

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, May 25, 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
Michael D. Brown
Dr. Reka Danko
John Novak
Dr. John Klacking

Members absent: Mariluz Garcia

Mike White verified a quorum was present.

Staff present: Kevin Dick, District Health Officer
Olivia Alexander-Leeder
Sabrina Brasuell
Joseph Dibble
David Kelly
Brendan Schnieder
Francisco Vega
Lisa Lottritz
Jim English
Dr. Nancy Diao

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Michael Brown led the pledge to the flag.

3. Approval of Agenda.

May 25, 2023

Vice-chair Reese moved to approve the agenda for the May 25, 2023, District Board of Health regular meeting. John Novak, DMD seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

4. **Recognitions.**

Years of Service

- i. Kristen deBraga, 5 years, hired May 14, 2018 – EHS
- ii. Tyler Henderson, 5 years, hired May 14, 2018 – EHS

Health Officer, Kevin Dick, acknowledged Ms. deBraga and Mr. Henderson for their years of service.

New Hires

- i. Julissa Pulido, May 8, 2023, Environmental Health Trainee – EHS
- ii. Giavonna Bethea, May 22, 2023, Environmental Health Trainee – EHS

Health Officer, Kevin Dick, invited Jim English to introduce EHS's new staff members.

Mr. English introduced Ms. Pulido and Ms. Bethea to the Board and briefly shared their background and experience and welcomed them to the Division.

Retirements

- i. Jamie Morales, Public Health Investigator, effective April 25, 2023 – CCHS

Health Officer, Kevin Dick, acknowledged and congratulated Ms. Morales on her retirement.

Resignations

- i. Cecilia Bustos Duarte, Public Health Nurse II, effective April 15, 2023

Health Officer, Kevin Dick, acknowledged Ms. Bustos Duarte on her resignation.

Washoe County Health Heroes

- i. Jacqueline Chaidez – CCHS
- ii. Christina Sheppard – CCHS
- iii. Candace Brown - AQM
- iv. Mia Gzebb – EHS

Health Officer, Kevin Dick, acknowledged and thanked Ms. Chaidez, Ms. Sheppard, Ms. Brown and Ms. Gzebb for being fully recognized as Health Heroes.

Special Recognitions

- i. Communications Team – Best Facebook Presence Finalist

Mr. Dick acknowledged and congratulated Mr. Oxarart and Ms. Deavila on their most recent recognition for Best Facebook Presence Finalist. Additionally, Mr. Dick highlighted that on May 24, PRSA awarded and recognized the team with the Bronze Silver Spike Award for their mpox communication campaign.

Food Safety Awards

- i. Nevada Brining Company – Excellence in Food Safety
Staff Representative: Olivia Alexander-Leeder
Matt Soter, Owner, Nevada Brining Company

Mr. Dick invited Ms. Alexander-Leeder to present the award. Ms. Alexander-Leeder briefly described the award and its requirement for recognition. She continued to

recognize Matt Sotter and his company, Nevada Brining Company for Excellence in Food Safety. She highlighted the company's efforts to ensure excellence in food safety. Ms. Alexander-Leeder concluded by congratulated Mr. Sotter and Nevada Brining Company.

Mr. Soter thanked everyone that works for the community and keeps everyone safe and expressed his respect for the work of the Health District.

Vice-chair Reese added his appreciation for Nevada Brining Company as an addition to the community and invited everyone to support the local small business.

5. Proclamations.

Proclaim May 25, 2023 as National Stop the Bleed Day.

Staff Representative: Sabrina Brasuell

Health Officer, Kevin Dick, read the proclamation into the record and invited Student Health Services Coordinator, Leslie Allfree and Mr. Perry (School Safety Specialist) to accept the proclamation.

Ms. Alfree expressed her gratitude for being invited to accept the proclamation and provided brief background on the School District's efforts to provide Bleeding Control Equipment and training.

Dr. Danko thanked the Washoe County School District for being present and educating the community.

Dr. Reka Danko moved to approve the proclamation. Vice-chair Reese seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

6. Presentation: Older Americans Month – Senior Falls Prevention Campaign. (Requested by Commissioner Garcia)

Staff Representative: Joseph Dibble

Joseph Dibble, Health Educator for the Injury Prevention Program, began his presentation by speaking about the Health District's Senior Fall Prevention Campaign. Mr. Dibble spoke about unintentional slips and fall and senior falls prevention awareness, including but not limited to strengthening mobility and wearing proper footwear. Additionally, he shared a video regarding Senior Falls Prevention Awareness.

