

WASHOE COUNTY DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
SEPTEMBER 22, 2011

PRESENT: Commissioner Kitty Jung, Vice Chair; Councilman Dan Gustin (arrived at 1:17pm); George Hess, MD; Denis Humphreys, OD; and Councilwoman Julia Ratti

ABSENT: Mr. Matt Smith, Chairman; and George Furman, MD

STAFF: Dr. Joe Iser, District Health Officer; Eileen Coulombe, Administrative Health Services Officer; Dr. Randall Todd, Director, Epidemiology and Public Health Preparedness; Mary-Ann Brown, Director, Community and Clinical Health Services; Kevin Dick, Director, Air Quality Management; Scott Mosen, Vector-Borne Disease Program Coordinator, Acting Director, Environmental Health Services; Patsy Buxton, Fiscal Compliance Officer; Lori Cooke, Fiscal Compliance Officer; Jeff Whitesides, Manager, Public Health Preparedness Program; Craig Petersen, Air Quality Specialist; Mary Ames, CPS, Office Assistant II; Christine Conti, Health Care Systems Liaison; Debbie Chicago, Community Health Aide; Betsy Hambleton, Medical Reserve Corps Coordinator; Jeanne Harris, Administrative Secretary; Steve Fisher, Department Computer Application Specialist; Candy Hunter, Public Health Nurse Supervisor; Curtis Splan, Department Computer Application Specialist; Janet Smith, CPS, Recording Secretary; and Leslie Admirand, Deputy District Attorney

At 1:05pm, Vice Chair Jung called the Washoe County District Board of Health meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Ms. Christina Conti, Health Care Systems Liaison.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken and a quorum of the Board noted. Mrs. Janet Smith, CPS, Recording Secretary, advised Chairman Matt Smith and Dr. Furman are excused.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment presented.

APPROVAL/DELETIONS – AGENDA – SEPTEMBER 22, 2011

Vice Chair Jung called for any additions or corrections to the agenda of the September 22, 2011 meeting of the Washoe County District Board of Health meeting.

MOTION: Dr. Hess moved, seconded by Ms. Ratti, that the agenda of the District Board of Health September 22, 2011 meeting be approved as received. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL/ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS – MINUTES – AUGUST 25, 2011

Vice Chair Jung called for any additions or corrections to the minutes of the August 25, 2011 meeting of the Washoe County District Board of Health.

MOTION: Dr. Humphreys moved, seconded by Dr. Hess, that the minutes of the District Board of Health August 25, 2011 meeting be approved as received. Motion carried unanimously.

RECOGNITIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Vice Chair Jung and Dr. Joseph Iser, District Health Officer, presented Certificates of Recognition to Ms. Mary-Ann Brown for **5 Years-of-Service**; Ms. Mary Ames for **10 Years-of-Service**; and Mr. Craig Petersen for **10 Years-of-Service**.

Dr. Iser introduced Mr. Jeff Whitesides, Manager, Public Health Preparedness Program, advising that Mr. Whitesides has been appointed to the State of Nevada Emergency Response Commission by the Governor, serving from July 25, 2011 through June 30, 2015.

Dr. Iser introduced Ms. Debbie Chicago, Community Health Aide, advising at the 2011 Kristine Nagy-Johnson Recognition Awards for Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Task Force (CAN), Ms. Chicago received the Donna Legg Award for Excellent Public Health Service.

PROCLAMATION

Dr. Iser read the Proclamation declaring September 2011 as "*National Preparedness Month*" (a copy of which was placed on file for the record). Vice Chair Jung and Dr. Iser presented the Proclamation to Dr. Randall Todd; Mr. Jeff Whitesides; Ms. Christine Conti; Ms. Betsy Hambleton; and Ms. Jeanne Harris of the Public Health Preparedness Program.

**MOTION: Ms. Ratti moved, seconded by Dr. Humphreys, that the Proclamation declaring September as "*National Preparedness Month*", be approved and adopted as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.**

CONSENT AGENDA – BUDGET AMENDMENTS/INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS

The Board was advised Staff recommends **ratification** of the **Interlocal Agreement** between the **Washoe County Health District** and the **Board of Regents of the Nevada System of Higher Education** to provide educational opportunities for **School of Social Work students** to engage in practical application of classroom instruction in a public health agency environment for the period upon approval of the Board of Regents and the Washoe County District Board of Health through June 30, 2012, unless extended by the mutual agreement of the Parties; with an automatic renewal for two (2) successive one-year periods for a total of three (3) years on the same terms unless either party gives the other written notice of nonrenewal at least sixty (60) days prior to June 30 of each year.

