

Washoe County



Health District

Washoe County District Board of Health Meeting Minutes September 27, 2012

PRESENT: Mr. Matt Smith, Chairman, George Furman, MD; Commissioner Kitty Jung, Vice Chair, Councilwoman Ratti, Councilman Gustin arrived at 1:10 pm

ABSENT: Dr. Denis Humphreys is excused

STAFF: Joseph P. Iser, District Health Officer
 Robert Sack, Director, Environmental Health Services
 Kevin Dick, Director, Air Quality Management
 Bryan Tyre, Senior Licensed Engineer, EHS
 Steve Kutz, Acting Director, Community and Clinical Health Services
 Phil Ulibarri, Public Information Officer
 Steve Fisher, Department Computer Application Specialist
 Bev Bayan, WIC Program Manager, CCHS
 Leslie Admirand, Deputy District Attorney
 Edwin Smith, Office Support Specialist, AHS

Eileen Stickney, Administrative Health Services Officer, AHS
 Randall Todd, DrPH, Director, Epidemiology and Public Health Preparedness
 Patsy Buxton, Fiscal Compliance Officer, AHS
 Lori Cooke, Fiscal Compliance Officer, AHS
 Curtis Splan, DCAS, AHS
 Stacey Akurosawa, EMS Coordinator, EMS Program, EPHP
 Daniel Inouye, Air Quality Supervisor, AQM
 Kelli Seals, Health Educator II, CCHS
 Peggy F. O'Neill, Recording Secretary

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1:03 pm 1, 2	Meeting Called to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call	Chairman Smith called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Jung. Roll call was taken and a quorum noted. Dr. Humphreys is excused.	
3.	Public Comment	No public comment was presented.	
4.	Approval/Deletions – Agenda – September 27, 2012	Chairman Smith called for any deletions to the Agenda of the September 27, 2012 DBOH Meeting. Ms. Admirand instructed that Item No. 10 needs to be pulled from the Agenda.	Dr. Hess moved, seconded by Councilwoman Jung, that the September 27, 2012 Agenda be approved as amended by removing Item No. 10. <u>MOTION CARRIED</u>

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5.	Approval/Deletions – Minutes – Regular Meeting of August 23, 2012 Board Comment	Chairman Smith called for any additions or corrections to the minutes of the August 23, 2012 Regular Meeting. Ms. O'Neill asked that the Motion language for Item 12 be amended as follows: "Councilwoman Ratti moved, seconded by Dr. Hess, to approve the elimination of wage and benefit concessions as presented." Motion Carried.	Councilwoman Ratti, moved, seconded by Dr. Hess, that the minutes of the August 23, 2012, meeting be approved as corrected. <u>MOTION CARRIED</u>
6.	Recognitions	Dr. Iser and Chairman Smith recognized new employee, Edwin Smith.	
7.	Proclamations	None.	
8.	Consent Agenda	<p>A. <u>Air Quality Management Cases:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Unappealed Citations to the Air Pollution Control Hearing Board: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Lakeridge Cleaners – Case No. 1094, Unappealed Citation No. 5258 – Staff reported Citation No. 5258, was issued to Lakeridge Cleaners on August 24, 2012, for failure to maintain an air quality permit to operate, which is a major violation of Section 030.000 of the Washoe County DBOH Regulations Governing Air Quality Management. Staff recommends the citation be upheld and a fine in the amount of \$1,500.00 be levied as a negotiated fine. b. MDK LLC / Western Environmental Testing Laboratory – Case No. 1093, Citation No. 5304 – Staff reported Citation No. 5304 was issued to MDK LLC/Western Environmental Testing Laboratory on August 22, 2012, for violation of Permit to Operate No. K01338A, Condition C, Modification to Equipment, and Condition 2, Required Approval for the Use of Alternate Materials. The Notice of Violation Citation resulted from the installation of a new organic laboratory without submitting an application for an authority to construct, which constitutes a major violation of the DBOH Regulations Governing Air Quality Management, specifically Section 030.2175, Operations Contrary to Permit. Staff recommends the citation be upheld and a fine in the amount of \$2,500.00 be levied as a negotiated fine. 	

