



Washoe County District Board of Health Meeting Minutes

Members

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

**Thursday, March 23, 2023
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, Kristopher Dahir called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.
The following members and staff were present:

Members present: Kristopher Dahir
Devon Reese
Mariluz Garcia
Dr. Reka Danko
Michael D. Brown
John Novak, DMD

Members absent: Dr. John Klacking

Ms. Valdespin verified a quorum was present.

Staff present: Kevin Dick, District Health Officer
Sabrina Brasuell
Rayona LaVoie
Joelle Gutman-Dodson
Francisco Vega
Lisa Lottritz
Erin Dixon
Dr. Nancy Diao

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice-chair Reese led the pledge to the flag.

3. Approval of Agenda.

March 23, 2023

Vice-chair Reese moved to approve the agenda for the March 23, 2023, District Board of Health regular meeting. John Novak DMD seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

4. **Recognitions.**

New Hires

- i. Pia Braunstein, March 13, 2023, Public Health Nurse - CCHS
- ii. Alexander Messinger-Patton, March 27, 2023, Air Quality Trainee – AQM
- iii. Ryan Vogler, March 27, 2023, Air Quality Trainee – AQM

Health Officer, Kevin Dick, invited Lisa Lottritz to introduce her new staff member.

Ms. Lottritz welcomed Ms. Pia Braunstein and continued to share Ms. Braunstein's experience.

Mr. Dick noted Mr. Messinger-Patton and Mr. Vogler will not start employment until March 27, so these recognitions will be added to next month's agenda.

Promotions

- i. Erin Dixon from Division Director to Deputy District Health Officer effective March 27, 2023 – ODHO

Health Officer, Kevin Dick, introduced Ms. Dixon as the new Deputy District Health Officer, which is a new position for the Health District. He noted there was an open national recruitment for the position and Ms. Dixon rose to the top of the candidate pool. Additionally, he thanked Dave Solaro, Assistant County Manager for participating on the interview panel. He continued to share Ms. Dixon's experience.

Mr. Dick shared that this is a new position; therefore, the duties and assignments may be adjusted as time progresses. However, he noted that the position will be responsible for operational aspects and supervision of Division Directors for Community and Clinical Health Services, Environmental Health Services, Air Quality Management, and Administrative Health Services. Additionally, he noted Ms. Dixon will be working around legislative and policy issues. Mr. Dick reported that while he will continue with Joelle Gutman-Dodson regarding government affairs, Ms. Gutman-Dodson will be a direct report to Ms. Dixon.

Mr. Dick added that Ms. Dixon will also be responsible for Human Resources issues that rise up through the identified divisions as well as the Business and Industry and governmental relations related to the operations of the same divisions. Ms. Dixon will also be the lead for the space issues within the Health District including the building that will be replacing the TB clinic.

Ms. Dixon will continue to act as the Division Director for Environmental Health Services until the Health District fills that position.

Mr. Dick concluded by stating he was very pleased to have Ms. Dixon coming onboard.

Chair Dahir commented the Board approves this selection as part of it has to do with succession planning, so that the responsibility is not focused on one person. He added that he felt it was a very wise choice.

Transfers

- i. Gayle Erickson, Program Coordinator to Administrative Assistant II at Human Services Agency effective March 10, 2023 – EPHP
- ii. Marisa McCune, Administrative Secretary to Library Assistant II at the Library effective March 10, 2023 – AQM

Mr. Dick acknowledged Ms. Erickson’s transfer to Human Services Agency and commented on the background of her employment at the Health District and stated he was sad to see her go but understands Ms. Erickson’s desire to attain a position that is not COVID-19 grant funding.

Mr. Dick acknowledged Ms. McCune’s transfer to the Library.

Washoe County Health Heroes

- i. Sheila McCoy - CCHS
- ii. Keyla Solorio – CCHS

Health Officer, Kevin Dick, acknowledged and thanked Ms. McCoy and Ms. Solorio for being fully recognized as Health Heroes.

Special Recognitions (Health Heroes Committee)

- i. Susy Valdespin – ODHO
- ii. Yeraldin Deavila – ODHO
- iii. Kristen Palmer – AHS
- iv. Rachel Cord – AHS
- v. Kelcie Atkin, Chair – CCHS
- vi. Lisa Sheretz, Secretary – CCHS
- vii. Candace Brown – AQM
- viii. Craig Petersen, Treasurer – AQM
- ix. Marisa McCune – AQM
- x. Gayle Erickson, co-Secretary – EPHP
- xi. Danika Williams – EPHP
- xii. Heather Burris – EHS
- xiii. Michael Touhey – EHS

Health Officer, Kevin Dick, acknowledge the Health Heroes committee. This program was developed by a committee of Health District staff and shared that he felt they have done a fantastic job.