The Board was advised Staff recommends **ratification** of the **Interlocal Contract** with the **State of Nevada, Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)**, for the **DMV Excess Reserve Grant Program (IO TBD)**, in the **total amount of \$230,000** for the period of approval through June 30, 2013; and **approval of budget amendments totaling an increase of \$230,000** in both revenue and expenses.

The Board was advised Staff recommends **approval** of **Notice of Subgrant Award** from the **Nevada State Health Division** in the amount of **\$497,304 (with \$49,730 or 10% Health District match)**, in support of the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Public Health Preparedness (PHP) Program** for the period of August 10, 2011 to August 9, 2012.

The Board was advised Staff recommends **approval** of **budget amendments totaling an increase of \$52,432** in both revenue and expense to the **Air Quality Management, EPA Air Pollution Control Program, IO 10019**.

The Board was advised Staff recommends **approval** of amendments totaling an increase of **\$5,000** in revenue and **\$3,000** in expense to the **Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) – National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) Grant Program (Internal Order # 10969) FY 12 Budget**; and **approval** of amendments totaling an increase of **\$2,000** in expense to the **MRC – NACCHO Grant Program (Internal Order #10655) FY 12 Budget**.

The Board was advised Staff recommends **approval** of the **application submission** to the **Office of Population Affairs (OPA) Title X Family Planning Services Program** for a **Competitive Continuing Grant** for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 18, 2018 for the **Washoe County Health District**.

MOTION: Ms. Ratti moved, seconded by Dr. Hess, that the Interlocal Agreement; Interlocal Contract with the corresponding budget amendments; Notice of Subgrant Award; budget amendments; and the application submission for a Competitive Continuing Grant, be approved as outlined.
Motion carried unanimously.

REGIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AUTHORITY'

A. Review and Acceptance of the Operations and Financial Report – August 2011

Mr. Jim Gubbels, Vice President, REMSA

Advised the Board members have been provided with a copy of the August 2011 Operations and Financial Report; that the overall emergency response times for life-threatening calls in August was 92% and 95% for non-life threatening calls; that within the eight (8) minute zone it was 91%; within the fifteen (15) minute zone it was 96%; and within the twenty (20) minute zone it was 100%. The overall average bill for air ambulance for August was \$6,889, with a year-to-date average of \$7,249. The overall average bill for ground ambulance for August was \$987, with a year-to-date average of \$988.

Ms. Ratti

Thanked Mr. Gubbels for providing the "break-down within the response zones each month."

MOTION: Dr. Humphreys moved, seconded by Dr. Hess, that the Operations and Financial Report for the month of August 2011 be accepted as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.

B. Update of REMSA's Community Activities Since August 2011

Mr. Gubbels

Advised, on September 10, 2011, REMSA responded to a mutual aid request from Douglas County to Minden and Gardnerville for the recent wild-land fire; that the request "was to provide coverage for the community. REMSA was on-site from approximately 1:20pm through 7:00pm, responding to three (3) 911 calls and conducting two (2) transports; that REMSA was then released" and returned to Reno/Sparks for service.

In response to Ms. Ratti

Regarding a mutual aid response to Carson City for the IHOP incident, Mr. Gubbels stated a mutual aid agreement was requested; that the three (3) Care Flight helicopters responded; that REMSA was prepared to send ground transport; however, the ground response was canceled.

Ms. Ratti

Stated, with all of the recent "regional tragedies all first responders, including REMSA have been stretched thin and working so well together across the boundaries; that she is appreciative those boundaries disappear when necessary."

Advised, he will designate the remaining time allotted for the update to the briefing of the recent mass-casualty events in Carson City and the Reno Air Races.

C. Update of REMSA's Response to the Mass Casualty Events in Carson City and at the Reno National Championship Air Races; and the Health District's Response to the Air Races

Dr. Iser

Stated, Staff and representatives of REMSA will be presenting an update to REMSA's response to the mass-casualty events in Carson City and the Reno National Championship Air Races; and the Health District's response to Air Races." Stated, Ms. Coulombe will begin the presentation, followed by REMSA; and then Dr. Todd.

Ms. Eileen Coulombe, Administrative Health Services Officer

Stated, she would extend her condolences "to the victims of this tragedy; and her sincere admiration to all of the responders."

