

District Board of Health Meeting Minutes

Members

Kristopher Dahir, Chair
Devon Reese, Vice Chair
Mariluz Garcia
Dr. Reka Danko
Michael D. Brown
John Klacking, PhD
John Novak, DMD

**Thursday, October 26, 2023
1:00 p.m.**

**Northern Nevada Public Health
Commission Chambers, Building A
1001 East Ninth Street
Reno, NV**

1. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum.

Chair, Kristopher Dahir called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.
The following members and staff were present:

Members present: Kristopher Dahir
Mariluz Garcia
Michael D. Brown
Dr. John Novak
Dr. Reka Danko (arrived at 1:03 p.m.)
Dr. John Klacking

Members Absent: Devon Reese

Ms. Valdespin verified a quorum was present.

Staff present: Kevin Dick
Andrea Esp
Joe Dibble
Olivia Alexander-Leeder
Mia Gzebb
David Kelly
Jack Zenteno
Julia Ratti
Camarina Augusto
Laurie Griffey
Francisco Vega
Lisa Lottritz
Robert Fyda
Dr. Nancy Diao

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Garcia led the pledge to the flag.

3. Approval of Agenda.

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Michael D. Brown moved to approve the agenda for the October 26, 2023, District Board of Health regular meeting. Dr. Novak seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously with Dr. Danko being absent for this item.

4. Recognitions.

Years of Service

- i. Falisa Hilliard, Program Assistant, 20 years, hired October 13, 2003 – ODHO
District Health Officer, Keivn Dick, acknowledged, thanked, and congratulated Ms. Hilliard for her years of service.

New Hires

- i. Francesca Rubio, Office Specialist, October 9, 2023 – EHS
- ii. Sandra Puga, Office Specialist, October 9, 2023 – EHS

Mr. Dick invited Robert Fyda, EHS Division Director, to introduce EHS staff to the Board.

Mr. Fyda introduced Ms. Rubio and Ms. Puga and briefly shared their background and experience; and welcomed them to the EHS Division.

Chair Dahir welcomed all new staff members.

Promotions

- i. Ian Check, from EHS Trainee to EHS Specialist effective August 29, 2023 – EHS
- ii. Erin Myers, from EHS Trainee to EHS Specialist effective October 16, 2023 – EHS

Mr. Dick acknowledged and congratulated Mr. Check and Ms. Myers on their promotions as EHS Specialists with Environmental Health Services.

Transfers

- i. Virginia McDonald, Office Specialist from Public Guardian, October 9, 2023 – EHS
- ii. Sabrina Brasuell, EMS Coordinator to County Manager's Office, October 16, 2023 – EPHP

Mr. Dick welcomed Ms. McDonald back to the Health District and expressed how pleased he was with her return from the Public Guardian's office.

Additionally, he acknowledged Ms. Brasuell's transfer to the County Manager's Office.

Health Heroes

- i. Laurie Griffey – AHS
- ii. Yeraldin Deavila – ODHO
- iii. Erin Dixon – ODHO
- iv. Julia Ratti – ODHO
- v. Camarina Augusto – ODHO

Honorable Mentions

- i. EHS Admin Team – EHS
- ii. Steve Fisher – AHS
- iii. Jack Zenteno – AHS
- iv. Taylor Stokes – EHS

District Health Officer, Kevin Dick, acknowledged and thanked Ms. Griffey, Ms. Deavila, Ms. Dixon, Ms. Ratti, and Ms. Augusto for their full recognition as Health Heroes.

In addition, he acknowledged all the honorable mentions.

Chair Dahir noted that being a Health Hero is significant, since these recognitions highlight the values that help the Health District function effectively.

Special Recognition

- i. Dr. Reka Danko, MD
Nevada Business Magazine
Healthcare Hero Humanitarian Award

District Health Officer, Kevin Dick thanked Dr. Danko for participating in the Health Hero luncheon that was held October 25, 2023. He continued to highlight Dr. Danko's own recognition as a Healthcare Hero Humanitarian by the Nevada Business Magazine.

5. Proclamations.

- A. Proclaim the Week of November 13, 2023 as Crash Responder Safety Week.

