



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, September 22, 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.

Acting Chair Lucey called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

The following members and staff were present:

Members present: Oscar Delgado, Chair
Robert Lucey, Vice Chair
Michael Brown
Kristopher Dahir
Dr. Reka Danko (via zoom)
Dr. John Novak
Dr. John Klacking (via zoom arrived at 1:14 p.m.)

Ms. Lawson served as the recording secretary and verified a quorum was present.

Staff present: Kevin Dick, District Health Officer
Sabrina Brasuell
Laurie Griffey
Erin Dixon
Francisco Vega
Dr. Nancy Diao
Lisa Lottritz

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice-Chair Lucey led the pledge to the flag.

3. Approval of Agenda.

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Dr. Novak moved to approve the agenda for the September 22, 2022, District Board of Health regular meeting. Councilman Dahir seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously, with Dr. Klacking being absent.

4. **Recognitions.**

Years of Service

- i. Judy Medved-Gonzalez, Public Health Nurse II, 25 years, hired September 5, 1997 – CCHS

Health Officer, Kevin Dick acknowledged and thanked Ms. Medved-Gonzalez for her 25 years of service.

New Hires

- i. Melissa Shaffer, Office Support Specialist, hired August 29, 2022 – CCHS
- ii. Andrea Clarke, Office Support Specialist, hired September 12, 2022 – CCHS
- iii. Brenda Peer, Office Assistant II, hired September 12, 2022 – EPHP/Vitals
- iv. Dawn Edwards, Administrative Assistant I, hired September 12, 2022 – CCHS
- v. Erin Meyers, Environmental Health Trainee, hired September 12, 2022 – EHS
- vi. Lauren Clapham, Environmental Health Trainee, hired September 12, 2022 - EHS

Health Officer, Kevin Dick, introduced Ms. Shaffer, Ms. Clarke, and Ms. Edwards as new CCHS employees and invited Lisa Lottritz to introduce her staff. Ms. Lottritz shared Ms. Shaffer's background and expertise as well as her new assignment that will be split between WIC and Chronic Disease Injury Prevention. Ms. Lottritz briefly described Ms. Clarke's assignments in Clerical and the Immunization team as well as her background as an executive assistant at UNR. Lastly, Ms. Lottritz shared Ms. Edwards' experience and background as a Public Administrator Specialist.

Mr. Dick invited Dr. Diao to introduce Ms. Peer to the Board. Dr. Diao introduced Ms. Peer and shared that her assignment will be split between Vitals and Epidemiology.

Mr. Dick invited Erin Dixon to introduce Ms. Meyers and Ms. Clapham. Ms. Meyers was not in attendance; however, Ms. Dixon briefly shared Ms. Clapham's background and education in biology.

Promotions

- i. Matthew McCarthy, promoted from AQM Specialist Trainee to AQM Specialist effective August 17, 2022 – AQM
- ii. Candace Brown, promoted from AQM Specialist Trainee to AQM Specialist effective August 31, 2022 – AQM
- iii. Tasha Pascal, promoted from Public Health Nurse II to Sr. Public Health Nurse effective August 29, 2022 – CCHS
- iv. Kaleigh Behrendt, promoted from Public Health Nurse II to Sr. Public Health Nurse effective August 29, 2022

Health Officer, Kevin Dick, acknowledged and congratulated Mr. McCarthy and Ms. Brown on their recent promotion as AQM Specialists.

Mr. Dick also acknowledged and congratulated Ms. Pascal and Ms. Behrendt, both were unable to be present.

Retirements

- i. Yann Ling-Barnes, Environmental Engineer II effective August 13, 2022 – AQM
- ii. Maricela Caballero, Human Services Support Specialist II effective August 24, 2022 – CCHS

- iii. Nicole Mertz, Public Health Nurse II effective October 7, 2022 – CCHS
Health Officer, Kevin Dick, acknowledged Ms. Ling-Barnes, Ms. Mertz's and Ms. Caballero's retirements. Mr. Dick presented Ms. Mertz with a token of the Health District's appreciation for her 30 plus years of service and expressed his best wishes on her retirement.