Stated, the District Board of Health has adopted a Multi-Casualty Incident Plan, which "provides the guidelines necessary to effectively and safely respond to and manage an MCI, through the mobilization of emergency medical services resources within Washoe County." Stated, due to the necessity of coordination among multiple responding agencies and organizations the MCI Plan has adopted the Incident Command System. Advised, there are "red, yellow, green, and black diagnostic categories" utilized during an MCIP incident. Advised, upon notification she immediately responded to the REMSA Dispatch Center to assist with any calls and to serve as the liaison; that she maintained contact with Dr. Iser who kept the Board member apprised. Stated, in accordance with the MCI Plan she will be coordinating the post-incident debriefing

Mr. Kevin Romero, EMS Director, REMSA

Presented an overview of the MCIP activation, mutual aid and response to the September 16, 2011, event at the Reno National Championship Air Races; advising upon notification that an MCIP incident had occurred, all area hospitals; the District Health Officer; and Mr. Aaron Kenneston, Washoe County Emergency Manager, were immediately notified. Stated, each hospital immediately implemented its MCI Plan, through the Washoe County Health District; that REMSA and the hospitals immediately "called back all off-duty personnel."

Advised, immediately prior to the event REMSA had approximately twenty-five (25) EMS providers on-scene, including four (4) staffed ambulances, two (2) of which were dedicated as crash units. Stated, there were four (4) ALS response units and clinical staff on-site in conjunction with Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center (i.e., nurses, physicians and EMTs). Advised, "a total of nineteen (19) ambulances immediately responded to the scene, with an additional fourteen (14) being immediately dispatched; that all three (3) Care Flight helicopters responded to the incident. Stated, "a total of forty (40) ambulances were placed system-wide throughout the County" ensuring the availability of ambulances throughout the community to respond to any other calls. Stated, North Lyon County, Storey County, Carson City, and Incline Village responded to the request for mutual aid; that air ambulance resources were made available from northern Nevada and northern California in addition to the Care Flight units.

Advised, a total of fifty-four (54) patients were transported within sixty-two (62) minutes. Advised, approximately ninety (90) minutes after the incident occurred, the media center at the Air Races

presented the information regarding the fifty-four (54) patients who had been transported; and the number of the deceased referred to the Medical Examiner. Stated, this information was provided to Mayor Bob Cashell and Mr. Mike Houghton, President of the Reno Air Races Association.

Stated, "this is the first MCIP, which has required all divisions of REMSA." Mr. Romero reviewed the educational component of REMSA's training, advising "during the past month staff have taught both Basic and Advanced Disaster Life Support to pre-hospital care providers and hospital personnel." Advised, REMSA Special Event Services pre-plans for all events occurring within the city limits and county, utilizing the District Health Department's "algorithm as to how many EMS personnel should be present at any particular event."

Advised, in a regional response system, as Ms. Ratti indicated, multi-casualty incidents "eliminate boundaries"; that REMSA dispatched two (2) strike teams (a total of 10 ambulances with EMS Supervisors) to respond to the Amtrak incident. Stated, the REMSA helicopters were dispatched to the IHOP incident in Carson City; that REMSA "had a strike team of ambulance units available had those units been needed." Stated, a number of the mutual aid responders attend the educational training seminars at REMSA and; therefore, these responders "train and respond the same way for a multi-casualty incident."

Mr. Brian Taylor, Director, Special Operations, REMSA

Stated, he functioned as the Medical Branch Director on-scene for the Reno Air Races when the MCIP occurred; and operated within the unified command with police and fire.

Reviewed the pre-planning efforts, including drills and exercises, for special events, advising "this is a key component, which is why the response went well." Advised, in May, 2011, "a full-scale exercise '*Broken-Wing*' was conducted in which more than 100 'patients' were transported to area hospitals to test the capacity of the system to manage an emerging situation; the integration of other first responders; and the surge capacity of the hospitals."

Stated, in July REMSA staff met with the Reno Air Races Association and other first responders to specifically plan for the Air Races scenario and various situations of what could occur; and the responses for those scenarios. Stated, the "third preparation was reviewed just prior to the event" during which the discussion was "what would happen should a plane go down in the stands; that he then reviewed the plans with his crews." Stated, when the incident occurred, REMSA integrated with police, fire, bystanders and medical professionals "to do what they had trained and planned for" in an MCI. Stated, REMSA, fire, and law enforcement "did what they could in a very tragic

situation" establishing areas of "triage, treatment, and transport." Stated, law enforcement established egress and ingress routes cordoning-off the streets and highways; that ambulances "picked-up and transported patients to the hospitals very, very quickly; that the hospitals were very prepared" to receive patients.