Staff Representative: Andrea Esp

Mr. Dick read the Crash Responder Safety Week proclamation onto the record and invited Andrea Esp to join him at the podium. Mr. Dick noted the attendance of Chief Cindy Green and Lt. Stallcop. In addition, Captain Bertrand

Lt. Stallcop thanked the Board for the recognition and apologized for being tardy, as they were responding to a crash incident.

Chair Dahir recognized that accidents continue to grow and acknowledged and expressed gratitude for the work of first responders, as they do put themselves in danger. He continued to invite the guests to reach out to the Board if their practical assistance was needed.

Michael D. Brown moved to approve the Crash Responder Safety Week proclamation. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

6. Public Comment.

Chair Dahir opened the public comment period.

Ms. Alexis Motarex with Nevada Associated General Contractors representing the Commercial Construction Industry in Northern Nevada, began her public comment by expressing full support of the proposed revisions under item #8. She continued by thanking Mr. Vega and his staff for their willingness to listen to and address their concerns. Ms. Motarex reported that Mr. Vega proactively reached out to them to make them aware of the changes and took the time to

meet members to discuss the regulations. She complimented Mr. Vega’s approach to ensure the public was protected while ensuring that the revision did not create any undue burden. Ms. Motarex concluded by expressing appreciation for Mr. Vega’s diligence and the partnership they have with Northern Nevada Public Health.

Having no further public comment, Chair Dahir closed the public comment period.

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. Cancel the November 16, 2023, Regular District Board of Health Meeting.

B. Approval of Draft Minutes.

i. September 28, 2023.

C. Budget Amendments/Interlocal Agreement.

i. Approve the 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 \$416,275 (no match) for the period December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2024 in support of the Health District workforce capacity to reduce health disparities and improve health equity in Washoe County and authorize the District Health Officer to execute the Notice of Subaward, and any future amendments.

Staff Representative: Kristen Palmer

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

Staff Representative: Francisco Vega

i. Recommendation for the Board to uphold a settled penalty issued to the Empire Mining Company, LLC, Case No. 1403, Notice of Violation No.’s AQMV23-0014, AQMV23-0015, AQMV23-0016, and AQMV23-0017, with a \$23,400.00 total fine, for failing to comply with multiple permit requirements associated with Permit to Operate No. AAIR16-0933 Approve and Adopt the Proposed Northern Nevada Public Health Employee Policy Manual Updates for Fiscal Year 24.

E. Acknowledge receipt of the Health Fund Financial Review for September, Fiscal Year 2024.

Staff Representative: Kristen Palmer

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

8. PUBLIC HEARING for review, discussion, and possible adoption of the proposed revisions to the District Board of Health Regulations Governing Air Quality Management, Chapter 020 - General Provisions including new language to satisfy our commitment to the EPA and the requirements of Section 110 (a)(2)(J) of the Clean Air Act (CAA), and also update violation procedures, appeal procedures, penalties and fines, confidential information, sampling and testing, and upset conditions.

Staff Representative: Ben McMullen

Chair Dahir opened the Public Hearing session.

Ben McMullen, AQM Specialist, began his presentation by providing a brief introduction to the proposed item. Ms. McMullen reported that the rule revision was implemented as a commitment made by the Air Quality Management division to NDEP and EPA to include

language and regulation to satisfy the requirements of section 110(a)(2)(J) of the Clean Air Act. Additionally, Mr. McMullen reported that AQMD took the time to complete other revisions in the form of format, clarifications, and new sections were added from other sections of existing rules.

Mr. McCullen added that additional revisions have been made since the approval of the Business Impact Statement at the September 2023 meeting. Some of the changes included specifying working or calendar days, language change from “immediately” to “as soon as safely practicable,” and replaced some pronouns. He concluded by reporting on posting efforts including publication in the Reno Gazette Journal.

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

Chair Dahir thanked Mr. McMullen for the process as the bylaws are a big deal to the public and opined that including the affected parties was crucial.

Sara Collins with Nevada Petroleum Marketing and Convenient Stores Association appeared in front of the Board to offer public comment. She shared that her team provided public comment at the September meeting; however, she wanted to thank the Air Quality Divisions for their input and reaching out to her team, as AQM had met with the group on multiple occasions.