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		<p>2. Recommendation to Uphold Citation Appealed to the Air Pollution Control Hearing Board:</p> <p>a. Riilite Aggregate Company – Case No. 1090, Citation No. 5017 - Staff reported Citation No. 5017 was issued to Riilite Aggregate Company on June 8, 2012, for violation of permit conditions resulting in excess emissions from the aggregate processing equipment and failure to provide adequate fugitive dust control, which constitutes a major violation of the DBOH Regulations Governing Air Quality Management Section 030.2175, Operations Contrary to Permit, and a minor violation of Section 040.030, Dust Control. The APCHB recommends the citation be upheld and a recommended fine in the amount of \$1,200.00 be levied.</p> <p>There was Board discussion regarding the amounts of the fines and how they are determined and reduced. Ms. Albee informed the Board that AQM staff did not recommend this amount; it was recommended by the Air Pollution Control Hearing Board and AQM staff did not appeal the decision. Councilman Gustin expressed frustration in the tremendous reduction in the fine and asked that that message be given to the APCHB.</p> <p>3. Recommendation for Variance: None.</p> <p>B. <u>Sewage, Wastewater & Sanitation Cases:</u> None.</p> <p>C. <u>Staff recommends David Rinaldi be re-appointed to the Air Pollution Control Hearing Board.</u></p> <p>D. <u>Staff recommends Cathleen Fitzgerald be re-appointed to the Air Pollution Control Hearing Board.</u></p> <p>E. <u>Staff recommends Jeanne Rucker be appointed to the Air Pollution Control Hearing Board.</u></p> <p>F. <u>Budget Amendments / Interlocal Agreements:</u></p> <p>1. The Board was advised that Staff recommends the approval of Notice of Subgrant Award from the Nevada State Health Division for</p>	

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		<p>the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Clinic Program, for the period October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013, in the total amount of \$1,071,998 in support of Salaries, Benefits, Travel and Training, and Operating Expenditures; and, if approved, authorize the Chairman to execute.</p> <p>2. The Board was advised that Staff recommends the approval of Approval of Notice of Grant Award dated August 24, 2012, from the Department of Health and Human Services Public Health Service for the period June 30, 2012, to June 29, 2013, in the amount of \$854,980, in support of the Family Planning Program; Approval of amendments totaling an increase of \$54,980 in both revenue and expense to the FY13 Title X Family Planning Federal Grant Program, IO 10025; Authorized the creation of a permanent part-time (19 hr/week) non-benefitted Advanced Practitioner of Nursing (APN) position (PC#TBD) as evaluated by the Job Evaluation Committee (JEC).</p>	<p>ACTION ITEMS: (1) Letter to Lakeridge Cleaners regarding fine and due date; (2) Letter to MDK LLC re fine and due date; (3) Letter to Rilite re fine and due date; and (3) Letters to David Rinaldi, Cathleen Fitzgerald, and Jeanne Rucker regarding Board appointments.</p> <p>Councilman Gustin moved, seconded by Councilwoman Ratti, that the entire Consent Agenda be approved as presented in a single motion.</p> <p><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></p>
9.	Air Pollution Control Hearing Board Cases	None.	
10.	Presentation and possible acceptance of proposed amendments to the Washoe County District Board of Health Regulations Governing Air Quality Management, Section 040.080, Gasoline Transfer and Dispensing Facilities	THIS ITEM WAS PULLED FROM THE AGENDA.	