Stated, "the real heroes are the Paramedics, the nurses, the physicians, the medical personnel, and bystanders who immediately responded; that the integration among medical, fire and law enforcement was seamless." Stated, this integration of all agencies "was instrumental to the successful response to a very tragic situation."

Stated, the "next concern is the {mental} health of those people who responded as many will be affected for a long time to come" regarding this incident. Stated, counselors were immediately provided to assist all of REMSA personnel who had responded; that REMSA staff are currently participating in a group session being provided to all area first responders, including police and fire. Stated, REMSA will continue to monitor the personnel who responded.

Stated, "with the involvement of Health District personnel, REMSA will conduct an internal review of the entire operational response "as there are always ways in which to improve." Stated, REMSA will then participate in an external review with all of the participating first responders, discussing "what occurred, what went well, lessons learned, etc." Stated, in conjunction with the Health District the Multi-Casualty Incident Plan (MCIP) will be reviewed; that the response was based on the MCIP approved and adopted by the Board of Health; and the response "went very well."

Stated, "the concern remains with the victims, their families; and all of the first responders."

Dr. Randall Todd

Stated, the Board is aware REMSA transported the injured; the remains of the deceased "came under the care of the Medical Examiner"; that the other component "is the family of all of the victims." Stated, Ms. Christina Conti, Health Care Systems Liaison; Kathy Jacobs, Executive Director, Crisis Call Center; and Stacy Belt, Medical Reserve Corps, Carson City Health and Human Services, contacted the Regional Emergency Operations Center (REOC) regarding "setting-up a Family Assistance Center (FAC)." Stated, "an FAC is intended to be a short-term operation providing information to affected family members who may have family who are missing or lost in a disaster."

Stated, when it was determined there was a need for an FAC, the Crisis Call Center had received approximately 1,000 calls; that as of September 21, 2011 had received 1470 missing person calls. Stated, at approximately 11 a.m., Saturday, September 17th the Family Assistance Center was "operationally ready"; that it had been decided the FAC would not be "operational until the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) had cleared it." Stated, the Reno Airport Authority provided assistance with the logistics of the FAC, as the Airport "had practiced the FAC model, as part of the *Broken Wing* exercise." Advised, the FAC "operated for three (3) operational periods."

Stated, "this was an exceptional operation"; that yesterday Staff conducted "an internal *hotwash* to discuss what occurred, what went well, what didn't and where improvements can be made."

Stated, immediately after the event, he was contacted by Ms. Betsy Hambleton, Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Coordinator regarding utilizing the services of the MRC volunteers. Stated, "on Saturday through Sunday, a number of the MRC volunteers were deployed to the Family Assistance Center (FAC); and were extremely helpful." Stated, Staff was contacted by the Medical Examiner's Office requesting assistance on-scene; that four (4) MRC volunteers were deployed on-scene to assist with recovery operations for approximately nine (9) hours.

Ms. Jung

Stated, she would "thank everyone who participated in the response to this horrific event." Stated, she received inquiries from people involved in emergency services from across the Country questioning how [Washoe County] was able to do this – having everyone transported within sixty-two (62) minutes from the time of the disaster." Stated, "it is because of the terrific planning and the investment the Health District has made in preparing, as well as the emergency responders: REMSA, the firefighters, law enforcement, etc."

Stated, "in watching the video she was amazed at how quickly the emergency responders were on-scene; that it was incredibly courageous and responsive" of the EMS personnel and volunteers. Stated, it was obvious the response to these type of events "had been practiced."

Stated, when she was contacted regarding the Family Assistance Center "she had no idea what the FAC was"; that she was advised by several people of the positive comments received regarding the feedback from the representative of the NTSB. Stated, she was advised the FAC was an item "the NTSB representative had to check-off as part of his investigation."

Stated, she would commend Mr. Phil Ulibarri, [Health District's Public Information Officer], as "he did an excellent job; that she received feedback from several sources regarding how he did a tremendous job with a very difficult subject matter."

Ms. Ratti

Stated, she was "so proud of the relationships that have been built over time between the public sector and the non-profit sector"; that she noted "over and over where the non-profit sector (i.e., REMSA), was playing that important role." Stated, the Air Races are managed by a small group of paid staff supported by "a Board of Directors who are all volunteers; and then thousands of volunteers; that this sense of community spirit has made this community what it is today." Stated, REMSA; the Crisis Call Center, with the limited staff and resources; the Red Cross; United Blood Services, and other community agencies worked well together to respond to this event.