Mr. Dick stated the committee has established bylaws and structure for future operations. He continued to acknowledge all members individually and thanked all of them for their great efforts in developing the program.

Chair Dahir thanked the committee member on behalf of the Board for going above and beyond.

5. Proclamations.

National Public Health Week.

Staff Representative: Scott Oxarart

Health Officer, Kevin Dick, read the proclamation into the record and accepted it on behalf of the Health District.

Chair Dahir extended an invitation to all employee to coffee and breakfast on April 7 from 8-9 a.m. to celebrate the sacrifice of employees.

Michael Brown moved to approve the consent agenda. John Novak, DMD seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

6. **Public Comment.**

Chair Dahir opened the public comment period.

Mr. Ryan Kautz declared he is an Environmental consultant and moved to Reno from California as well as Certified Environmental Manager in the State of Nevada. Additionally, he declared that he is a hazmat specialist and Incident Commander with the California State Fire Marshall.

Mr. Kautz reported his company purchased 7-acres of commercially zoned property in Verdi and are currently developing it as a business park and continued to report they have been proactive in working with the different permitting agencies. He added that city of Reno and Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) have been extremely helpful and fast with their permits, which cannot be said about the Health District.

Mr. Kautz provided materials to be placed on file. Mr. Kautz reported his materials contained information on the alleged atypical holds for the permits and opined they were vendettas by certain people within the department. Mr. Kautz requested that a third-party reviewer take over the permit reviews as the majority of the permits are issued at the State level because of the commercial zoning and opined it is not a Washoe County Health District function.

Mr. Kautz offered to tour all Board members through their project.

Mr. Garrett Gordon, partner at Lewis & Roca, in representation of Ryan Kautz and Whispering Road Investments. Mr. Gordon reiterated that the building permits for the self-sufficient environmentally sustainable commercial project have been routinely approved by Reno in a matter of months or even weeks with some departments; however, despite these approvals his client's permits have been continued to be placed on hold by the Health District for almost a year.

Mr. Gordon reported he had never seen anything like this and stated that a pending permit for a simple office building has been on hold since April 2022 for no other reason than what believed to be a bias. Mr. Gordon continued to opine this process was not right and it's causing Mr. Kautz and his company hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Mr. Gordon declared the Health District refuses to remedy the problem by blaming other agencies such as NDEP; however, this agency visited the site twice and stated, "there are no red flags here". Mr. Gordon continued to declare that NDEP emailed Health District asking them to issue the permit. He opined the health process is broken.

Mr. Gordon concluded by reporting that his clients has had to hire three attorneys over the last two years to pull permits for a project that City of Reno has approved and NDEP has signed-off and asked that the Board approve a third-party reviewer.

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

7. **COVID-19/Flu/RSV Update & Information.**

Staff Representative: Kevin Dick

Board Representative: Dr. Reka Danko

Chair Dahir stated this may be the last report that is heard for a while. Mr. Dick affirmed.

Health Officer, Kevin Dick, continued to report that the community appeared to be a continuing low level of incidents. In reference to COVID-19, Mr. Dick reported that the community impact level is low with a 7-day average of new cases at just over 26 new cases a day, with 172 cases reported over the week ending March 20. He reported there were 18

confirmed and suspected COVID-19 hospitalizations, which hasn't changed since last month. He added that the most recent wastewater report showed low levels for the week ending on March 12.

Mr. Dick reported that studies published by JAMA Internal medicine show the importance of vaccination and Paxlovid for avoiding long COVID. He continued to report that 1 in 5 COVID-19 survivors ages 18-64 and 1 in 4 survivors ages 65 or older have ongoing health issues that may be attributed to COVID-19. One study found that those vaccinated had almost half the risk of long COVID than those that were not vaccinated. The other study found that those adults over the age of 60 or with underlying conditions that had used the antiviral Paxlovid within five days of a positive COVID-19 diagnosis had a 26% lower risk of long COVID, a 47% lower risk of death, and 24% lower risk of hospitalizations.