Mr. Dibble continued to provide details on the various efforts the Health District has made to bring awareness to senior falls as well online resources and direct outreach. Mr. Dibble concluded by mentioning community partners and some of their provisions.

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

Chair Dahir thanked Mr. Dibble for the presentation and acknowledged the efforts to educate the community.

7. Public Comment.

Chair Dahir opened the public comment period.

Ms. Dalice Cavanagh was present via zoom and spoke about her family business, Reno Roots Kava and Tea Bar. She continued to speak about the holistic benefits and alcohol alternative of Kava. She briefly spoke about her personal experience with the benefits of Kava and its potential to positively impact the well-being of individuals and communities. She declared that

Kava offers a natural, non-addictive alternative for finding peace and calmness which fosters healthier lifestyles and improving overall well-being. Ms. Cavanagh stated Kava serves as a platform for community support and celebration of life by cultivating a sense of community. Additionally, she declared that Kava bars serve as a valuable alcohol alternative and believed that introducing a traditional kava business in Washoe County would contribute to enhancing the well-being of the community. She concluded by requesting the Board's support to bring their vision to fruition.

Mr. Bradley Linde stated the purpose of his comment was to shed light on the benefits of kava tea over kava supplements. Mr. Linde spoke of the numbers of deaths reported related to alcohol, marijuana, and opioids in the United States. He declared there are no reported deaths relating to kava consumption. He opined that choosing kava tea over other supplements was a responsible decision that could reduce the risk or harm: loss of life. He opined that kava tea is a natural remedy for anxiety and aid in sleep disorders and kava tea fosters a sense of community. Mr. Linde concluded by stating that opting for kava tea meant prioritizing safety and well-being while enjoying a natural remedy for stress relief.

Mr. Neil Cavanagh declared to be one of the owners of Reno Roots Kava and Tea Bar, which he started about 6 months ago. Mr. Cavanagh stated that the Health District reversed the decision to approve the sale of kava tea and opined that the Health District should allow Reno Roots Kava and Tea Bar to serve kava as a tea. Mr. Cavanagh spoke about the safety factors, including the statistic regarding deaths related to substances that plague the city of Reno. Mr. Cavanagh listed a number of benefits beyond stress relief and reported he provided a letter to the Health District from an attorney that explained that the sale of kava is legal in every jurisdiction in the United States as long as FDA wholesale vendors are used. He concluded by requesting they be allowed to serve kava as a tea.

Mr. Zach Palica spoke of his experience with kava tea as an alternative to nicotine.

Mr. Dylan Faulkner spoke of being a member of the Living Learning community, which despite fostering a sense of prioritizing education, partying was prevalent throughout. He continued to opine that the existence of a kava bar would provide students a safe sense of community without negative repercussions. He also opined that kava is much a supplement as coffee or tea would be supplement of caffeine. Mr. Faulkner declared that serving kava would prevent students from experiencing the peer pressure of getting drunk and having issues associated with college campuses. He expressed his hope for the Board to agree to allow the serving of kava.

Ms. Peggy Palica declared she was a native Nevadan and spoke about the many kava bars across the United States including one in Las Vegas. Ms. Palica explained this beverage is not served to minors. She spoke about the benefits kava has provided to herself and expressed her confusion as to why kava cannot be allowed when cannabis and cannabis lounges are acceptable. She declared that she worked for the City of Reno and understood NRS and opined the goal was to help citizens and not closed doors on them. She reported that Mr. Cavanagh has requested documents from the Health District and his request have not been responded in a timely manner or at all and wondered how other businesses are being treated by the Health District. Ms. Palica asked the Board to take time to review the request and allow kava to be served.

Ms. Sandra Cavanagh shared a brief background of herself including that she worked for the Reno Police Department. Ms. Cavanagh continued to provide details about what it is like to

visit a kava bar and the benefit she has personally experienced. She shared a box of Yogi Kava Tea and offered it to the Board.

Mr. Paden Freels identified himself as an employee at Reno Roots Kava and Tea Bar and stated he has been surrounded by students who choose to vape, use marijuana and opioids, and drink heavily and attested to the negative effects of all the listed practices. Mr. Freels stated having a kava bar would provide him with an alternative to attending those establishments without the pressure of drinking, vaping, or using marijuana. He concluded by asking the Board to consider allowing kava tea to be served.