Northern Nevada Healthcare Hero

- i. Chair Oscar Delgado, Nevada Business Magazine Healthcare Hero Award
Health Officer, Kevin Dick, acknowledged Chair Delgado on his recent recognition as Healthcare Hero for Northern Nevada. Mr. Dick congratulated Chair Delgado.
Chair asked for a round of applause for those employees being recognized for their efforts and hard work.

5. Public Comment.

Chair Delgado opened the public comment period.

Ms. Lawson called Ms. Megan Marble to state her public comment.

Ms. Marble introduced herself as the owner of Desert Peak Therapies and continued to describe the nature of her business. Ms. Marble stated her business opened in June and has not been able to see any clients due to the extensive health insurance issues. Ms. Marble stated her business has only been able to see 3 clients out of 30 phone calls in the last month. Ms. Marble opined there are significant barriers to care for everyone, but especially those who rely on private health insurance. Additionally, she reported there is a vital asset in the community closing permanently at the end of October which will impact services available specifically to adults and geriatric populations. Ms. Marble opined the obstacles with health insurance companies make it nearly impossible to provide services to those that needed most. Ms. Marble concluded by stating that she was asking for help in finding a solution that will allow her business to provide care for the community in a timely manner. Ms. Marble thanked Councilman Dahir for speaking with her group earlier in the week.

Chair Delgado thanked Ms. Marble for her comment and informed her that her comment could not be discussed due to open meeting law, but something could be scheduled offline as he would like to hear more.

Ms. Marble agreed and provided business cards to the recording secretary.

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

6. COVID-19/Monkeypox 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 that as of this meeting the community was at a low level for COVID-19 impact. The 7-day average of reported cases was at 25.6 and patients hospitalized per 100,000 over the last 7 days was at 4%, and the percent of in-patient beds used for COVID-19 patients was at 3%, at the time of this meeting. Mr. Dick reported that the CDC would be updating the community levels later that day.

Mr. Dick reported that the bivalent vaccine was available and reported that the vaccine contained Omicron BA.4 and BA.5 spike protein information in addition to the mRNA from

the original strain of COVID-19. Mr. Dick made note that since the BA.5 variant is currently the dominant strain, the protection from this vaccine is expected to be much improved and should elicit a more robust immune response to new variants, which is a significant step forward. Mr. Dick continued to encourage everyone to receive the booster. Additionally, he reported an increase in vaccination since the bivalent vaccine became available. Mr. Dick provided a list of events scheduled to provide COVID-19 vaccinations.

Mr. Dick reported that the requirements for SB4 COVID-19 inspections at resort facilities sunsetted on 8/31.

Mr. Dick noted that the Health District had received 14-day notices of termination of the Interlocal Agreement for Joint Incident Command and Coordinated Response to COVID-19 from Washoe County on August 23, 2022, and City of Sparks dated August 25, 2022. He informed the Board that he had provided the Health District's 14-day notice of termination of the Interlocal Agreement for Joint Incident Command and Coordinated Response to COVID-19 to the Cities of Reno and Sparks, and Washoe County on September 16, 2022 that the Interlocal Agreement was no longer necessary for the Health District's ongoing operations to respond to COVID-19.

Mr. Dick reported that the case count for monkeypox was at 18, with no hospitalization for monkeypox reported for those cases. However, monkeypox has been detected in wastewater sampling and analysis performed by UNR. He added the TPOXX treatment is available for those who have been diagnosed with monkeypox as well as pre-exposure prophylactic vaccinations.

Mr. Dick invited Dr. Danko to report on the item.

Dr. Danko did not have additional reports.

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

B. Budget Amendments/Interlocal Agreements

- i. Approve a Notice of Subaward from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health in the total amount of \$952,839.00 (\$95,283.90 cash match) retroactive to July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 in support of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Public Health Preparedness Program (PHP) and authorize the District Health Officer to execute the Notice of Subaward, any future amendments and MOU agreements with partnering agencies.