Mr. Gustin

Stated, the cooperation among the entities; the first responders; the medical personnel, and the volunteers in the community who were involved "was incredible." Stated, "that all of the victims being transported within sixty-two (62) minutes to medical facilities, to him, is unbelievable." Stated, "on behalf of the City of Reno and all those who they represent, he would thank all who responded for what they did."

Dr. Iser

Stated, "his Staff knows how thankful he is for all of the work they did; and in keeping him apprised"; however, he has not had the opportunity to "thank Jim, Kevin, Brian, Mike, Mitch, and REMSA for all the work they did."

Stated, during the event he "kept Matt and Kitty apprised of what was occurring"; that Chairman Smith requested he express "his (Chairman Smith) very heartfelt thanks for all the hard work that everyone put into the response."

REVIEW – ACCEPTANCE – MONTHLY PUBLIC HEALTH FUND REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT – AUGUST 2011

Ms. Coulombe

Advised, the Board members have been provided with a copy of the Health Fund Revenue and Expenditure Report for the month of August 2011. She reviewed the Report in detail advising Staff recommends the Board accept the Report as presented.

In response to Dr. Humphreys

Regarding the reduction in the amount of the Environmental Oversight Account, Ms. Coulombe advised there were two (2) recent, Board of Health approved purchases, with funding from the Environmental Oversight Account for HazMat equipment. Advised, all expenditures from this account must be approved by the Board of Health.

In response to Vice Chair Jung

Regarding travel expenditures allocation, Ms. Coulombe advised the budget for travel for FY 12 is \$152,000; that the reduction is (probably) grant-related to different travel accounts.

**MOTION: Mr. Gustin moved, seconded by Dr. Humphreys, that the District Health Department's Revenue and Expenditure Report for August 2011 be accepted as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.**

PROGRAM OVERVIEW – WASHOE COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES “SLEEP SAFE BABY CAMPAIGN” – REMSA’S “CRIBS FOR KIDS CAMPAIGN”

Ms. Candy Hunter, Public Health Program Manager

Stated, her Staff report to the Board delineates “the work being done in the community to support safe sleep practices for babies.” Stated, “the Public Health Nurses, in the Home Visiting Program, have been educating clients as to the issues of safe sleep” for infants for a number of years. Advising the Staff adheres to the guidelines of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Stated, the establishment of a National Child Death Review databank in 2005, simplified reviewing cause of death for infants, toddlers in children within the community. Stated, a review of the data indicated "a problem with unsafe sleep practices in the community."

Introduced, Ms. Melissa Krall, advising, Ms. Krall is the Director, Community Outreach Programs for REMSA, and developed a local chapter of the *Cribs for Kids National Program*, and is the current Program Coordinator. Stated, Ms. Krall "has brought this Program to the State in addition to Washoe County. Stated, the Health District's Public Health Nurses of the Home Visiting Nurses Program, and WIC Staff "are part of the Program promoting and educating parents as to the safe sleep practices."

Stated, as noted in her Report, Washoe County Social Services has received funding from the Nevada Child Death Review to initiate a community educational campaign to increase awareness regarding infant safe sleep practices. Stated, Washoe County volunteers, through the Manager's Office, are participating in the 'train the trainer sessions for the educational efforts for safe sleep issues."

Melissa Krall, Director, Community Outreach Programs for REMSA

Stated, the Washoe County Sleep Safe Baby campaign is an excellent example of non-profit agencies partnering with public agencies and, "is absolutely essential." Stated, REMSA has been involved in the Safe Sleep Program for approximately two (2) years, becoming involved at the request of the State Health Division.

Ms. Krall provided a power point presentation (a copy of which was placed on file for the record), of the collaborative efforts in the *Washoe County Sleep Safe Baby Campaign*; and the 'train the trainer program', advising '*Safe Kids Washoe County*' is the sole contracted partner with the National *Cribs for Kids* partnership. Advised, when it is determined finances are the only barrier "to making the choice for safe sleep, the family is provided with a 'safe sleep survival kit', which includes a portable Pack-n-Play crib, for those who have completed the training.

Advised, this presentation "has been shown at two (2) EMS Conferences; a statewide webinar for social workers and nurses; and the Child Abuse and Neglect (CAN) Prevent Conference. Advised, the Safe Sleep Baby Campaign will be disseminated statewide throughout the rural counties and to Clark County.

Advised there are now nine (9) agencies partnering for the '*Sleep Safe Baby*' and '*Cribs for Kids*' Campaign.