Mr. Dick added that the Health District continues to have a mask requirement in the Clinical areas as the CDC has not updated recommendations since the at-home testing availability. Mr. Dick continued to report the State rescinded the requirement for hospitals to follow the CDC face covering guidance in January, however, the Health District is evaluating whether or not to continue this practice in the clinical areas.

Mr. Dick reported that Nevada remains at an influenza activity level of minimal and Washoe County's Influenza Like Illness percentage decreased from 1.1% of patients seen to 0.8% over the past week and no hospitalization or new deaths reported for the week ending March 11.

Mr. Dick continued to share that RSV disease is at minimal levels with 6 cases reported for the week ending March 18. Mr. Dick opined they are through the surge that happened earlier in the season.

Chair Dahir invited Dr. Danko to add to this report.

Dr. Danko stated she did not have anything to add.

Chair Dahir invited Dr. Danko to inform the Board of any topics she felt needed attention, in an effort to educate. Chair Dahir continued to ask to be informed about vaccination development.

Mr. Dick affirmed and proceeded to add that homebound vaccinations were held at the Northern Nevada Veteran's home.

Vice-chair Reese thanked Mr. Dick for his leadership through a difficult period. Vice-chair Reese made note of the deaths caused by COVID-19 and asked for reflection on those facts. He expressed his gratitude for Health Officer Dick and his staff for the efforts in preventing additional deaths.

Chair Dahir agreed with Vice-chair's sentiments and added gratitude for the community of volunteers.

John Novak, DMD encouraged everyone to get the bivalent vaccine as the first two will not be enough. He added that the bivalent seems to carry over to a lot of the new variants.

8. 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. February 23, 2023.

B. Budget Amendments/Interlocal Agreements.

- i. Approve a Notice of Award from the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health retroactive to January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2026 in the total amount of \$3,371,340 in support of the Community and Clinical Health Services Division (CCHS) Family Planning Program and authorize the District Health Officer to execute the Notice of Award and any future amendments.

Staff Representative: Kristen Palmer

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

Staff Representative: Francisco Vega

- i. Denver Street Apartment, LLC, Case No. 1424, NOV AQMV22-0040
- ii. Ormat Nevada, Inc., Case No. 1425, NOV AQMV22-0041 & AQMV23-0001
- iii. Northern Nevada Homes, LLC, Case No. 1433, NOV AQMV23-0003

D. Acceptance of the 2022 Annual Report to the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency by the Washoe County Health District as the Solid Waste Management Authority.

Staff Representative: David Kelly

E. Acceptance of the 2022 Annual Report to the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency by the Washoe County Health District as the Air Quality Management Authority.

Staff Representative: Francisco Vega

F. Acknowledge receipt of the Health Fund Financial Review for February, Fiscal Year 2023.

Staff Representative: Kristen Palmer

Vice-Chair Reese moved to approve the consent agenda. Dr. Danko seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

9. **Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority.**

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

Presented by: Barry Duplantis

Barry Duplantis, CEO and president for REMSA Health and began his item by highlighting two items in his report. Mr. Duplantis spoke about the EMS survey which is customarily part of the report was not included as there was a technological glitch with the survey company. He added that REMSA Health have since received the results and will provide them to Board next month. Additionally, he added that there is a minor lag on the number of patients billed per month due to a system conversion.

Mr. Duplantis continued to highlight that for the month of February REMSA Health is compliant with priority 1 calls in Zones A at 91% and for Zones B, C, and D at 90%. He noted that they continue to respond to about 263 calls per day, where an ambulance was sent and of those 163 were transported, which shows that the community continues to call 9-1-1 as access to healthcare and opined this is the reason why REMSA Health ends up with a fair number of low acuity calls. He concluded by asking the Board to allow REMSA Health to present on REMSA Health's Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) process.

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

Chair Dahir asked about EMD accreditation, as he opined this Board is involved in keeping it in place and he would like to understand its meaning and the benefit for the region. Additionally, Chair Dahir asked about the number of responses with no transports resulted. He wondered if there was a way to measure the results of all the work that has been implemented to educate the community on where to call when in need.

Mr. Duplantis reported that the numbers has been steady, and he added that people around the world abuse emergency dispatch numbers.

Vice-chair Reese reiterated that his opinion continues to be that the updates received are not that helpful aside for review purposes. Vice-chair referred to City of Reno's decision to have a single paramedic program and asked Mr. Duplantis how he anticipated this decision to affect REMSA Health's call volume.