Staff Representative: Kristen Palmer

- ii. Approve a Notice of Subaward from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health in the total amount of \$383,904.00 (\$38,390.40 cash match) retroactive to July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 in support of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) Public Health Preparedness Program; approval of authorization to travel and travel reimbursements for non-County employees that are Inter-Hospital Coordinating Council (IHCC) Coalition members (to be designated by IHCC leadership) in an amount not to exceed the FY23 travel budget to attend the Health Care Coalition Conferences (dates to be determined); and authorize the District Health Officer to

execute the Subaward and any subsequent amendments and give the District Health Officer authorization to execute MOU agreements with partnering agencies.

Staff Representative: Kristen Palmer

C. Recommendation for the Board to Uphold Uncontested and Settled Citations Not Appealed to the Air Pollution Control Hearing Board.

Staff Representative: Francisco Vega

- i. Cemex Construction Materials Pacific, LLC, Case No. 1346, NOV AQMV22-0019, AQM22-0020, AQM22-0021
- ii. Cemex Construction Materials Pacific, LLC, Case No. 1350. NOV AQMV22-0022
- iii. Pokrajac Corporation, Case No. 1374, NOV AQM22-0010
- iv. Sandpiper Sparks, LLC, Case No. 1375, NOV AQM22-0011
- v. DR Horton, Inc., Case No. 1380, NOV AQM22-0012
- vi. Maverick, Inc., Case No. 1383, NOV AQM22-0013
- vii. Cashman Equipment Co., Case No. 1384, NOV AQM22-0015
- viii. Red Rock Construction, Case No. 1392, NOV AQM22-0025
- ix. Desert Wind Homes, Case No. 1393, NOV AQM22-0018

D. Acknowledge receipt of the Health Fund Financial Review for August, Fiscal Year 2023.

Staff Representative: Anna Heenan

Councilman Dahir moved to approve the consent agenda. Vice-chair Lucey seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

8. Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority.

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

Presented by: Barry Duplantis

Barry Duplantis, Interim President/CEO and Chief Operating and Financial Officer for REMSA Health began his presentation by highlighting that in the month of August REMSA was compliant in priority 1, with priority 1 calls in zone A,B, C and D at 91%.

Mr. Duplantis reported REMSA Health continues to focus on meeting its franchise obligations as they continue to recruit and hire additional staff. He continued to report on the number of employees that REMSA Health currently employs.

Mr. Duplantis reported on the number of calls responded to by REMSA Health, adding a brief report on their growth in demand for 9-1-1 EMS services. Mr. Duplantis concluded by reporting the results on their Patient Survey for the month of August making note that of over 4,000 surveys sent, only 71 responses were received. Mr. Duplantis added that of the 71 responses, 78% were 55 years and older, which is a concern for Mr. Duplantis. Mr. Duplantis believed the responses REMSA is receiving may not represent the community as a whole.

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

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

B. Acceptance and possible direction regarding the update on the REMSA Corrective Action Plan due to the Notice(s) of Non-Compliance with Article 7.1 for FY2021-2022 for the Amended and Restated Franchise Agreement for Ambulance Service Amended August 25, 2022.

Staff Representative: Sabrina Brasuell

Sabrina Brasuell, EMS Oversight Program Coordinator began her item by providing a summary of the purpose of this item. Ms. Brasuell continued to invite Mr. Duplantis to provide the details of this item.

Mr. Duplantis began by commenting on the progress that has been made to address some of the concerns that were raised over the last District Board of Health meetings. He continued to report that the demand for EMS services has been strong in the community. Mr. Duplantis continued to report on the items REMSA is working on to address the non-compliance issue, emphasizing on the shorter-term goals including but not limited to conducting retention interviews to ensure employees are satisfied.

Mr. Duplantis concluded by reporting REMSA's involvement in the Regionalization Project.