Ms. Collins reported they are in full support of the regulations, especially because the comments from the September meeting are now included.

Commissioner Garcia echoed everyone’s sentiments about reaching out to the public regarding this item.

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the proposed revisions to the District Board of Health Regulations Governing Air Quality Management – Chapter 20. Dr. Novak seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Chair Dahir closed the Public Hearing session.

9. Presentation on Lethal Means Reduction - Suicide Prevention Alliance.

Staff Representative: Joseph Dibble

Joseph Dibble, Health Educator II, opened this item by providing updates on work that is being started on the Lethal Means Reduction program. He provided data regarding firearm related injuries and death and reported that surprisingly firearm related deaths from suicide vastly outnumber firearm related deaths from homicide.

Mr. Dibble reported that in Nevada 70% of firearm related deaths are from suicide, so firearms are the most lethal method of suicide. He continued to share death statistics for Nevada and Washoe County and reported that 111 deaths occurred in Washoe County and 64 of those were attributed to firearms or explosives. He highlighted that part of the problem with firearm suicide is that it’s difficult to intervene.

Mr. Dibble spoke about suicidal ideation which included figuring out the how and not just the why people resort to suicide. He noted that putting time and distance between a person in suicidal crisis and their access to lethal means can save lives.

Mr. Dibble provided a Social-Ecological Model Framework as a way of prevention and continued to report on the efforts toward suicide prevention by accessing support. Mr. Dibble stated that this effort included the Washoe Suicide Prevention Alliance (WSPA) that is composed of partners with a variety of experience which allows for greater impact, broader

reach, and more financial capability. In addition to the stated partnerships, Mr. Dibble reported that there is an advisory team of two mental health professionals and two licensed firearms dealers to assist in providing direction. Mr. Dibble

Mr. Dibble shared a video from the Office of Suicide Prevention regarding suicide among youths. He concluded by sharing upcoming efforts including a gun shop project and increased safe gun and medication storage.

Dr. Klacking asked if Mr. Dibble had seen an effect from the 988 number.

Mr. Dibble explained that all the suicide death statistics available the Health District have a two-year lag, so the reports available to him ended in 2021. However, he did note that he does promote 988 in their materials.

Commissioner Garcia thanked Mr. Dibble and noted that the topic is coming up a lot. She continued to express her appreciation for Mr. Dibble's efforts to come together with partners to form the WSPA. Commissioner Garcia asked if Mr. Dibble's team was looking to participate in events or town halls and shared her recent experience with a group that facilitated an event that invited moms and dads to view a powerful video.

Mr. Dibble stated that they were strategic planning on how they would be proceeding and when they'll be able to go forward, but he believed the group would take the community setting approach.

Chair Dahir echoed the importance of mental health. He added that he would be interested in learning about Mr. Dibble's team's strategies to determine how and where the Board can assist.

10. Presentation of the Active Managerial Control (AMC) Program for Food Safety.

Staff Representatives: Olivia Alexander-Leeder and Mia Gzebb

Olivia Alexander-Leeder, Environmental Health Specialist began by reporting that the presentation corresponded to the article that Mia Gzebb and she co-authored for the July-August edition of the Journal of Environmental Health as well as the presentation that was delivered in New Orleans at the National Environmental Health Association's annual education conference.

Mia Gzebb, Environmental Health Specialist, continued by summarizing the content of her presentation to include what the Active Managerial Control (AMC) program is, NNPH's journey to AMC, benefits of the AMC program, and why the program would be instituted.

Ms. Gzebb continued to share some of the obstacles food safety encounters and how an AMC program would be a tool to help solve some of the obstacles. She provided background on the AMC programs and the components that were needed to ensure long-term compliance with proactive enforcement.

Ms. Alexander-Leeder continued to report that following the assessment they applied for the NEHA-FDA Retail Food Flexible Funding Model Grant and the award was received in the amount of \$300,000 for 3 years. She briefly provided a 3-year timeline of all the achievements and future goals for the program under the grant. She added some of the benefits that these programs bring to health departments and operators.

Ms. Alexander-Leeder concluded by highlighting that these efforts were motivated by the community in an effort to reduce costs for small, local business owners, reduce food waste, improve equitable access to information, and protect public health.

