1. *Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Chair Novak called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.  
The following members and staff were present:  
Members present: Dr. John Novak, Chair  
Kristopher Dahir  
Dr. Reka Danko  
Marsha Berkbigler  
Oscar Delgado  
Members absent: Michael Brown, Vice Chair  
Tom Young  

Ms. Rogers verified a quorum was present.  

Staff present:  
Kevin Dick, District Health Officer  
Leslie Admirand, Deputy District Attorney  
Charlene Albee  
Lisa Lottritz  
Randall Todd  
Daniel Inouye  

*Pledge of Allegiance  

Councilman Dahir led the pledge to the flag.

2. *Public Comment  

Chair Novak opened the public comment period.  

Mr. Adler informed he is with Silver State Government Relations and is representing Dorinda’s Chocolates.  He requested the Board’s assistance with the order to Dorinda’s Chocolates to cease selling CBD infused chocolates.  He informed these chocolates were put on hold approximately six weeks ago by Washoe County Health District without information being provided to the public regarding change to policy or enforcement around CBD.  He
stated this product was placed in a factory not associated with Dorinda’s Chocolates and that the Environmental Health Services Division subsequently ordered the product to be destroyed. The product is valued wholesale at $60,000 and would retail for $400,000. He informed he became involved in this case at the hearing to appeal the order to destroy the product.

Mr. Adler expressed confusion regarding the Health District’s actions in light of the ability to order CBD infused products online. He stated he had been informed at the hearing that, because CBD is not an approved additive to foods, the product had to be destroyed. He cited the legalization of recreational marijuana in 2016 and of hemp in 2018, stating CBD is a derivative of both but was disallowed as a food additive under current regulation.

Mr. Adler requested the Board to agendize an item to review this issue at the next District Board of Health Meeting.

Mr. Vance informed he is the son of Ms. Vance, owner of Dorinda’s Chocolates, and is heavily invested in this business. He stated he had served in the U.S. Marine Corps for five years and is a Nevada native. He informed that Dorinda’s Chocolates does extensive lab testing on the CBD additive for the LiveKAYA product to verify it is safe.

Mr. Vance explained they assumed that the passage of the 2018 Farm bill and the open regulation would allow them to proceed with their business plan. Because it is sold on the internet and in stores, he stated they are confused why they are being targeted and requested the Board for guidance and to expedite regulations. He also requested the Board to keep the product from having to be destroyed and to place this issue on the next DBOH agenda.

Ms. Vance, owner of Dorinda’s Chocolates, reiterated that their company did their due diligence when the CBD was purchased to assure its safety and that it is tested again when combined with the chocolate for standardized potency. She stated the product is enjoyed by their clientele and that they do not make health claims related to the product.

Ms. Vance requested the Board to work to set regulations that would allow them to return to business.

Chair Novak closed the public comment period.

3. Approval of Agenda

July 25, 2019

Councilman Dahir moved to approve the agenda for the July 25, 2019, District Board of Health regular meeting. Ms. Berkbigler seconded the motion which was approved five in favor and none against.

4. Recognitions

A. Retirements

i. Holly McGee, 8/2/2019, Public Health Nurse II - CCHS

Mr. Dick informed that Ms. McGee is a Public Health Nurse II with the TB Program and has provided twenty-seven years of fantastic service for the Health District. He expressed congratulations to Ms. McGee on her upcoming retirement and informed she will be presented with a clock as a token of appreciation. Mr. Dick read the inscription on the clock and thanked her for her dedicated service.

B. Years of Service

Mr. Dick informed there are a number of staff unable to attend today for recognition as they are on vacation.
i. Angela Penny, 15 years, Hired 7/15/2004 – CCHS

Mr. Dick stated that Ms. Penny was one of those staff on vacation, but expressed his congratulations to her for fifteen years of service with the Health District, currently as a Public Health Nurse Supervisor.

ii. Dianna Karlicek, 5 years, Hired 7/14/2014 – EHS

Mr. Dick informed that Ms. Karlicek of EHS is present to be recognized and is celebrating five years of service with the Health District. He reminded the Board that Ms. Karlicek is the person who leads the Adopt-A-Family Program every Christmas and thanked her for her efforts.

iii. Virginia McDonald, 5 years, Hired 7/22/2014 – CCHS

Mr. Dick stated that Ms. McDonald was not able to attend as the Immunizations Program is short staffed today, but congratulated her on her five years of service.