Mr. Duplantis replied that REMSA Health's role would be unaffected by that decision. However, he opined that he shared the same beliefs with the fire chiefs where the goal is to preserve the fire assets for fires and not rolled them unnecessarily. Mr. Duplantis expressed REMSA Health is supportive of protecting the resources of the community.

Ms. Valdespin announces Mr. Zeb Nomura was attempting to public comment. Mr. Nomura affirmed he did not want to comment.

Ms. Valdespin announced Mr. Deandre Burlison was attempting to public comment; however, Mr. Burlison affirmed he did not want to comment.

Michael Brown moved to accept REMSA Health's Operations Report for February 2023. John Novak, DMD seconded the motions which was approved unanimously.

B. Update of REMSA Health's Public Relations during February 2023.

Presented by: Alexia Jobson

Alexia Jobson, Director of Public Relations for REMSA Health stated the Board had her report for review and opened her item for question from the Board.

Chair Dahir commented that this last season had been difficult for everybody and felt REMSA Health did an amazing job at communication with the community despite the difficulty.

Ms. Jobson stated she would share the sentiments with the team.

C. Presentation, discussion and possible approval of the Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority (REMSA) Franchise Compliance Report for the period of 7/1/2021 through 6/30/2022 (FY22).

Presented by: Sabrina Brasuell

Sabrina Brasuell opened her item by providing a background of the item.

Ms. Brasuell continued to report that REMSA health was found to be substantially compliant. She added that the areas of non-compliance should be reasonably familiar to the Board and affirmed that the corrective actions and progress was listed on the staff report. Ms. Brasuell confirmed that services were not halted as a result of the non-compliance.

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

Vice-chair Reese moved to approve the Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority (REMSA) Franchise Compliance Report for the period of 7/1/2021 through 6/30/2022. Dr. Danko seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

10. Update on the Washoe County Health District Fiscal Year 24 budget including meetings with the Managers of Reno, Sparks, and Washoe County, and estimated costs related to the Korn Ferry Classification and Compensation Study for possible acceptance and/or direction from the Board.

Staff Representative: Kevin Dick

Health Officer, Kevin Dick, began by referring to the annual budget meeting that was held March 1, 2023, with the City and County managers. Mr. Dick reported the comments from the managers were minimal including but not limited to inquiries regarding from County Manager Brown regarding the Korn Ferry position classification and compensation review. He added that City of Sparks, Manager Krutz noted how disconcerting needing to address approximately \$1 million dollars of costs related to the Korn Ferry review could be for the Health District. Additionally, City of Reno Manager Thornley inquired about the two positions EHS has requested and wondered if they would suffice for the needs with plan reviews. Mr. Dick reported that Ms. Dixon addressed Manager Thornley's concerns.

Mr. Dick reported on an updated spreadsheet of the FY24 Budget and projections through FY27, which incorporates \$1 million in expenditure funding. Mr. Dick explained that due to the uncertainty of the impact as a result of the position classification and compensation study the Health District has used the estimated figure provided by the Washoe County Budget office. Mr. Dick made note of the list of salaries provided by Human Resources and the constant changes reflected on many positions including the administrative and clerical series. He continued to explain that the \$1 million has been distributed across salaries and wages, group insurance, OPEB (Other Post-Employment Benefits) contributions, retirement expenditures, and other employee benefits, which results in an ending fund balance of 33% of the expenditures for FY24.

Mr. Dick highlighted a Budget Projection History table that shows projections in the ending fund balance being smaller than original projected.

Mr. Dick stated he was looking for an approval of the adjusted budget to be able to work with the County and their budget process. He did express that, at that time, the presented adjustments were the best solution for the Health District.

Chair Dahir commented that ending at 10-17% is fairly high. He referred to Mr. Dick presentation and stated that it gives the Health District enough room to adjust, if necessary, in the years to come and expressed he is comfortable with the proposal.

John Novak, DMD moved to approve the updated Washoe County Health District Fiscal Year 24 budget. Vice-chair Reese seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Chair Dahir reiterated that although the goal is to have everything tied up, but the timing with the Korn Ferry study is out of the Health District's control.

11. Presentation and possible acceptance of the FY23 Q2 Strategic Plan Results.

Staff Representative: Rayona LaVoie

Ms. LaVoie began her presentation by stating she would be providing a high-level overview of the Health District's progress in relation to the Strategic Plan and continued to provide a background of the Strategic Plan process.