Ms. Alexander-Leeder thanked her team for their support and hard work as well as the Board.

Chair Dahir opened the item for questions from the Board.

Dr. Novak commended the team for being proactive and inclusive of the local businesses.

Ms. Alexander-Leeder noted that the class allows for collaboration between operators which provides community building.

Commissioner Garcia echoed the community building importance and continued to ask about the learning moments after the class.

Ms. Gzebb reported that in the past the focus was on violations. However, now it's a collaborative approach from the inspector with the operators. She opined that with the training program and the written policies inspectors do not have to reinvent the wheel. Ms. Alexander-Leeder added that when people attend the class, they realize they are not alone in the struggle with violations which allows them to move to a more positive food safety space.

Chair Dahir asked if these tools are used to encourage the new operators.

Ms. Alexander-Leeder reported that the AMC program is built into the compliance and enforcement policy, which allows for the program to be a requirement if an operator has more than 3 critical violations during a routine inspection. However, the program is also available on a voluntary basis.

Chair Dahir commended the team as he opined that educating the community is key.

11. Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority.

A. Recommendation to accept the REMSA Health Monthly Franchise Report for September of 2023 which includes REMSA Health Accounts Receivables Summary, Compliance by Zones, Average Response Times, Incident Details Reporting, Summary Penalty Fund Reconciliation, Ground Ambulance Operations Report, Patient Experience Report and Comments, Education Report, and Public Relations Report, and provide possible Board direction.

Presented by: Barry Duplantis

Barry Duplantis, REMSA Health CEO and President, opened his item by noting that REMSA Health has provided a copy of their hot spots to the Board. He continued by reporting that for the month of September REMSA Health has been fully compliant with priority 1 calls in Zone A, and Zones B, C, and D. However, he reported that performance in the Cold springs area caused REMSA Health to dip in their performance to 89.4%. Mr. Duplantis stated that they have increased their commitment to the Cold Spring citizens by placing a staffed unit in the area to bolster the ability to respond quickly to Priority 1 calls.

Mr. Duplantis continued to report that during the August meeting a question regarding the hot spots was raised. He shared that a report was provided to the Board to identify those areas which included Cold Springs, Verdi, Spanish Springs, and Washoe Valley. Mr. Duplantis reported on the efforts that have been made to address these areas, to include stationing units as well as bolstering support by using Truckee Meadows Fire Department.

Mr. Duplantis noted that the audit of their fiscal financial statements, the penalty fund account, and their average bill is underway and will be presented to the Board.

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

Chair Dahir thanked REMSA Health for the hot spot report. He opined that as the community grows it is the Board's job to pay attention to the areas that may need help.

Mr. Duplantis highlighted that they have collaborative meetings with the jurisdictional fire EMS programs to identify where they can help each other.

Michael D. Brown moved to accept REMSA Health's Operations Report for September 2023. Dr. Klacking seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

- B. Recommendation for the reappointment of a person to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board (EMSAB) for the Hospital Continuous Quality Improvement Representative, and the recommendation of the Program for re-appointment is Joe Macaluso for a two (2) year term beginning on November 2, 2023, and ending November 1, 2024.**

Staff Representative: Andrea Esp

Andrea Esp, Preparedness and EMS Program Manager, began her presentation by highlighting a clerical error within the term of the appointment. She corrected it to read beginning November 2, 2023, and ending November 1, 2025.

Dr. Novak moved to re-appoint Joe Macaluso as the Hospital Continuous Quality Improvement Representative for EMSAB to a two-year term ending November 1, 2025. Michael D. Brown seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

- 12. Recommendation to uphold the decision of the Sewage, Wastewater & Sanitation (SWS) Hearing Board to approve Variance Case #H23-0003VARI of the Northern Nevada Public Health (NNPH) Regulations Governing Sewage, Wastewater, and Sanitation for Faretto Lane LLC, owner of 2474 Faretto Lane, Washoe County, Nevada, Assessor's Parcel Number 222-060-25.**

Staff Representative: David Kelly

Robert Fyda, EHS Division Director introduced Latricia Lord as the subject matter expert for the item.