C. Promotion

i. Lisa Lottritz, Public Health Nurse Supervisor to CCHS Division Director – CCHS

Mr. Dick informed that Ms. Lottritz has been promoted to the Division Director of Community and Clinical Health Services, filling the vacancy left by Mr. Kutz’ retirement. He stated Ms. Lottritz has twenty-four years of service with the Health District.

Mr. Dick noted a goal of the Health District is to develop staff for succession planning, and is proud to announce Ms. Lottritz’ selection for this position. He informed she impressed him very much several years ago when she earned her Master’s in Public Health while working full time for the Health District.

Mr. Dick stated Ms. Lottritz is also to be recognized for attending and graduating from the Advanced Leadership Academy at UNR. He congratulated Ms. Lottritz for her accomplishments.

ii. Kathy Sobrio, Public Health Nurse II to Public Health Nurse Supervisor – CCHS

Mr. Dick recognized Ms. Sobrio for her promotion from Public Health Nurse II to Public Health Nurse Supervisor.

Ms. Lottritz stated Ms. Sobrio has worked as a nurse for the Health District for twenty-two years and informed she most recently was a Vaccine Coordinator for the Immunization Program. Previously, Ms. Sobrio worked as a Disease Intervention Specialist in the Sexual Health Program. Ms. Lottritz informed Ms. Sobrio will supervise Immunizations and HIV.

iii. Kelly Verling, Public Health Nurse II to Public Health Nurse Supervisor – CCHS

Mr. Dick informed that Ms. Verling was also promoted from Public Health Nurse II to Public Health Nurse Supervisor. He stated Ms. Verling is on vacation, and congratulated her on her promotion.

D. New Hires

i. Alissar Puckett, 7/8/2019, Epidemiologist – EPHP

Dr. Todd stated it was his pleasure to introduce Ms. Puckett, EPHP’s new Public Health Epidemiologist. He informed Ms. Puckett was most recently employed at the Renown Regional Medical Center.
Dr. Todd informed that Ms. Puckett gained an interest in Epidemiology when working toward her BS in Biology at UNR. She met with Mr. Kutz who informed she would need an MPH to qualify for the position of Epidemiologist; she returned to school, has her Master’s in Public Health and has three years in the field. He expressed he was happy to have Ms. Puckett on the Epi staff.

ii. Elizabeth Iacoboni, 7/22/2019, Public Health Nurse II - CCHS

Ms. Lottritz informed Ms. Iacoboni is a new Public Health Nurse in the Sexual Health Program, and that she previously worked for eight years as a Public Health Nurse for the Army National Guard. In that role, she provided education on preventive health measures and insured soldiers had medical readiness for deployment.

Ms. Lottritz stated that Ms. Iacoboni has her Master’s in Clinical Nurse Leadership and will be working in the Sexual Health Program and in the Fetal Infant Mortality Review Program.

E. Accomplishments

Advanced Leadership Academy Certificate
i. Lisa Lottritz (previously recognized)
ii. Erin Dixon

Mr. Dick informed that Ms. Dixon was on vacation, but stated that she had also graduated from the Advanced Leadership Academy and explained it is a new certificate program at UNR. He stated that two staff graduated in the first cohort and the reviews of the program are excellent; he expressed it would be beneficial for more staff to participate in the future.

F. Shining Stars

i. Kara Roseburrough
ii. Jessica Cabrales
iii. Jacqueline Gonzalez
iv. Kelly Parsons
v. Julio Pech-Garcia
vi. Irene Ramos
vii. Jackie Chaidez

Mr. Dick reminded the Board that the Shining Star Awards are to recognize exceptional customer service or performance in the Health District, and that nominations can come from either external customers or staff.

Ms. Cabrales and Ms. Gonzalez were present to be recognized.

Mr. Dick informed that Ms. Roseburrough, Ms. Cabrales, Ms. Gonzalez and Ms. Parsons all have received three or more Shining Star Awards. With ten or more Shining Stars are Mr. Pech-Garcia and Ms. Ramos, and with over forty Shining Star Awards, Ms. Chaidez.

Mr. Dick congratulated all of the awardees for their excellent customer service.

G. NACCHO Award – National Health Security in “Building Regional Disaster Health Response Capabilities”

Mr. Dick expressed it was his pleasure to present the National Health Security in Building Regional Disaster Health Response Capabilities Award that the Health District
received at the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) Conference held in Orlando.