Ms. LaVoie explained all outcomes and initiatives are added to a performance management system called ClearPoint via an action plan.

Ms. Lavoie continued to interpret the information in her quarterly report including scoring methodology, initiatives, outcomes, division goals, district goals and next steps. She highlighted the process that is used to determine how well the Health District executes their district goals as well as their divisional goals. Ms. LaVoie reported that most initiatives are at almost 62% on target and only about 3% were off target. In terms of outcomes, which capture the impact that the organization is trying to make, Ms. LaVoie reported that over 65% were on target and about 5% were off target, which represented great progress.

Ms. LaVoie concluded by sharing next steps or lessons learned and reported ClearPoint provided insights on ways to measure goals. She added that as a result the reporting process will be refined, staff will begin rating initiatives and outcomes for quarter 3 in April, and quarter 3 results will be brought forth to the Board in May.

Ms. LaVoie open her item for question from the Board.

Chair Dahir made note of the change in progress and commended Ms. LaVoie for a job well done and highlighted the system as a great tool. He added that he would like for the Board to help guide this process as it progresses.

Michael D. Brown moved to accept the FY23 Q2 Strategic Plan Results. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Chair Dahir reminded everyone about the Strategic Planning session in early November.

12. Discussion and possible direction regarding legislative issues regarding the 82nd Nevada Legislative Session.

Staff Representative: Joelle Gutman-Dodson

Joelle Gutman-Dodson, Government Affairs Liaison, began her discussion by going over a few bills.

Ms. Gutman-Dodson stated SB118, the number one priority bill, has passes out of work session and senate health and human services; however, it sits behind the scenes while sources of sustainable funds are found. She continued to speak about AB53, the tobacco bill, and stated they are looking for possible suspension or revocation of licenses; however, due to the difficulty in suspending licenses an increase in penalties is being explored.

Chair Dahir interjected to note that he believed there was mental health piece to this bill and opined was important. He added that the Health District needed to push to see action, as not doing anything could affect the Health District badly as well as the State.

Ms. Gutman-Dodson reported Nevada is out of compliance for license holder selling to minors and this could result in losing up 10% of funding. However, she felt that with the passing AB360 from last session the compliance has improved to 11% out of compliance from about 28%.

Ms. Gutman-Dodson continued to discuss SB 92, the food vendor bill, and stated it has not made any progress since the hearing several weeks ago. She reported on SB172, which allows minor consent for certain health care activities, and reported was heard about two weeks ago but an outcome has not been reported. Ms. Gutman-Dodson continued to report on SB45 and AB69 and stated both have the goal to provide loan forgiveness for mental health provider and both have been passed out of work session.

Ms. Gutman-Dodson highlighted AB253, which addressed cannabis. Ms. Gutman-Dodson stated it was heard last week and reported that the bill adds to the cannabis lounge bill and adds permissive language to allow events for 21 and over to sell cannabis. Ms. Gutman-Dodson commented that the concern that the Health District would have to provide permitting for food or events. However, Ms. Gutman-Dodson affirmed that the permitting would go through the cannabis compliance lounge process.

Chair Dahir opined that bills like this can affect the health of the community and stated he is concerned with the enforcement piece of this bill.

Ms. Gutman-Dodson replied by adding an element regarding a tobacco prevention letter that expressed concern with smoke in the air and affirmed that the tobacco prevention program with the Health District has addressed those concerns.

Vice-Chair Reese commended Ms. Gutman-Dodson for her work in Carson City, as people have expressed Ms. Gutman-Dodson is trustworthy and knowledgeable. Vice-Chair continued to express that it is important for the Health District to stay in its lane as he opined that some of the questioned being posed regarding legislative bills do not touch on the role they have as a Board. He continued to provide an example with AB253, he commented that some of the questions posed were not health driven. He continued to suggest that Ms. Gutman-Dodson's focus should be in bills like SB172.

Vice-chair Reese added that AB374, relating to gender on birth certificates, might be a bill that the Board might have an opinion on. He continued to state that the Board does not gain much from irritating elected officials on issues that do not touch on health or marginally do so.

He concluded by stating that he trusted Ms. Gutman-Dodson's work and asked her to continue updating the Board and focus on the mission of the Health District.

Chair Dahir opined that in this issue the Board either stand with, against, or neutral on each bill and clarified that if there ever is a question to use their voice.