Latricia Lord, Sr. EHS Specialist appeared for David Kelly, EHS Supervisor, and began her presentation by providing a background on the application to approve a variance. Ms. Lord reported that the variance moved to be heard by the Sewage, Wastewater & Sanitation (SWS) Hearing Board and the Board recommended the variance to be approved by the DBOH. Ms. Lord reiterated that EHS agrees with the recommendation of the SWS Hearing Board.

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

Dr. Novak moved to uphold the decision of the SWS Board to approve Variance Case #H23-0003VARI. Dr. Danko seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

- 13. Community and Clinical Health Services - Fee Revisions. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**
Staff Representatives: Lisa Lottritz and Jack Zenteno

Jack Zenteno, Administrative Health Services Officer, opened the item by providing a brief synopsis of the item. Additionally, he provided background and a dateline of the item to identify the updates to the fee tables.

Mr. Zenteno opened the item for questions from the Board.

Chair Dahir asked if the fees were covered by insurance or if it was hitting the most vulnerable

population.

Lisa Lottritz, CCHS Division Director, responded that a lot of the fees were covered by insurance; however, she reported that the Family Planning Sexual Health Program has created a sliding fee scale based on income and family size as listed on the federal poverty guidelines. Ms. Lottritz highlighted that they do not refuse service based on the inability to pay.

Dr. Novak moved to approve the fee revisions for CCHS. Michael D. Brown seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

14. Presentation and possible acceptance of the FY24 Q1 Strategic Plan Results.

Staff Representative: Julia Ratti

Rayona LaVoie, Management Analyst appeared for Julia Ratti, Director of Programs and Projects and began her presentation by highlighting new changes that were made to ClearPoint results.

Ms. LaVoie highlighted some of the changes including a Volume Indicator that measures the number of services delivered or activities implemented. She continued to report on initiatives, outcomes, and goals. She noted the progress in all those areas.

Ms. LaVoie opened the items for questions from the Board.

Commissioner Garcia moved to accept the FY24 Q1 Strategic Plan Results. Dr. Klacking seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

15. Presentation and possible acceptance of the Annual FY23 Health Equity Plan Results.

Staff Representative: Camarina Augusto

Camarina Augusto, Health Equity Coordinator, opened her item by providing background on her report including a disparities grant that allowed the hiring of staff and an external consultant.

Ms. Augusto continued to speak about the capacity assessment that was selected, known as Bay Area Regional Health Inequities Initiative (BARHII). In addition, she shared a timeline that provided a snapshot of the process beginning in March 2022 and ending in October 2022.

Ms. Augusto shared details about the Health Equity Organizational Capacity Plan and shared the annual report that included the progress made in FY23, the achievements over the first year, and the color-coding scale to assess results and progress on each initiative. Ms. Augusto shared that of 26 initiatives, 92% were fully or partially achieved with 1 not achieved and 1 not yet started. Additionally, she highlighted some achievements including trainings held, cross-divisional projects, communications, CHIP, strategic plan, and the receipt of an Impact Award.

Ms. Augusto concluded by sharing the next steps and upcoming projects and opened her item for questions from the Board.

Dr. Klacking moved to accept the Annual FY23 Health Equity Plan Results. Dr. Novak seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

16. Review and approval of the District Health Officer's Annual Performance Evaluation Results and Approval of a 5% Annual Merit Increase.

Staff Representative: Laurie Griffey

Laurie Griffey, HR Rep, began her presentation by providing updates to the item. She reported it had been distributed to 39 different participants and closed on October 12. Ms. Griffey

stated the results showed a 65.1% participation rate with a 100% rating Health Officer, Kevin Dick as Meets or Exceeds Expectations. Ms. Griffey reported that the answers for the 3 surveys were combined and a total of 213 responses received. She continued to share that 61.5% rated Mr. Dick as Exceed Expectations, 37.6% rated him Meets Expectations, and less than 1% rated him as Areas for Growth.

Ms. Griffey recommended the Board to accept the evaluation as presented and approve a merit increase.

Chair Dahir thanked everyone who responded to the survey and made note that some Board members did not respond to the survey and continued to invite the Board to participate in the future.