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11.	<p>Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority</p> <p>A. <u>Review and Acceptance of the Operations and Financial Report – August 2012</u></p> <p>Board Comment:</p> <p>B. <u>Update of REMSA's Community Activities Since August 2012</u></p>	<p>Mr. Jim Gubbels, Vice President, REMSA reported that the DBOH members have been provided with a copy of the August 2012 Operations and Financial Report; overall emergency response times for life-threatening calls in August 2012 was 91%, and 96% for non-life threatening calls. Advised the overall average bill for air ambulance service for August 2012 was \$8,241. The overall average bill for ground ambulance services for August, 2012 was \$1,023.</p> <p>Mr. Gubbels then responded to prior questions about REMSA's rate calculations. REMSA also conducts market studies including Sacramento and northern and southern Nevada. The Base Rate calculation is governed by the Franchise Agreement. Rates are greatly impacted by the number of transports that do not pay at all or at reduced rates due to Medicare or Medicaid. Only about half of the transports actually pay for their transport.</p> <p>Mr. Gubbels presented REMSA's community activities, including their Homebound Flu Clinic and Coach and Parents Sports Clinic which will be held at their Education Building at 400 Edison Way location.</p> <p>Mr. Gubbels also acknowledged a REMSA Careflight nurse, Jane Miller, who recently retired after being a Careflight nurse since inception in 1981.</p>	<p>Commissioner Jung moved, seconded by Councilman Gustin that the Operations and Financial Reports for the Month of August 2012 be accepted as presented.</p> <p><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></p>
12.	<p><u>Discussion of TriData Presentation and Chairman Smith's and Dr. Iser's meeting with Dr. Cohen</u></p>	<p>Dr. Iser began the discussion of the Draft TriData Report and the presentation of the Final TriData Report. All stakeholders were allowed to comment, and many of Dr. Iser's comments were taken into consideration in the final report. Dr. Iser briefly summarized the main recommendations, as follows: (1) Develop an agency that would oversee all of EMS, Fire, including Lake Tahoe, REMSA, and the Health District, and also to have one Medical Director for the entire system; (2) Dispatch; and (3) the reworking of the Franchise Agreement.</p> <p>Chairman Smith reported that while in the BCC meeting at the presentation of the TriData Report, Commissioner Breternitz questioned Chairman Smith about any recommendations that the Health District would be willing to review to improve the system, and Chairman Smith advised him that the DBOH would certainly review the recommendations. We hope to review the</p>	

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		<p>recommendations during the Special Meeting and will make sure the DBOH has the agenda as soon as it is proposed by the BCC.</p> <p>Dr. Iser reported that the TriData Report also recommends that the 8 minute reference be interpreted as up to 8'59", which is what was clarified and agreed to in a meeting in 1997. Ms. Admirand agreed that this was not an amendment to the Franchise Agreement, but rather a clarification and therefore did not come before any board for approval. 8'59" is industry standard national wide. REMSA uses 8'29" standard internally, but is able to go to 8'59" if they so desire.</p> <p>Councilwoman Ratti questioned if there was more documentation of how this agreement was reached that <u>under</u> 8 minutes means up to 8'59". Dr. Iser reported that all we have is the Memorandum from Mr. Begbie dated September 11, 1997 which states the working group agreed to use 8'29.99' as the standard for Priority One calls, but that REMSA reserved its right to advise the DHD if it returns to the 8'59.99" standard. Dr. Iser stated that we can supply that Memorandum to you. We can bring it back to have you vote on that if you so desire. Dr. Iser stated that would be his strong recommendation since that is the national standard.</p> <p>Mr. Gubbels reported that the 8'59" standard has evolved from the King County study in 1985. Mr. Gubbels stated that Dr. Cohen refers to 8'59" as the national standard in his report. Councilwoman Ratti expressed her concern that the Franchise Agreement is flawed in that it does not reach any sort of fresh professional standard for 2012. It needs to be modernized so that successive boards of governors can effectively fulfill their duty. This is just another example of that need. Ms. Ratti stated that she is not questioning REMSA's performance but whether the governing tools are in place and the relationships are not well enough defined.</p> <p>Dr. Iser stated that if this particular issue is of concern to the Board, staff can prepare a staff report to allow the Board to vote on this measure. The 8'59" standard is referenced in Dr. Cohen's report. Ms. Admirand clarified that Mr. Begbie's memo was actually the minutes of a meeting between REMSA personnel and the Health District. Councilwoman Ratti stated that she believes this item should wait until after the Special Meeting on October 18 to see if other issues should be combined with this one. Dr. Iser stated that we still do not know what the Agenda for the October 18 meeting encompasses yet. It needs to be published in plenty of time, but it has not been proposed for Dr. Iser to bring to you or discuss with the Chairman.</p>	