Ms. Rayna Irwin stated she was present to support Mr. Cavanagh and his business. She continued to provide her experience with alcohol use and how kava and the community that surrounds it has helped her. She asked the Board to consider bringing kava to the community, as she opined it has improved her quality of life.

Chair Dahir thanked everyone for their attendance and reminded them that the Board cannot respond to the comments as they're not agendaized but reassured everyone that the Board does listen to all those that attend.

Mr. Joe Rashid was present via zoom and spoke on behalf of the benefits of kava. He stated he is in favor of kava being servable in Washoe County as a steeped tea beverage. He reported that as a person who struggles with sobriety from opioids and alcohol, he found kava to be a healthy alternative to both of those substances. He opined that when served as a tea it offers a variety of benefits to mental and physical health. He asked the Board to consider giving permission to serve kava at Reno Roots.

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

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. April 27, 2023.

B. Recommendation for the Board to Uphold Citations Appealed to the Air Pollution Control Hearing Board.

Staff Representative: Francisco Vega

i. Rilite Aggregate Company, Case No. 1416, NOV-AQMV23-0005

ii. Q&D Construction Company, Case NO. 1429, NOV AQMV23-0002

C. Recommendation to uphold the decision of the Sewage, Wastewater & Sanitation Hearing Board to approve Variance Case #H23-0001VARI with conditions of the Health District's Regulations of the Washoe County District Board of Health Governing Sewage, Wastewater, and Sanitation for Sergio Quezada and Maria Reyes, owners of 8900 Spearhead Way, Reno Nevada, Assessor's Parcel Number 552-084-06.

Staff Representative: David Kelly

D. Approve the donation of hazardous materials monitoring equipment to the TRIAD Regional Hazardous Materials Team for emergency response activities valued at approximately \$95,892.00.

Staff Representative: James English

- E. Acknowledge receipt of the Health Fund Financial Review for April, Fiscal Year 2023.
Staff Representative: Kristen Palmer

Chair Dahir pulled items 8Bi, 8Bii, and 8C from the consent agenda to discuss individually.

Vice-Chair Reese moved to approve items 8A, 8D, and 8E from the consent agenda. Michael D. Brown seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Chair Dahir discussed items 8Bi, 8Bii, and 8C referencing the appeal process. Chair Dahir made note that 8Bi and 8Bii set a reminder about keeping track of repeat offenders. He warned that if penalties are dropped too low offenders may not be inclined to remedy the initial issue, as it would be cheaper to pay the penalty. Additionally, he offered a reminder to the Advisory Boards to keep an eye on the penalty structure and ensure compliance.

Chair Dahir highlighted 8C as an example to follow on how people can work with the HealthDistrict. He invited Health Officer, Kevin Dick, to elaborate on said item.

Mr. Dick explained the details of item 8C and how a property owner who was required by regulations to connect to sewer was able to use the variance process to demonstrate that the sewer connection would be cost prohibitive and as the result the Sewage, Wastewater, and Sanitation Hearing Board considered this and recommended that the Board of Health approve the variance waiver. Mr. Dick reiterated that this item exemplified how the system is supposed to work and added that it was a good opportunity to make people aware of this appeal process.

Vice-Chair Reese moved to approve items 8Bi from the consent agenda. Michael D. Brown seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Vice-Chair Reese moved to approve items 8Bii from the consent agenda. John Novak, DMD seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

John Klacking, PhD moved to approve items 8C from the consent agenda. Vice-chair Reese seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

9. David Kelly, Staff Representative

Jill Sutherland, Resource Concepts, Inc.

Presentation and report regarding updates to the Truckee Meadows Source Water and Watershed Protection Plan, which the District Board of Health provided a letter of support for in March of 2017.

David Kelly, EHS Supervisor, opened his presentation by introducing Jill Sutherland, Project Manager and Kara Steeland, Hydrologist to provide the Board with an update of the Truckee Meadows Source Water and Watershed Protection Plan to improve and maintain drinking water within the Region. He briefly provided Ms. Sutherland's and Ms. Steeland's background and expertise.