Michael D. Brown moved to approve the District Health Officer’s Annual Performance Evaluation and a 5% annual merit increase. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

- 17. Presentation, discussion, and possible decision regarding the recruitment process to fill the District Health Officer position, authorizing the Chair to work with Washoe County Human Resources to select an executive search firm to conduct a national search for qualified candidates to fill the position, to develop a structure and process for the national search and selection of finalists for consideration by the District Board of Health, and to provide regular updates to the Board on the process and progress.**

Presented by: Kristopher Dahir, Board Chair

Chair Dahir opened this item by reporting on a meeting with Washoe County Human Resources. He continued to report that his directive was for HR to find firms to go through with the recruitment that will include a national search. Once the process is complete, the goal is to bring 3 candidates to be interviewed by the District Board of Health and make the final decision.

Chair Dahir opened the item for questions from the Board.

Dr. Novak moved to approve the recruitment process to fill the District Health Officer position. Dr. Danko seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Chair Dahir informed the Board that he had asked Health Officer, Kevin Dick to be involved on the recruitment process.

- 18. Staff Reports and Program Updates.**

A. Air Quality Management –EPA Releases Guidance for \$4.6 Billion in Climate Pollution Reduction Grants, House Passes Bill Targeting Clean Air Act Waivers, EPA Announces Third Round of Funding for Clean School Buses, September 2023 EPA Small Business Newsletter, Divisional Update, Program Reports, Monitoring and Planning, Permitting and Compliance.

Staff Representative: Francisco Vega

Mr. Vega opened his item by highlighting a \$4.6 billion climate pollution reduction grant, which presents an opportunity for the community and region to make real transformation as it relates to combating climate pollution. He reported that Brian Beffort, Washoe County Sustainability Manger, Suzanne Groneman, City of Reno Sustainability Manager, and himself are in discussion as to what this looks like for the region. Mr. Vega thanked Chair Dahir for facilitating a meeting with RTC, so that conversation can be initiated from a

transportation perspective. Mr. Vega reiterated there is a strict timeline with the planning portion of the grant due on March 1, 2024 followed by implementation due in April. Mr. Vega stated he would be asking for Board support.

Mr. Vega continued to highlight an item that was approved under the Consent Agenda for AQM's penalties, and he took the opportunity to recognize Air Quality's hard work in navigating those compliance and enforcement processes, as he opined the division does more than regulate. Mr. Vega concluded by reiterating that the division tries to help and empower businesses with compliance.

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

Dr. Klacking commented that this effort is a great opportunity to get Reno, Sparks, and Washoe County together to go after the grant.

Chair Dahir reiterated Dr. Klacking's comment and stated that a jurisdictional push is necessary to walk this effort out and "dream big".

Dr. Klacking stated that judging from past ratings by EPA and the Lung Association, this grant is something to be excited about as it could help improve air quality.

Chair Dahir thanked Mr. Vega and his team for working with businesses and representing the Board well.

B. Community and Clinical Health Services - Fetal Infant Mortality Review; 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 did not have additional information to share, so she continued to open her item for questions from the Board.

C. Environmental Health Services: Environmental Health Services Program Activities for: Consumer Protection (Food Safety Plan Review & Operations, Commercial Plan Review, Foodborne Illness, Permitted Facilities); Environmental Protection (Land Development, Safe Drinking Water, Vector-borne Disease Surveillance, Waste Management / Underground Storage Tanks).

Staff Representative: Robert Fyda

Mr. Fyda opened his item by highlighting that the September larvicide was cancelled due to lower temperatures in the area and reduced activity of the mosquitoes. Additionally, the Food Safety team conducted trainings for mobile food trucks specifically regarding fire hazards.

Dr. Novak asked about the status of the drone.

Mr. Fyda reported a letter was sent to the FAA and is awaiting a response.

Deputy District Attorney, Dania Reid confirmed that the letter was sent to FAA counsel and reported she is optimistic that it is proceeding as it should.

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

Staff Representative: Dr. Nancy Diao

Dr. Diao began her presentation by highlighting recent updates regarding the flu season. She reported that currently Influenza Like Illnesses activity is low and below Region 9 and Nevada baselines. She added that this year's quadrivalent flu vaccine composition did have the H1N1 updated. She briefly reported on RSV and affirmed cases are lower compared to the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 seasons at the same time.