Dr. Hess

Stated, "it is surprising the numbers [of infant deaths] have not gone down"; that he would question if the data is available "incidents per 1,000 babies."

Ms. Krall

Advised, currently that information isn't available; however, "a new project has just been started utilizing a student from the University who will be doing an overall death data review for better analysis."

In response to Dr. Hess

Ms. Hunter

Stated, there is information providing "a breakdown based on the racial and cultural differences; however, the numbers are so small" there is a question as to the relevance.

Ms. Krall

Stated, data indicates the national breakdown of ethnic groups indicates the highest risk is among the African-American families. Stated, in reviewing data for Washoe County "some of the numbers indicated there was a higher risk among the ethnic categories than what the national rates are."

In response to Mr. Gustin

Regarding "recycling the cribs", Ms. Krall advised, "similar to the car seat program" the safety of the crib cannot be guaranteed that the crib has not been damaged, which results in issues of liability. Advised, Graco is a national partner with the program; and provides the cribs at a cost of approximately \$80.

Ms. Hunter

Advised the volunteers will be seeking donations from various service organizations when giving the presentations.

Ms. Ratti

Stated, she would commend Ms. Brown, Ms. Hunter, Ms. Krall and "the others who stay and deal with these issues making a big difference in the community."

In response to Vice Chair Jung

Regarding providing pacifiers, Ms. Krall advised pacifiers have been proven effective in the prevention of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS).

The Board thanked Ms. Hunter and Ms. Krall for the presentation.

DISCUSSION – POSSIBLE DETERMINATION – AGENDA ITEMS – BOARD OF HEALTH'S
OCTOBER 6, 2011 STRATEGIC RETREAT

Dr. Iser

Stated, he forwarded an email to the Board of Health members recommending topics addressing specific issues for discussion at the Board's annual Strategic Retreat; that other than Dr. Hess he did not receive any comments from the Board members.

Stated, he recommends conducting the Board of Health's annual Strategic Retreat "here at the Health Department" rather than off-site, which will save Staff time and resources.

In response to Ms. Ratti

Regarding the meeting of October 6, 2011 focusing on specific issues rather than "a strategic plan", Dr. Iser stated he has requested each of the Division Directors develop "individual strategic plans." Stated, the Leadership Team "will then work together on a proposed strategic plan to present to the Board of Health for discussion; that the divisional plans will be both operational and

strategic. Stated the goal would be for the Health District plan to include the issues of communicable and acute chronic disease and "then reviewing outcomes and how goals can be achieved working across divisions and with the community partners."

Ms. Ratti

Stated, "her aspirational hope for the Health District is to have a strategic plan, which includes stakeholders input and is more broad-based planning for the community."

In response to Ms. Ratti

Dr. Iser

Stated, as he discussed with Ms. Ratti, "Dr. Todd and his team are working with the other Divisions to develop a 'Health Status Report'." Stated, the Reports would be disseminated throughout the community to obtain more broad-based community input as to the current health status for the future direction of the Health District. Stated, he does not anticipate the Health Status Report being completed until January 2012. Stated, obtaining the community input regarding the health status of the community assists in determining "how better to address the issues and develop outcome measures and goals."

Ms. Ratti

Stated, 'without a comprehensive plan; it is difficult to prioritize resources.'

In response to Ms. Jung

Regarding mental health issues "being a public health issue", Dr. Iser stated in Nevada "behavioral health issues in general aren't fully-funded or supported at the State level." Stated, the issue can be discussed; however, the Health District doesn't have the resources or any grant funding related to mental/behavioral health issues. Stated, the majority of State funding for mental health issues is through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) of the public health service. Stated, these funds are distributed at the state and not the local level; that the states determine how those funds are distributed. Stated, Social Services may receive some funding; however, the Health District does not receive any SAMHSA funding.

In response to Dr. Iser

Ms. Brown

Stated, her Division Director's Report includes the 2011 Legislative Summary from the Division of Health and Human Services, delineating the reductions made within all health-related programs, including "Mental Health and Developmental Services."

Ms. Ratti

Stated, as a State, progress was made in the decade prior to the recession; however, that "progress is currently being dismantled."

Dr. Iser

Stated, it is anticipated the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) will have approved the budget prior to the October 6, 2011 Retreat; that the BCC is scheduled to review the 10% reductions at the September 27, 2011 meeting. Stated, Staff will provide an update to the Board.