Ms. Sutherland provided a brief overview of their role in the Integrated Source Water Protection Program and reported that they provide technical assistance communities statewide. Ms. Sutherland spoke about the accomplishments since 2020. In addition, she listed the partners that were involved in the plan. She invited the Board to visit their website to become familiar with the elements of the plan at <http://washoecountyclearwater.org>. Ms. Sutherland shared that the Health District was integral in the process from the start and thanked staff for their participation. Additionally, Ms. Sutherland highlighted Truckee Meadows Water Authority's (TMWA)

updated aquifer modeling and GIS mapping. Ms. Sutherland also provided a summary on the Spill Coordinating Working group including the spill notification flow chart. She concluded by speaking about the efforts in collaboration with Sierra Nevada Journeys and Truckee Meadows Stormwater Permit Coordinating Committee. Ms. Sutherland invited Ms. Steeland to finalize their presentation.

Ms. Steeland continued the presentation by highlighting the efforts of One Truckee River by implementing programs to protect water quality especially in the urban corridor. Ms. Steeland expanded on the River Restroom Project and provided updates on their progress and the ability to receive Clean Water Act Funding, which assisted in completing the project. She continued to report about TMWA's Business and Development Notification Tool which allows for locating potential contaminant sources linked to businesses. She reported that their main goal for 2023 is to expand the program into Washoe County and Sparks. She concluded by highlighting that the program received a National Exemplary Source Water Protection award in 2022 from the American Waterworks Association.

Ms. Steeland opened the item for question from the Board.

Chair Dahir thanked the Reno for leading the way on the program and commended TMWA's work.

10. Presentation on Washoe County's Ozone Advance Program.

Staff Representative: Brendan Schnieder

Brendan Schnieder, Sr. Air Quality Specialist, began by proving details on ground-level ozone and its health effects. He continued to speak about Washoe County's ozone history and highlighted Washoe County is currently designated as attainment for all National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). Mr. Schnieder continued to provide details on NAAQS and what it meant for the region.

Mr. Schnieder provided facts about what long-term "non-attainment" means in the future as it related to economic health including loss of federal construction dollars for roads and highways and voluntary measures turned into mandatory and enforced requirements.

Mr. Schnieder proceeded to speak about Washoe County's Ozone Advance Goals to ensure attainment with the NAAQS without going into non-attainment which included a variety of preventative measures and benefits. He continued to share a list of simplified goals that will have an impact on reducing ground-level ozone in the area. Mr. Schnieder reported on strategies that could be implemented to meet NAAQS as it pertained to motor vehicles and urban heat island. He added that Reno is the fastest warming city in the United States with its urban tree canopy at 5-6% with a goal of 10%.

Mr. Schnieder concluded my summarizing the intended takeaways from his presentation and highlighted that a way to support these efforts is by supporting all the regional plans that have implemented and included ozone advance measures.

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

John Novak, DMD inquired about hardscaping.

Mr. Schnieder explained that hardscaping includes more landscaping within parking lots to use and slow down the waterflow to the rivers and reiterated that the process is not an aspect of the air quality.

Chair Dahir commented there are unintended consequences both ways. He expressed appreciation for the updates as COVID-19 halted some of the conversations that were had regarding actions that needed to be taken in air quality. He continued to ask Dr. Klacking to keep engaged with Air Quality and asked Air Quality to include Dr. Klacking in future stakeholder meetings.

11. Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority.

A. Recommendation to accept the REMSA Health Operations Report for April 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: Adam Heinz

Adam Heinz, REMSA Health Chief Operating Officer, in representation of Barry Duplantis began his presentation by noting a few highlights.

Mr. Heinz reported it was EMS Week and shared that REMSA Health had nearly 600 individuals on staff working every day in the community to provide high quality, compassionate, and clinically excellent care. He continued to thank everyone that attended the Annual EMS Awards event where 43 individuals were recognized. He mentioned he had participated in a Code SAVE event with St. Mary's Hospital where responders were recognized and expressed how proud and appreciative he was, as an attendee. Additionally, he reported that he had attended the Nevada Women's Fund where two of REMSA Health's women leaders were recognized, Jenny Walters and Adora Purkerson.

Mr. Heinz reported that with the special events season, the special event crew will be present in the community. Additionally, he reported that the Regional Dispatch Center submitted their portfolio for consideration to become an accredited center of excellence for fire dispatching, he noted that once awarded REMSA Health will be the only Tri-ACE center in the world.