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13.	<p>Presentation of Mental Illness: A Guide to Recovery</p>	<p>Commissioner Jung introduced Mr. Bob Bennett, Chair, PAIMI Council, and his presentation regarding mental health. Commissioner Jung stated she believes it may be important to have discussions with the state regarding the local communities having input and jurisdiction of mental health issues to best serve the public.</p> <p>Mr. Bennett made his presentation and presented a YouTube video at http://occupyreno.org/upload/ReestabJustice.pdf.</p> <p>Councilwoman Ratti thanked Mr. Bennett for his efforts in continuing to speak to our community about mental health.</p>	
14.	<p>Review and Acceptance of the Monthly Public Health Fund Revenue and Expenditure Report for August 2012</p>	<p>Eileen Stickney, Administrative Health Services Officer, presented the Monthly Public Health Fund Revenue and Expenditure Report for August, 2012 of FY13, a copy of which was placed on file for the record.</p> <p>In response to a question in an earlier meeting from Councilwoman Ratti, Ms. Stickney reported to the DBOH that the Health Fund transitioned to funding from the General Fund in FY 98, which is when the Supplemental City-County Relief Tax transitioned to the Consolidated Tax or CTAX. Ms. Stickney reported that Ad Valorem tax has never been a source of funding for the Health Fund.</p> <p>In response to a question from Dr. Hess in an earlier meeting, Ms. Stickney reported to the DBOH that the Equipment Services Replacement and Equipment Services O&M numbers were billed incorrectly by the Equipment Services Division, and they have now been corrected, and reflect 17% and 21%, respectively which are in appropriate amounts.</p> <p>Ms. Stickney addressed the Equipment Non-Capital and Equipment Capital expenditures lines and noted that the FCO will be bringing forth a budget amendment to align the expenditures with the supplemental grant funding.</p> <p>Dr. Hess asked if the Chemical line item is where we capture the pesticide purchase for mosquito abatement. Ms. Stickney reported that that is correct.</p> <p>Ms. Stickney reported there are different closing periods for some of our grants, which sometimes creates a lag in the accounting. Most of the grants are on a reimbursement basis.</p>	<p>Commissioner Jung moved, seconded by Dr. Hess, that the Operations and Financial Reports for the Month of August 2012 be accepted as presented.</p> <p><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></p>

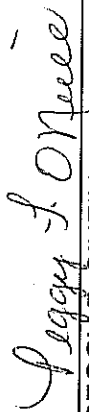
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15.	<p>Presentation and possible approval of <i>Robert Wood Johnson Foundation: Center for Sharing Public Health Services funding opportunity application for the Shared Services Learning Community</i> 2012 Call for Proposals</p>	<p>Dr. Iser, District Health Officer, presented a staff report recommending the retroactive approval of the Health District's Proposal to the RWJF's Center for Sharing Public Health Services funding opportunity.</p> <p>Dr. Iser reported that he has discussed this opportunity with the DBOH over the last several months. For the Health District, it will mean looking at shared services over cross-jurisdictional boundaries nearby. There were two submissions from Nevada; one looking at Douglas, Lyon, and Storey Counties to share EHS and the proposal from the WCHD which will look at shared services across the seven northern Nevada counties. We received encouragement and a letter of commitment from the Nevada State Health Division to pursue this grant opportunity. There could be various strategies and outcomes, and we have no preconceived notions about what those outcomes may be. This funding allows an opportunity to explore which models, if any, may be viable for our region. There is no matching requirement for this grant. It will require quite a bit of travel to facilitate the meetings with the appropriate folks in each county.</p> <p>If we are awarded this grant, we would bring back to you a budget amendment for you to approve prior to accepting any award. Councilwoman Ratti questioned the independent contractor with whom we would be working, and Dr. Iser responded that it is Dr. John Packham with the UNR School of Medicine, and the NSHD has loaned us the use of Emily Brown, who is the State's Accreditation Coordinator.</p> <p>Dr. Furman stated that he has written a medical grant proposal and it is so tough, and funding is a very political process. Councilwoman Ratti stated that the County has just been accepted into the Rural Economic Development Authority which allows for groundbreaking access to federal dollars for economic development. People are beginning to realize that working together is a better way to approach our problems and issues.</p>	<p>Councilwoman Ratti moved, seconded by Commissioner Jung, to retroactively approve the Health District's Proposal to the RWJF's Center for Sharing Public Health Services funding opportunity as presented.</p> <p><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></p>
16.	<p>A. <u>Director – Epidemiology and Public Health Preparedness</u></p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Dr. Todd reported on two gastro neuritis outbreaks taking place in local elementary schools. The first one is now 122 cases, and the second is now 85 cases. They appear to have started in early September. They are most likely norovirus outbreaks based on symptoms, but the labs have not borne that out. We are getting more negative labs than we are positive, which makes us believe there may be some other viral cause, and we are in the</p>	