Mr. Dick informed that Mr. Gabriel, Deputy Assistant Secretary of ASPR (Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response), and his team flew in to have dinner with the award recipients and present the awards at the conference. He expressed that he was quite honored to have been able to attend the conference and accept the award on behalf of the Health District. He stated this award is for the work done in collaboration with the Inter Hospital Coordinating Council (IHCC), and in recognition of the work of the IHCC over the past thirty-three years in the community. He noted this excellent work has been proven in the field with mass casualty incident planning and resulted in some of the improvements made to the most recent Alpha Plan.

Mr. Dick informed that the original organizations involved in the IHCC include Renown, St. Mary’s Regional Medical Center, REMSA and the Health District’s Preparedness and EMS Programs. He invited representatives present in the audience to accept this award; Ms. Oliver of Renown, Mr. Choma with St. Mary’s, Mr. Taylor of REMSA and Ms. Conti, Preparedness and EMS Program Manager, and Ms. Dayton, Emergency Medical Services Coordinator, both of the Health District. Mr. Dick also wished to recognize a staff member who was unable to be present for his contributions; Mr. Shipman, Public Health Emergency Response Coordinator.

6. 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. June 27, 2019

B. Budget Amendments/Interlocal Agreements
   i. Retroactive Approval of Notice of Grant Award #5U18FD006275-03 from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for the period 7/1/19 through 6/30/20 in the total amount of $70,000 for the Advancing Conformance with the Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards program within Environmental Health Services and authorize the District Health Officer to execute the subgrant award.
   Staff Representative: Jennifer Hoekstra

   ii. Approve a Notice of Subaward from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Community Partnerships and Grants for the period retroactive to July 1, 2019 through October 31, 2019 in the total amount of $29,395.20 (no required match) in support of the Community and Clinical Health Services Division (CCHS) Family Planning Program IO# 11525 and authorize the District Health Officer to execute the Subaward.
   Staff Representative: Nancy Kerns Cummins

C. Recommendation to Uphold Citations Not Appealed to the Air Pollution Control Hearing Board.
   i. Parr Reno LLC, Case No. 1212, NOV No. 5768
   Staff Representative: Dan Inouye

D. Acknowledge receipt of the Health Fund Financial Review for June, Fiscal Year 2019
   Staff Representative: Anna Heenan
Ms. Berkbigler moved to accept the Consent Agenda items as presented. Mr. Delgado seconded the motion which was approved five in favor and none against.

7. PUBLIC HEARING Review, discussion and possible adoption of Proposed Amendments to the Regulations of the Washoe County District Board of Health Governing Food Establishments for the addition of provisions from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration Model Food Code, as well as minor edits and formatting corrections.

Staff Representative: Charlene Albee

Chair Novak opened the public Hearing.

Ms. English, Senior Environmental Health Specialist in the Food Safety Program, stated the item before the Board is for the adoption of the proposed amendments to the regulations of the Washoe County District Board of Health Governing Food Establishments, and the inclusion of additional provisions from the most recent version of the U.S. FDA Model Food Code. She informed information provided to the Board included the PowerPoint presentation shown at the workshops to highlight some of the more significant changes and stated there is also a summary of all changes in the packet.

Ms. Berkbigler inquired if these regulations include those that would regulate CBD infused edibles. Ms. English informed the regulations do include provisions for food additives.

Mr. Dahir inquired how often these regulations are reviewed for modification. Ms. English informed the goal is for the EHS Food Safety Program to be consistent with the most recent version of the FDA Food Code as it is the most current in science and food safety technologies. She stated that the Conference for Food Protection meets every two years and is comprised of representatives from regulatory at all levels; state, local and tribal, and industry, consumer groups and academia, who debate the issues in light of the most recent scientific findings and make recommendations for provisions to the FDA to be incorporated into the Food Code. She stated this happens every two years and the FDA will work to produce a new food code approximately every four years; the EHS Food Safety Program then updates their regulations to be consistent with the most current science every three to four years.

Councilman Delgado inquired if Chapter 070 relating to water, plumbing and waste was in relation to development. Ms. English informed that, although it may appear that there were many changes, the material was just reorganized to conform with the order the information appears in the FDA Food Code. She informed this is a result of the self-assessment the EHS Food Safety Program does every three years to compare their regulations with the National Food Code for ease of use by staff and the public. Councilman Delgado inquired if businesses were informed of changes in the regulations. Ms. English informed postcards are sent to businesses to inform of any changes to the regulations, and the public is noticed in workshops and through various public media.