Councilman Dahir thanked REMSA for thinking outside of the box and changing their approach and opined that working with fire services will be an improvement from what was previously seen. He commended REMSA on a good job.

Chair Delgado expressed his appreciation for Ms. Brasuell and Mr. Duplantis, as he opined this item showed transparency in terms of compliance. Additionally, he commended Mr. Duplantis for his great work and leadership.

Dr. Novak moved to approve to accept the update on the REMSA Corrective Action Plan. Michael Brown seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

C. Update of REMSA Health's Public Relations during August 2022.

Presented by: Alexia Jobson

Alexia Jobson, Director of Public Relations for REMSA Health began her item by providing recent updates to her report.

Ms. Jobson reported that REMSA Health was included on a podcast along with Richmond Ambulance Authority and Pro EMS from Cambridge, Massachusetts discussing how EMS agencies can share important information and messages through strong media relationships.

Ms. Jobson also reported that Mr. Duplantis spoke to Sparks Centennial Rotary about operations, recruitment, and retention and partnerships with co-response agencies. She also reported Jenny Walters, Education Manager and Paramedic, provided media interviewed about the health impacts of wildfire smoke.

Ms. Jobson concluded by reporting that two REMSA Health leaders and one of the medical directors were selected to present at the American Ambulance Association's Ambulance Conference.

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

D. Recommendation for appointment of person to the REMSA Board of Directors. Applicant for the Accounting Representative, and the recommendation of the Program for appointment, is Cora Case for a four (4) year term beginning on September 22, 2022, and ending September 21, 2026. Applicants for the Consumer

Representative are Warren Lyons, Reverend Debra A. Whitlock Lax, Irene Kreuscher, Michael Pagni, Kathleen Conaboy and Don Vonarx, and the recommendation of appointment by the Program is Reverend Debra A. Whitlock Lax for a four (4) year term beginning on September 22, 2022, and ending September 21, 2026. Applicant for the Legal Representative, and the recommendation of the Program for re-appointment, is Louis S. Test for a four (4) year term beginning on September 22, 2022, and ending September 21, 2026.

Staff Representative: Sabrina Brasuell

Ms. Brasuell opened the item by inviting the Board to ask any questions, prior to discussing the details on appointing board members to the REMSA Board of Directors. Ms. Brasuell continued to provide a summary of the terms and applicants to the open seats.

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

Chair Delgado apologized for being absent for last month's meeting, as he understands the importance of this item and expressed his appreciation for staff's work to rectify the non-compliance of appointing Board members to this Board.

Ms. Brasuell reported the only change to the item was the start and end dated of the terms.

Chair Delgado stated the appointments to the REMSA Health Board were significant considering the recent regional conversations. He opened the item for questions from the Board, as this Board has the final ideas and thoughts regarding this subject.

Vice-chair Lucey thanked all the applicants for their interest in this Board, as this Board represents a very large portion of the community as it pertains to public safety and EMS. He added that as potential changes are happening within the region it is important to address the needs of the community from a health emergency standpoint. Vice-chair opined that appointment are very important and as such it is important to make sure that the individuals selected have a wide breadth of knowledge of the community as well as what REMSA represents. Vice-chair stated that in reviewing the applications for the Consumer Representative, he opined that one applicant stood out from the rest and that was Michael Pagni, as he has history with REMSA and has served with REMSA in a legal capacity and as consultant in the past. Vice-chair stated his consideration was to select Michael Pagni as the Consumer Representative.

Michael Brown echoed Commissioner Lucey's thoughts and thanked all those who applied for the positions. Mr. Brown continued to state that looking at where they are at and where they will be in the future, he felt Mr. Pagni's breadth of knowledge and representation would benefit the REMSA Health Board.

Dr. Novak echoed all the previous comments and believes Mr. Pagni brings unique experience that will be needed over the next couple of months or years. He also thanked everyone that applied and noted this is a very unique situation.

