respect to REMSA Health and would like to see staff come back and present on the compliance component of REMSA Health, provided REMSA Health makes the information available to staff.

Chair continued to congratulate Councilman Dahir on his Bishop's Award for a Lifetime Achievement from the Northern Nevada First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction.

Councilman Dahir apologized for not being present but he stated he was preparing to attend a Nevada Veteran’s memorial dinner.

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

Adjournment.

Chair Delgado adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

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