Councilman Delgado, referring to Ms. Berkbigler’s comment regarding CBD, inquired if it is an appropriate time to have this conversation if it is part of what is being adopted with these regulations. Mr. Dick stated he would prefer to have legal council’s opinion.

Ms. Reid, Deputy District Attorney, stated it was her understanding that the issue regarding CBD is not part of the regulations, that it has been newly brought to the Board and has not been agendized. While it is an appropriate and worthwhile issue to discuss, she explained that, because public comment speakers noted the matter is still within the administrative process, it is generally Council’s advice not to delve into a matter that is still
within the process. However, Ms. Reid stated the recommendation would be, if this Board would like to have a discussion about CBD and how the District Board of Health and the Health Department want to explore that issue, that it be properly agendized as its own item at a future meeting to provide for noticing to then open the matter up for an appropriate discussion at that time.

Councilman Dahir inquired if there was public attendance at the workshops. Ms. English informed that postcards were sent to every permitted food establishment and the public was noticed through their listserv and other media, and estimated the attendance at fifteen on May 14th and five on the 15th. She informed that, although there appeared to be extensive changes to the regulations, it was for the greatest part just the reorganization of the information to align with the order of FDA Food Code. She stated the PowerPoint presentation provided the significant changes and this was the material highlighted in the workshops. She informed the regulations have been posted on the Health District’s website with the tracked changes for the public to see what is being proposed, and it is reiterated there that these changes were primarily reorganization of existing information. Ms. English stated the summary of changes document explains this, as well.

Councilman Dahir inquired if restauranteurs could be confused and possibly be operating illegally. Ms. English explained that staff is aware of the changes in the regulations and that they educate the operators as they do inspections. She stated that one of the biggest changes has to do with cooking times and temperatures and detailed those, noting those changes have been updated in outreach materials to be provided to operators.

Mr. Dick informed the Health District updated these regulations three years ago and that was the first time they had been updated in quite a while, resulting in significant changes. He stated the same process occurred for notification and workshops for these revisions as was done three years ago. He informed when the regulations were changed extensively, there was a much greater level of engagement by the restaurants and there were those who provided public comment at the DBOH meetings. He stated he was encouraged by the lower level of engagement by the regulated establishments which may indicate that there was less concern with any changes to regulations that were made.

As there was no one wishing to speak, Chair Novak closed the public comment period. Councilman Delgado moved to adopt the Proposed Amendments to the Regulations of the Washoe County District Board of Health Governing Food Establishments for the addition of provisions from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration Model Food Code, as well as minor edits and formatting corrections. Dr. Danko seconded the motion, which was approved five in favor and none against.

Chair Novak thanked Ms. English for the intensive work done to update the regulations, and stated he was very impressed with the notification process.

8. Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority
Presented by:  Dean Dow and Adam Heinz

A. Review and Acceptance of the REMSA Operations Report for June, 2019

Mr. Dow, President and CEO of REMSA and CareFlight, informed he was available to answer any questions

Councilman Dahir inquired about the low score received on the category of fees charged and if there was anything that could be done to better explain the reason for cost increases. Mr. Dow informed they do internal training for the accounts receivable staff, stating they are coached on how to interface with the public relative to how REMSA is
structured, that they are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, how healthcare billing works in general inclusive of commercial payors, Medicare, Medicaid, etc. He explained there is an ongoing effort on REMSA’s part to educate and help the public understand how their system works.

Councilman Dahir moved to accept the REMSA Operations Reports for June, 2019. Ms. Berkbigler seconded the motion which was approved five in favor and none against.

B. *Update of REMSA’s Public Relations during June 2019

Mr. Heinz, Director for REMSA, informed he would like to provide an update on a few more recent activities, beginning with REMSA working with Reno Dads Blog on a series of submissions that highlight summertime activities such as keeping children safe, having fun, hydrating them and wearing sunblock, to name a few. He stated the first blog series featured dad and EMS Director Paul Burton, and noted the submission can be reviewed at https://renodadsblog.com/.

Mr. Heinz stated he provided an interview to KTVN earlier in July about the importance of recognizing signs and symptoms of heat-related illness and inform on methods of treatment.

Mr. Heinz opined a topic that is always noteworthy of coverage is hands-only CPR, informing that REMSA’s education program was featured in the same story on KTVN about the importance of learning the two steps of hands-only CPR which is proven to save lives. He reminded the two steps are to first call 9-1-1; the second is to push hard and fast in the center of the chest. He informed that, every twenty-eight minutes here in Washoe County, someone is trained by REMSA in CPR.