Mr. Heinz concluded by reporting back to Michael D. Brown's inquiry regarding 800 radio system and stated that REMSA Health's Information Technology Director is working with Quinn Korbolic to understand the process and explore the possibility to participate.

Mr. Heinz opened this item for question from the Board.

Dr. Danko commended REMSA Health for their efforts and shared that she constantly advocates for front line heroes. She stated that she had videos to share with everyone and encouraged everyone to watch.

Chair Dahir opined that EMS week goes beyond the first responders and into their families and expressed gratitude for their work.

Michael Brown moved to accept REMSA Health's Operations Report for April 2023. Dr. Reka Danko seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

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

Presented by: Alexia Jobson

Alexia Jobson, Director of Public Relations for REMSA Health opened this item by sharing recent updates.

Ms. Jobson shared that REMSA Health is hosting a variety of events in honor of EMS week and shared the monetary and in-kind support they have received from local businesses and partners. She added there would be a feature in the Reno Gazette Journal.

Additionally, she reported REMSA Health hosted a visit from the Governor and first lady, where a proclamation was presented proclaiming EMS Week in the State of Nevada as May 21-27. She continued to report that Mr. Heinz accepted the Spirit of Unity Award from the School of Public Health at the University of Nevada, Reno on behalf of REMSA Health. Ms. Jobson shared that REMSA Health was also recognized at the NCET EDawn Tech Award and Showcase as the NCET Medical Health Services company of the year.

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

C. Presentation, discussion, and possible approval of the Washoe County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Strategic Plan 2023-2028, a requirement of the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) for Emergency Medical Services Oversight.

Staff Representative: Sabrina Brasuell

Sabrina Brasuell, EMS Coordinator, opened her presentation by sharing a PowerPoint. Her presentation included a background about the creation of Strategic Plan and a timeline of the continuing process. She continued to share the 7 goals that have been set to include 2023 through 2028 that fell under Practitioner Safety, Clinical Care, and Operational Efficiencies,

Ms. Brasuell elaborated on goals 2, 6, and 4 considering regionalization discussions. She added strategies with metrics allow for updating when, and if, national standards change. She concluded by sharing the next steps if this item was approved.

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

Chair Dahir recognized all the work that was put into this plan and commended Ms. Brasuell for her presentation.

Michael Brown moved to approve Washoe County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Strategic Plan 2023-2028. John Novak, DMD seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

D. Discussion and possible approval of the proposed REMSA Response Zone Map for the ambulance franchise service area with a July 1, 2023, effective date.

Staff Representative: Sabrina Brasuell

Ms. Brasuell briefly highlighted the request being presented to the Board. In addition, she articulated the reason for the requested changes by reporting that the residential development and construction had been completed and this area of Damonte Ranch has seen an increase in dwellings; therefore, a request for higher prioritization for ambulance services was appropriate.

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

John Novak, DMD moved to approve the proposed REMSA Response Zone Map for the ambulance franchise service area. Dr. Reka Danko seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

12. Discussion and direction to staff regarding legislation or legislative issues proposed by legislators, or by other entities permitted by the Nevada State Legislature to submit bill draft requests, or such legislative issues as may be deemed by the Chair or the Board to be of critical significance to the Washoe County Health District.

Staff Representative: Joelle Gutman-Dodson

Health Officer, Kevin Dick, on behalf of Ms. Gutman-Dodson reported on some of the activity taking place at the Nevada State Legislature.

Mr. Dick provided updates on AB53 regarding penalties for cigarette sales to minors, AB69 regarding Washoe Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board that provides for student loan repayments, AB132 regarding overdose deaths, AB168 regarding statewide fetal and infant mortality review, AB357 regarding opting-out of sex education in schools, SB92 regarding sidewalk vendors, SB118 regarding public health improvement fund, SB172 regarding minors receiving sexually transmitted diseases treatment and contraceptives without parental consent, and SB441 regarding the repeal of COVID-19 daily cleaning ordinance.

Mr. Dick expressed concern about SB92 and the possibility to require District Boards of Health to adopt regulations based on taskforce recommendations; however, the date of expected implementation presents an opportunity to take it back to the legislature.

Mr. Dick concluded by reporting that Friday, May 26 was the Second House passage deadline for non-exempt bills and Wednesday, May 31 was the deadline for Budget bills to be introduced and wrap-up final day is June 5.

Chair Dahir commended Ms. Gutman-Dodson for her great work.