Ms. Gutman-Dodson extended an invitation for the Board to reach out and ask questions and shared that a lot of her time is spent on extracting the Health District from issues that are not within its lane.

Mr. Dick followed by reiterating that the Health District will be asked to be involved as he opined that the Health District is viewed as a "Swiss Army Knife" by people in the legislature; however, Ms. Gutman-Dodson has had a number of wins that the Board will not hear about because of the work that goes on behind the scenes to keep the Health District in its lane.

Ms. Gutman-Dodson concluded by providing a list of bills that the Health District has been involved in, including a soil health bill, an energy bill for federal reimbursement, wrap-around housing for CHIP, an omnibus tobacco bill that bans tobacco and its flavoring, a barber bill, AB240 as it relates to cannabis cultivation, a sexual education bill as well as an Emergency Medical Services bill.

13. Staff Reports and Program Updates.

- A. Air Quality Management - EPA Announces Pledge to Support Deployment of Electric School Buses, Reconsideration of Ozone NAAQS Update, January 2023 Small Business at EPA Bulletin, Divisional Update, Program Reports, Monitoring and Planning, Permitting and Compliance.**

Staff Representative: Francisco Vega

Mr. Vega opened his item by highlighting a couple of items in his report reportedly federal funding for school districts in transitioning to electric school buses. He added that the division will work with the school districts to provide support.

Chair Dahir offered his assistance to guide the process.

Mr. Vega added that this burn code season was the 5th year in a row without a red burn code, which highlights that the programs within the division are doing what they're intended to do.

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

- B. Community and Clinical Health Services - 2023 World TB Day; 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 providing updates and highlights, she mentioned that March 24 was World TB Day, and her team will be at a symposium all day to celebrate. Ms. Lottritz reported that they will be funded for Title X for the remainder of the project period which goes through March 2027. She added that with Title X, the minor consent will no longer be an issue of concern.

Ms. Lottritz reported that Moderna will no longer produce the monovalent or provide it to the Health District as of April. She speculated that when people get vaccinated the expectation will be that they will receive the current most up to date version of the vaccine

Ms. Lottritz concluded by reporting that the community health workers brought the mobile harvest truck to the County Complex in March and reported the truck will be back the first week of April.

Dr. Novak asked the specific day.

Lisa replied April 4.

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/Underground Storage Tanks); and Inspections.**

Staff Representative: Erin Dixon

Ms. Dixon opened her item by highlighting the Administrative Team. She opined it is a team that does not get a lot of credit; however, they are responsible for all front and back-office activities for all programs. She reported that last year this team responded to an average of 476 public records request per month.

She continued to highlight that additional data is included in the monthly report that includes a chart that focuses on openings and change of ownerships. She added that the person that contracted to do the helicopter treatments is retiring, which means a new contract will have to be explored. Ms. Dixon reported that the treatment typically scheduled for May will be delayed and is hopeful that no issues will arise.

Chair Dahir asked about the budget as well as if the Division will have other ways to deal with Vector if issues do arise.

Ms. Dixon reported the Division has the budget for the drone with a combination of the helicopter contract and line items that can be rearranged. Additionally, Ms. Dixon reported quotes have been obtained in the event that a one-time service is required.

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 the work that had been done for connecting the remaining of the COVID investigation staff with other disease investigations to maximize the programmatic needs.

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

E. District Health Officer Report - COVID-19, Flu, and RSV, COVID-19 Communications Update, Health District Communications Update, Health Equity Capacity, Regionalization Discussions, Nevada Legislative Session, Other Meetings and Events, and Public Communications and Outreach.
Staff Representative: Kevin Dick

Health Officer, Kevin Dick, opened his item by highlighting that the communication team has been selected as a Golden Post finalist by the government social media conference that will be meeting in Reno in May. Mr. Dick added that the recognition is for the work that Yeraldin Deavila has done with the Spanish-language Facebook site that the Health District has and affirmed that the Health District is the only one across their categories that is in the running.

14. Board Comment.

John Novak, DMD mentioned that during his Hill Day for NACCHO/NALBOH the Health District was mentioned as a previous winner for the Food Award and set as an example for other entities. He continued to highlight some of the discussions at Hill Day and the connection he made during this session.

Chair Dahir reminded staff to attend on April at 8:00 a.m.

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

Adjournment.

Chair Dahir adjourned the meeting at 2:45p.m.

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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)”

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