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

- E. District Health Officer Report - Northern Nevada Public Health Communications Update, NNPH Name Change, Government Affairs, Public Health Accreditation, Language Accessibility, Community Health Improvement Plan, CCHS Assessment, New CCHS Fees, and Public Communications and Outreach.**
Staff Representative: Kevin Dick

Kevin Dick, Health Officer began his presentation by thanking people for the kind comments on his performance evaluation and the Board for the merit increase.

Mr. Dick continued to update his report to reflect that he did not present to the City of Reno on the Health District's name change, but will be presenting on November 15.

Mr. Dick expressed his satisfaction with Joelle Gutman Dodson's appointment to the Task Force on Safe Sidewalk vending, as she is the only Northern Nevada representative and is also the one in the task force representing public health.

Mr. Dick reported that 320 community members attended the Family Health Festival at O'Brien Middle School and 30 people attended the soft roll out of the Golden Pantry (grocery pantry for seniors).

Mr. Dick continued to report that the CCHS assessment of clinical operations with 330 Partners is underway.

Mr. Dick concluded by reminding the Board of the Strategic Planning Retreat on November 9, 2023, beginning at 8:00 a.m. to noon.

Chair Dahir commended staff for their work out in the community.

Chair Dahir commended Mr. Dick for a job well done and opined the merit increase was well deserved and thanked him for his commitment.

19. Board Comment.

Dr. Danko shared that it is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and gave a shoutout to anyone who is struggling with breast cancer. She continued to highlight that 1 in 8 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime, so it is a very common disease among women and men. She reiterated that mammography is the best way for screening and reported that most places do not require orders.

Chair Dahir extended an invitation to a free Veteran's Day Event at the Nevada Veteran's Memorial.

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

Adjournment.

Chair Dahir adjourned the meeting at 2:49 p.m.

Possible Changes to Agenda Order and Timing: Items on the agenda may be taken out of order, combined with other items, withdrawn from the agenda, moved to the agenda of another later meeting; moved to or from the Consent section, or they may be voted on in a block. Items with a specific time designation will not be heard prior to the stated time, but may be heard later. Items listed in the Consent section of the agenda are voted on as a block and will not be read or considered separately unless withdrawn from the Consent agenda.

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Public Comment: Members of the public may make public comment by submitting an email comment to svaldespin@washoecounty.gov before the scheduled meeting, which includes the name of the commenter and the agenda item number for which the comment is submitted. Reasonable efforts will be made to hear all public comment during the meeting. During the “Public Comment” items, emails may be submitted pertaining to any matter either on or off the agenda, to include items to be heard on consent. For the remainder of the agenda, public comment emails will only be heard during items that are not marked FOR POSSIBLE ACTION. All public comment should be addressed to the Board of Health and not an individual member. The Board asks that your comments are expressed in a courteous manner. All public comment is limited to three minutes per person. Unused time may not be reserved by the speaker nor allocated to another speaker.

Response to Public Comment: The Board of Health can deliberate or take action only if a matter has been listed on an agenda properly posted prior to the meeting. During the public comment period, speakers may address matters listed or not listed on the published agenda. The *Open Meeting Law* does not expressly prohibit responses to public comments by the Board of Health. However, responses from the Board members to unlisted public comment topics could become deliberation on a matter without notice to the public. On the advice of legal counsel and to ensure the public has notice of all matters the Board of Health will consider, Board members may choose not to respond to public comments, except to correct factual inaccuracies, ask for Health District staff action or to ask that a matter be listed on a future agenda. The Board of Health may do this either during the public comment item or during the following item: “Board Comments – District Board of Health Member’s announcements, reports and updates, request for information or topics for future agendas. (No discussion among Board Members will take place on the item)”

Posting of Agenda; Location of Website:

Pursuant to NRS 241.020, Notice of this meeting was posted electronically at the following locations:

Washoe County Health District Website <https://www.washoecounty.gov/health>

State of Nevada Website: <https://notice.nv.gov>

Under an emergency directive issued by Governor Sisolak on March 22, 2020, and extended by a subsequent directive issued on July 31, 2020, the physical location requirement has been suspended.

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