Stated, it is his intent the Strategic Planning Retreat be "interactive among the Board members, Division Directors and Management Staff."

After a brief discussion, Dr. Iser stated he will contact Washoe County Human Resources regarding providing a facilitator for the Retreat.

It was the consensus of the Board to conduct the annual Strategic Retreat at the Health Department; and that lunch will be a "healthy potluck."

STAFF REPORTS AND PROGRAM UPDATES

A. Director – Epidemiology and Public Health Preparedness

Dr. Randall Todd, Director, Epidemiology and Public Health Preparedness, presented his monthly Division Director's Report, a copy of which was placed on file for the record.

Vice Chair Jung

Stated, she would commend EPHP Staff for "providing information at the theaters showing the movie Contagion; that it was appropriate the movie was playing during *Public Health Preparedness Month*.

B. Director – Community and Clinical Health Services •

Ms. Mary-Ann Brown, Director, Community and Clinical Health Services, presented her monthly Division Director's Report, a copy of which was placed on file for the record.

Ms. Brown

Stated, she would commend the Chronic Disease Team "on another very successful Obesity Forum; that there were in excess of 173 participants; that Dr. Iser; Chairman Smith and Dr. Furman in attendance." Stated, Staff is "receiving nothing but positive feedback and glowing reports on the outcome of the forum, which has been the impetus for momentum in the community to address obesity from a population base; and an individual clinical perspective." Staff is analyzing the evaluation forms from this year; and planning for next year's event.

Stated, back-to-school immunizations, specifically for 7th grade Tdap, "with a mighty effort of Health District Staff Immunization Team; the community providers; St. Mary's; and the School District was successful." Stated, Ms. Sharon Clodfelter, Health District Bio-Statistician, is to be commended for providing exceptional data; that she assisted in merging two (2) programs", which provided valuable information "specific to the scope of the need for the Tdap among 7th graders." Stated, representatives of the School District "were very pleased with the collaborative efforts."

Stated, yesterday she attended a statewide immunization meeting; that there was discussion regarding developing a strategic plan statewide to address the challenges of back-to-school immunization issues. Stated, the lessons of the Health District's debriefing of the last four (4) years will be used in developing that plan.

Stated, she would encourage the Board members to review the DDHS 2011 Legislative Summary, which she previously referenced, prepared by Mr. Michael Willden, Director, Nevada Division of Health and Human Services. Stated, "his report is very sobering in terms of what the State is facing; and how that may impact the Health District."

Stated, she has provided the Board members with a copy of the presentation regarding the efforts of the Health District and Community Development Department to amend the Regional Plan to identify barriers to healthy food systems. Stated, the "chief project is to obtain advocates for the promotion of healthy foods; access to healthy foods, nutrition, and physical activity." Stated, Mr. Chad Giesinger, AICP Senior Planner, Community Development gave the presentation to the Board of County Commissioners "praising the efforts of the [Health District's] ACHIEVE Program." Advised the Chronic Disease Program Staff will be providing an update to the Board during the October 27, 2011 meeting regarding the efforts of the ACHIEVE Program; and the efforts in the development of a Washoe County food plan and the creation of a Washoe County Food Council.

In response to Dr. Hess

Regarding "all the information provided in the DHHS 2011 Legislative Summary", Ms. Brown advised Staff monitored the Legislative Bills that directly affected public health and kept the Board apprised. Stated, Staff will keep the Board apprised as to the "budget impacts as programs receive less funding from the State" for the Health District programs. Stated, the Summary indicates "collectively which programs in the health care system will be the most affected, including acute care; prevention; and public health, for which Staff provides direct services." Stated, the Summary indicates "where the challenges are in the public health system; the acute side of medicine and other support programs, including behavioral health."

C. Director – Environmental Health Services

Mr. Scott Monsen, Acting Director, Environmental Health Services, presented the monthly Division Director's Report, a copy of which was placed on file for the record.

Vice Chairman Jung

Thanked Staff for the report on the bedbug problem.

Dr. Iser

Stated, the funding for the chemicals for aerial spraying of mosquitoes is diminishing; that it may be necessary to obtain approval for additional funding from the Board of County Commissioners in the spring to begin next season's control efforts. Stated, Staff will keep the Board apprised.

In response to Mr. Gustin

Regarding the "150 plus hours of overtime" for the Rib Cook-Off and the Burning Man Festival, Mr. Monsen stated there is no authority to bill for the overtime hours.