Councilman Dahir noted his familiarity with Revered Whitlock and felt she has been doing great things in the community. He continued to agree that not only Mr. Pagni's experience but also his relationship with the Board would make him a good choice as a member of the REMSA Board. Councilman Dahir continued to encourage Reverend Whitlock to continued being involved with these boards as he opined she has an important place as a member of the community.

Commissioner Lucey moved to appointment Cora Case as the Accounting Representative, Michael Pagni as the Consumer Representative, and re-appoint Louis

S. Test as the Legal Representative to the REMSA Health Board of Directors to a four (4) year term beginning on beginning on September 22, 2022, and ending September 21, 2026. Michael Brown seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Chair Delgado concluded this item by inviting all applicants to apply for other boards and commissions within the Health District, City of Reno, City of Sparks, or Washoe County as they are always looking to fill those positions with honest, good, hard-working constituents.

9. Review and approve the addition of an Environmental Health Specialist position funded through salary savings from a reclassified position and additional revenue due to increased workload.

Staff Representative: Erin Dixon

Ms. Dixon opened her item by providing a brief description of her request to the Board. She explained Environmental Health Services had one licensed engineer that resigned earlier this year, which led to an analysis of divisional needs. Ms. Dixon explained the activities of a licensed engineer could be met under a Memorandum of Understanding with Community Services Department and those duties that needed more flexibility could be met by an Environmental Health Specialist.

Ms. Dixon continued to request the Board approve an additional Registered Environmental Health Specialist position based on the increase in the workload, salary savings from the licensed engineer position, and additional revenue. Ms. Dixon continued to explain the work duties were not new; however, they have increased at an overwhelming level. Ms. Dixon provided a brief review of duties and revenues that would be used to sustain her request.

Michael Brown moved to approve the addition of an Environmental Health Specialist position. Commissioner Lucey seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

10. Review and Approval of Annual Performance Evaluation Questions and List of Participants for the District Health Officer's Annual 360 Evaluation and Direct Staff to Conduct the Evaluation Utilizing an On-Line Survey Program.

Staff Representative: Laurie Griffey

Ms. Griffey opened her item by reporting she was seeking approval to perform an evaluation for Health Officer, Kevin Dick, which is due October 24, 2022. Ms. Griffey briefly explained the documents included in the packet for the Board's reference including evaluation questions and a list of participants.

Chair Delgado opined the list of participants was a good list and expressed appreciation for using the 360 review, as it's great to hear from external participants.

Dr. Novak moved to approve the Annual Performance Evaluation Questions and List of Participants for the District Health Officer's Annual 360 Evaluation. Councilman Dahir seconded the motion which was approved unanimously

11. Staff Reports and Program Updates.

A. Air Quality Management - The Inflation Reduction Act and Air Quality, California to End Sales of Gasoline-only Vehicles by 2035, EPA Fines Autosales, Inc., Divisional Update, Program Reports, Monitoring and Planning, Permitting and Compliance.

Staff Representative: Francisco Vega

Mr. Vega opened his item by highlighting the benefits of the Inflation Reduction Act and the funding that is going toward public health, climate change, and air quality issues as well as the adoption by California of an Advanced Clean Cars II regulations.

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

Dr. Novak asked about Air Quality's standing regarding compliance with the EPA after the last smoke incident.

Mr. Vega informed he would not know about the total impact until after the calendar year. He did confirm Washoe County exceeded the EPA standards on some days.

Vice-chair Lucey thanked Mr. Vega for his assistance to the vice-chair and his staff. Vice-chair Lucey continued to ask if there is any legal recourse with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), US Forest Service, or the State of California regarding the response to wildfires, as it pertains to the air quality and the impact to the Great Basin area and school children, when the School District is unable to open schools.

Mr. Vega clarified Vice-chair Lucey's inquiry by asking if he was referring to the role of Air Quality on what BLM and other agencies do.

Vice-chair Lucey affirmed his inquiry and wondered if there is recourse to join the EPA and bring a joint complaint to file against the BLM.