Mr. Heinz stated that he received an award just that morning on REMSA’s behalf from the American Heart Association. He informed that REMSA is being recognized as a Mission Lifeline Gold Plus Member for the way in which they provide care to their STEMI patients, explaining that is specific type of heart attack. He opined it is a true testament to the men and women on the front lines that provide great care and their hospital partners to give those patients time, stating that time is muscle.

Mr. Heinz informed that this week, REMSA launched a monthly email designed to share important information with recipients about high-performance EMS care, public safety, and wellness in the pre-hospital environment, stating the Board, Mr. Dick and staff would be included in the mailing list and that they would be welcome to forward the email to colleagues and constituents.

Chair Novak wished to comment on a portion of the report concerning REMSA having earned a second place award at the 2019 National Tactical Medic Competition. He opined that this was a tremendous accomplishment, explaining that these are the medics that work with SWAT Teams. He commended them for the rapid critical thinking required, noting that they place their lives in danger in the course of their work. He requested that Mr. Heinz extend congratulations to the winners of the award.

9. *Staff Reports and Program Updates

A. Air Quality Management, Daniel Inouye, Acting Director
Program Update - Reno Continues Support of Ozone Advance, Divisional Update, Program Reports (Monitoring/Planning; Permitting/Enforcement)

Mr. Inouye reminded the Board of the emphasis placed on Ozone in the past few years in relation to attainment of the Ozone standards. He informed that the standard for
Ozone set by the EPA is currently 70 parts per billion and Washoe County is at 71 parts per billion, so does not currently meet the Ozone standard. He explained that area is very auto-dependent and the situation developed over decades that give us today’s land use patterns. Mr. Inouye informed the largest factor in Ozone concentrations is motor vehicle activity, with business activity and energy use also contributing to the area’s Ozone concentrations. He stated that business as usual growth is not meeting today’s Ozone standard.

Since 2016, Mr. Inouye informed that the Health District has been participating in the EPA’s Ozone Advance Program which is voluntary and encourages voluntary strategies targeting five categories: on road motor vehicles, off road vehicles, energy efficient construction, urban heat island and educating and empowering Boards such as this to make good decisions about air quality. He opined the success of the Ozone Advance Program will rely on the collective impact of master plans, transportation plans, and urban forestry management plans.

What does not meeting the Ozone standard mean from an Air Quality Management perspective? Mr. Inouye informed that AQM will have to require progressively stricter requirements on industries that they have jurisdiction over, which is about five percent of the emissions that contribute to Ozone formation.

From a public health standpoint, Mr. Inouye stated they expect to see increases in chronic disease rates such as obesity, asthma, COPD and diabetes; from an economic perspective, other counties and states may look more attractive than Washoe County for businesses that want to expand locally or relocate to this area.

Mr. Inouye informed the takeaways are that business as usual growth is not meeting the Ozone standard, and that there is an opportunity to educate and empower fellow councilmembers and board members in the area to make good decisions for a healthy community.

Councilman Delgado inquired if there are direct dollar issues in terms of federal funds or grants that will impact Washoe County for noncompliance with the Ozone standard. Mr. Inouye stated that initially there are no direct financial impacts, but there will be indirect financial impacts related to healthcare costs. In the future, he informed that there could be some withholding of federal highway dollars if compliance has not been attained with the Ozone standard. As well, he stressed that the overall quality of life will degrade and will make our area not as attractive as we would want.

Mr. Dick informed that, if Washoe County is classified as nonattainment for exceeding the Ozone standard in the future, it would require the Health District to take more measures to work toward gaining attainment. This would include adopting more stringent regulations to demonstrate to the EPA that emissions are being reduced with those new regulations to bring Washoe County back into attainment. He stated those regulations would impose additional costs on business due to having to install additional control technology. He explained there may need to be an emission offset program developed to include regulation of off road motor vehicles which is primarily construction equipment.

Councilman Dahir noted that with the pattern of growth, this issue will get worse and will require either more stringent regulations that will be unpopular, or opined there is an opportunity to work toward positive growth in the sense of recognizing those construction companies that utilize best practices to reduce emissions. He stated the timeframe will be short for this window of opportunity before it becomes necessary to increase regulations.
Chair Novak inquired if there would be any allowance given for Washoe County by the EPA in regards to its being geographically located in a bowl and neighbor to the pollution source of California, as well as I-80 being a major thoroughfare for semi trucks en route to California. Mr. Inouye informed the allowances that are able to be used for exceptional events are primarily impacts from wildfires; there are currently no formal paths to exclude daily impacts, although it is an ongoing discussion with the EPA to underscore these are additional challenges for attainment.