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		<p>process of getting some help from the CDC to determine actual cause. It is also interesting to note that we have identified a cluster of Shigella cases within all these viral gastro neuritis cases. Shigella demonstrates projectile vomiting and bloody diahhrea.</p> <p>Dr. Iser stated that we have had some slowdowns in reporting among the schools as we try to prevent it from spreading to other schools. This norovirus is very infectious and dangerous for the very young and elder population.</p>	
	B. <u>Acting Director – Community and Clinical Health Services</u>	Mr. Steve Kutz, Acting Director, Community and Clinical Health Services, presented the monthly Division Director's Report, a copy of which was placed on file for the record.	
	C. <u>Director – Environmental Health Services</u>	<p>Mr. Robert Sack, Director, Environmental Health Services, presented his monthly Division Director's Report, a copy of which was placed on file for the record.</p> <p>Mr. Sack reported that we have been notified by the state that a feral horse has tested positive for West Nile Virus in the Double Diamond area. We have stepped up our surveillance and fogging in that area to eliminate any infected mosquitoes in the area.</p> <p>Dr. Iser discussed our surveillance activities which give us an idea about how to respond. One neuroinvasive case of West Nile Virus is incredibly costly for the individual and community.</p> <p>Mr. Sack reported that his team is still actively engaged in the norovirus outbreak. It is consuming a good deal of their time.</p>	
	D. <u>Director – Air Quality Management</u>	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.	
	E. <u>Administrative Health Services Officer</u>	<p>Ms. Eileen Stickney, Administrative Health Services Officer, presented a report on the 2012 Accela User Conference, a copy of which was placed on file for the record.</p> <p>Ms. Stickney thanked Mr. Fisher for attending the Accela User Conference.</p>	

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F. <u>District Health Officer</u>	<p>Dr. Iser, District Health Officer, presented the monthly District Health Officer Report, a copy of which was placed on file for the record.</p> <p>Dr. Iser reported that he has now visited Gerlach twice. He recently visited and met with the Sheriff's office staff there, and a group of people at Bruno's Casino, Bar and Restaurant, and a community meeting. They had some healthcare until about two years ago when the CHC pulled out. We are exploring what we can do. Kathy Dickens, one of our nurses, is out there today giving immunizations. The community is in dire need of services. Dr. Iser has begun discussions with Mr. Kutz to see what CCHS along with Social Services can do. Dr. Iser envisions two days a month. We are calling it outreach and hope to offer some limited services. The need is great and we are exploring what we can do without adding to our budget deficit.</p>		
17.	Board Comment	<p>Dr. Hess reported that he and Dr. Iser are on the Washoe County Medical Society Board and Public Health Committee of that organization. The Public Health Committee is looking at ways to supplement the information the Health District receives regarding health trends in the community.</p> <p>The AQI is a very good predictor of asthma. Jim Gubbels reported on other external monitoring in place. Dr. Hess reported that vaccine preventable diseases were highlighted during the meeting especially in light of our recent Pertussis outbreak. We hope to help with highlighting those episodes.</p> <p>The Weight of the Nation will be played next week at the Health District and you are all invited. We will send out future dates of events we are hosting.</p>	
18.	Public Comment	No public comment was presented.	
19.	Motion to Adjourn	There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.	<p>Councilman Gustin, moved seconded by Commissioner Jung, that the meeting be adjourned.</p> <p><u>MOTION CARRIED</u> The meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m.</p>

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