Mr. Vega stated he wasn't sure he could answer Vice-chair Lucey's questions regarding recourse; however, he did state that when there are wildfire events that impact the region's air quality and prevent demonstrating compliance with EPA standards, there is an opportunity to do an Exceptional Events Demonstrations which removes that data from the region's demonstration in compliance with the standards. He continued to state that while the region is impacted by the smoke it does put the region in jeopardy of non-compliance with the standards.

Vice-chair clarified that his question branched off the provisions the county has had through FEMA and wondered if the EPA had the same opportunities to address the financial concerns after wildfire events.

Mr. Vega stated he was unsure of the legal recourses. However, he reported they are proactive in working with the BLM and communicating that there is a need for more resources in forest management, reducing fuels, and prescribed burning.

Councilman Dahir stated it would be wise to investigate if there are other air quality agencies that keep a track record of the effects on the children and to the livelihood of the community.

Dr. Novak asked if Air Quality has asked to get compensated for the overtime hours staff have to work during these events.

Mr. Vega reiterated their role is mainly to collect data and distribute information on how the public can protect themselves.

Dr. Novak asked if the hours to perform these tasks are exceeding the normal amount of time when these incidents happen.

Assistant District Attorney, Mary Kandaras, expressed her concern about discussing different divisions as well as speaking about suing California or the United States as the Board could be moving into deliberation on a topic that is not properly agendized. Ms. Kandaras suggested staff speak with their staff attorneys about possible remedies for pollution from wildfires or set an agenda item to discuss the topic.

Chair Delgado stated it would be a good idea to agendize these topics, so that Mr. Vega and/or Health Officer have an opportunity to report back to the Board on what other agencies are doing in terms of recourse opportunities.

B. Community and Clinical Health Services - 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 announcing the Mental Health First Aid happening the week after the meeting. She added the Annual TB cohort is coming up in October 20, which will review the 2021 cases. Ms. Lottritz concluded by reporting that staff member, Jen Howell, will be participating on a NACCHO webinar joining New Orleans and Washington DC to provide a local health department update on monkeypox.

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

C. 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 and reporting that an area that is not seeing an uptick is childcares. Additionally, she reported an increase in construction in remodeling where plans are not submitted. Ms. Dixon also reported that the Food Safety team is working on increasing awareness and participation in excellence in food safety awards. She continued to report on the recent rib cookoff event.

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

Councilman Dahir thanked Ms. Dixon's team for all the hard work that goes into these events.

Dr. Novak asked about how many inspection hours is involved in an event like the rib cookoff.

Ms. Dixon reported she did not have the number readily available but would share with him after this meeting.

Health Officer, Kevin Dick, reported it was over 90 hours, but will allow Ms. Dixon to report a precise number.

Chair Delgado asked if they knew why childcare facilities aren't being expanded.

Vice-chair reported that per Human Services and local providers the lack of properties and construction costs as well as staffing currently prohibit individuals to expand.

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

Staff Representative: Dr. Nancy Diao

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

E. District Health Officer Report - COVID-19, Monkeypox, COVID-19 Communications Update, Health District Communications Update, Community Health Improvement Plan, Crisis Response System, Strategic Planning, and Public Communications and Outreach.
Staff Representative: Kevin Dick

Health Officer, Kevin Dick, opened his item by providing highlights to his report. He reported they have kicked off the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) development which includes a CHIP forum at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center.

Mr. Dick continued to report on Dr. Klacking's request from last month regarding the Nevada rollout of the 988-suicide prevention lifeline. He briefly spoke about the attachment that was made available through his report.

Mr. Dick concluded by thanking the Board members who have responded to the doodle poll for the Strategic Planning retreat.

12. Board Comment.

Vice-chair Lucey asked if an item can be agendaized regarding potentially recovery from the wildfire events.

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

Adjournment.

Chair Delgado adjourned the meeting at 1:53 p.m.

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