Dr. Iser

Stated, he will be working with Ms. Admirand and Ms. Coulombe to "review program funding; and being able to fund programs adequately." Stated, his goal is "when it is known events will require 150 hours of overtime", the District having the ability to incorporate those costs into the vendor fees.

Ms. Ratti

Stated, she "fully supports cost recovery"; however, she would caution "in this economy as to some of those special events that are tilting on the edge." Stated, should full cost recovery require a large increase that the Board would consider phasing in the fees allowing the vendors "time to react."

Mr. Monsen

Stated, he will present the Board's comments to Mr. Sack.

D. Director – Air Quality Management

Mr. Kevin Dick, Director, Air Quality Management, presented his monthly Division Director's Report, a copy of which was placed on file for the record.

Mr. Dick

Stated, he has been providing the Board members with updates regarding the new Ozone Rule; that "at the beginning of September the President directed the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Director, to hold back on the reconsideration on that Standard." Advised, it is anticipated a new Ozone Standard will be established for 2013.

Stated, "the implications of halting the reconsideration of the 2008 Standard, is that reconsideration was based on the available scientific reports, which were originally reviewed by the Scientific Advisory Committee to the EPA. These were developed prior to 2006."

Stated, the next Ozone Standard will "consider more recent scientific studies", which could result in the recommended Ozone Standard being "lower than the range currently proposed for the 2008 Standard."

Stated, Staff "will continue to anticipate the lower Standard and work to develop approaches for the community to reduce the Ozone levels."

E. Administrative Health Services Officer

Ms. Eileen Coulombe, Administrative Health Services Officer, presented her monthly Administrative Health Services Officer Report, a copy of which was placed on file for the record.

Ms. Coulombe

Stated, she would thank Mr. Steve Fisher, Department Computer Application Specialist, for providing "his trip report for his attendance at the Accela User Conference."

F. District Health Officer

Dr. Joseph Iser, District Health Officer, presented his monthly District Health Officer's Report, a copy of which was placed on file for the record.

Dr. Iser

Stated, he has provided the Board members with a copy of his "10% Reduction Plan" (a copy of which was placed on file for the record), which he presented to the Board of County Commissioners. Stated, the 10% Reduction Plan and the Organizational Chart delineates "what positions the Health District will lose through the 10% reductions."

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Stated, he has offered Ms. Simon, Washoe County Manager, the opportunity to present the County's Fundamental Services Report to the Board of Health; that this will be agendaized for the October 27, 2011 meeting.

Stated, the County has contracted with Tri-Data to review the EMS system countywide; that Commissioner Breternitz met with REMSA to discuss information "that Tri-Data will request for the study." Stated, he met with Mr. Dick Barnard, REMSA Governing Board, to discuss this request; that "the meeting with REMSA occurred on Tuesday; and he has been advised the meeting went very well; that REMSA will provide the data Tri-Data has requested with perhaps minor exception specific to finances."

In response to Dr. Hess

Regarding the EMS study, Dr. Iser reviewed the two (2) tier EMS system, advising the EMS system includes REMSA, fire, dispatch and the Emergency Rooms. Stated, he has been advised the area hospitals will be conducting a parallel study similar to that of Tri-Data with a different consultant; that he will ensure both consultants have the same exact data for the studies.

Stated, he received his Nevada State Medical License this week.

Stated, he had Ms. Smith investigate arranging a private showing of the movie 'Contagion'; that a private showing would have to occur early on a Saturday morning, and was "a little pricey"; that the second option offered was to pre-purchase a block of tickets for a first showing. Stated, he is considering other options; that he will keep the Board members apprised, and Staff apprised.

BOARD COMMENT

Ms. Ratti

Advised, there will be a community-wide memorial service for the victims of the Reno National Championship Air Races, at the Rose Garden in Idlewild Park, on Sunday, September 25, 2011, beginning at 6:00pm.

Vice Chair Jung

Stated, she has concerns regarding an article in the newspaper specific to "Nevada being #1 for women being killed by men in incidences of domestic violence"; that too often "it is not understood Nevada is a very large state with two (2) major counties." Questioned, if it is possible to have data available, whereby either Dr. Iser, the Chairman or Staff can immediately respond to these articles, "as the local media paints Washoe County with the same brush as data more specific to Clark County", without a differentiation between the two (2) largest Counties.


Ms. Ratti

Questioned if it is possible for the District Board of Health to present "some commendations to those agencies and individuals "who really stepped-up in responding to the tragedy at the Air Races." Stated, the Crisis Call Center; the other agencies, and County Staff "who were involved in the response."

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment presented.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50pm.



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