John Novak, DMD moved to accept the updates on the Nevada State Legislature. John Klacking, PhD seconded the motion which was approved unanimously

13. Staff Reports and Program Updates.

A. Air Quality Management – 2023 American Lung Association “State of the Air” Report, EPA Announces \$400 Million for 2023 Clean School Bus Program, March 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 recent updates. He reported on the American Lung Association State of the Air report and the results for the Health District. He added that Washoe County was ranked 5th for most polluted cities for short-term particulate pollution and 19th for ozone.

Mr. Vega shared that his division continues to work with the School District regarding the Clean School Bus Program and their efforts to obtain grant funding for electric buses.

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

B. Community and Clinical Health Services - National Adolescent Health Month; 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 two additions to her report. Ms. Lottritz reported that they are at case count of 22 for HIV and they are facing a Bicillin shortage for syphilis cases. Ms. Lottritz added that this shortage is national.

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

Chair Dahir asked if there was an alternative drug that could be used for treating syphilis.

Ms. Lottritz reported Bicillin and Doxycycline.

Vice-chair Reese asked Ms. Lottritz if her division was responsible for overseeing blood donation in the community.

Ms. Lottritz responded that her division gets involved if someone gives blood and they are positive for a communicable disease.

Chair Dahir asked if anyone is responsible.

Mr. Dick stated that no one at the Health District is responsible and he believed this was handled by the State.

- C. Environmental Health Services (EHS):** 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

James English, Environmental Health Specialist, appeared on behalf of Ms. Dixon.

He opened the item by highlighting the active managerial control programs that are being put in place in the food safety. He reported on their efforts including the workshops. Mr. English continued to report on the trainee program and reported that one individual passed the REHS National Registration test in April. Additionally, the division has been busy with pool inspections prior to the Memorial Day weekend.

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

John Novak, DMD asked if the division had bought drones to replace the previous helicopter service vendor.

Mr. English affirmed and stated the division was going through the procedures to operate the drones; furthermore, they have identified a helicopter company to use as an additional resource.

Chair Dahir asked how long it would be before the drones are in use.

Mr. English referenced a previous press release outlining that information and reported that staff had passed their flight certification with the FAA, and they were working on the legal requirements. He reported those drones would be in the air approximately in July 2023.

Mr. Dick added that they are working on getting the helicopter working prior to flying the drones.

Mr. English reassured the Board that with the fast-moving water and the cooler temperature mosquitoes had not been a large problem.

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. She reported that on Tuesday, the University of Nevada, Reno held an interprofessional care tabletop exercise for the School of Public Health and the School of Nursing students.

Dr. Diao reported the Epi Team released a newsletter highlighting recent updates to the Hepatitis B screenings as well as a CDC's Health Alert Network publication and potential risk of new mpox cases. She added that the JYNNEOS vaccine is available to the community offered through several community resources and by appointment at the Health District clinic. She concluded reporting that flu season has concluded, and a report would be available next Friday.

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, FY24 Budget, Regionalization Discussions, New Tuberculosis Clinic, Legislative Session, Family Health Festivals, Performance Management, Workforce Development, Health Literacy and Language Accessibility (HLLA), Dialogue and Reflection Sessions, Build of Online Cultural Competency Training, and Public Communications and Outreach.
Staff Representative: Kevin Dick

Health Officer, Kevin Dick, opened his item by updating the Board on COVID-19. He briefly reported that the FDA granted full approval for Paxlovid for adults 18 and older. It remained Emergency Use Authorization for children 12-18 years of age.

Mr. Dick made the Board aware that the county adopted the FY24 budget including the Health District's budget; however, the Health District was made aware that the financial system used by the County (SAP) did not reflect the revenues at the level that had been presented to the Board for FY 24. The Health District will work with the Budget Office to identify revenue sources that hadn't been added to the SAP system.

Additionally, he reported on the Family Health Festival and recognized the partners that worked with the Health District. He also reported that the Health District is now working with the Larsen Institute at UNR to develop a 6-hour asynchronous online cultural competency training through the Health Equity grant.

14. Board Comment.

Dr. Danko opened Board comment by highlighting EMS Week and thanking all those involved in emergency medical response. She presented two videos on behalf of St. Mary's Health Network and Hospital highlighting 9-1-1 calls and recognizing emergency medical service responders.

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

Adjournment.

Chair Dahir adjourned the meeting at 3:18 p.m.

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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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