Mr. Inouye informed that trucks that travel through Nevada to California have to meet California’s emission standards, and that does positively impact Washoe County.

B. Community and Clinical Health Services, Steve Kutz, Director

Divisional Update – CCHS Changes; HIE; Data & Metrics; Sexual Health, Immunizations, Tuberculosis Prevention and Control Program, Family Planning/Teen Health Mall, Chronic Disease Prevention Program, Maternal Child and Adolescent Health, and Women Infants and Children

Ms. Lottritz informed she had no other information to add to her report, but would be happy to answer questions.

Councilman Dahir inquired how Ms. Lottritz liked her new job. Ms. Lottritz stated she liked her new job, and informed it was a big learning curve.

C. Environmental Health Services, Charlene Albee, Director

Environmental Health Services (EHS) Division Program Updates – Child Care, Community Development, Epidemiology, Food, Land Development, Safe Drinking Water, Training, Vector and Waste Management, and Inspections.

Ms. Albee highlighted a section of her Division Director report regarding a story ran by KOLO on July 22nd on substandard living conditions at the Ace Motel in downtown Reno. She informed the story highlights the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) recently completed with the City of Reno that gives them jurisdiction over the non-transient, long-term resident hotels.

Ms. Albee informed that she received a call from KOLO on the 24th requesting an interview, at which time she explained the MOU and provided history on the inspections and corrective action notices at the Ace Motel over the past two years that demonstrate EHS’ work to rectify living condition issues. She explained that a number of facilities in the area have a cycle in which an issue is found during inspection, a corrective action notice is issued that takes the facility between one and three months to come into compliance, and by the time of the next inspection, conditions often have reverted to noncompliance. She acknowledged it is a challenge that the City of Reno has undertaken and informed EHS will be working with them with the provision that allows joint inspections, but stated the City of Reno’s new Neighborhood Services Department will take the lead on these issues. She opined their codes are stronger than those EHS had in place and will be an improvement for the community.

D. Epidemiology and Public Health Preparedness, Dr. Randall Todd, Director

Program Updates for Communicable Disease, Outbreaks, Measles, PHP Program, Grants, Radiation Training, Ebola, Silver Crucible Full Scale Exercise, Personnel Changes, Emergency Medical Services, Trainings, EMS Protocols, REMSA Response Data

Dr. Todd informed of another suspected case of measles in the area reported on July 24th and that results of the lab report may be received on the 26th. He opined it would likely be disproved. He stated the patient is a one-year old female who had not been
vaccinated and is a low-level suspect, but does have a travel history to Mexico. He informed there have been no confirmed cases of measles in 2019 which is very good compared to other parts of the country, and he expressed hope it would remain that way.

Councilman Dahir requested Dr. Todd to inform on West Nile Virus in the area. Dr. Todd stated there was a positive test from a mosquito pool in Washoe County which shows the virus is in this area. He noted there have been no human cases as of this point and hoped that would remain so. He stated these events are used as an opportunity to educate the public on precautions to take to minimize the risk of being bitten.

Chair Novak inquired if this test pool was located in an area that had been treated. Dr. Todd deferred to Ms. Albee for information on the locations of mosquito abatement activities. Ms. Albee stated the test pool was located in an area at Rosewood Lakes on the eastern side of town by Veteran’s Parkway and is part of the aerial application area. She informed the samples were taken of the larvae in the ponds and West Nile Virus was found in the sample, stating EHS did a fogging application the following morning in the area to provide additional control for those mosquitos that have matured and are flying.

Councilman Delgado inquired if fogging occurred all the way down Steamboat Creek along the southeast connector. Ms. Albee stated she had not received a map, but would provide one to the Board.

E. Office of the District Health Officer, Kevin Dick, District Health Officer

District Health Officer Report – Public Health Accreditation (PHAB), Community Health Improvement Plan, Workforce Development, Substance Abuse Task Force, Truckee Meadows Healthy Communities (TMHC), 2019 Annual NACCHO Conference, Other Events and Activities and Health District Media Contacts

Mr. Dick expressed how much he appreciates being able to work with Washoe County’s new Sheriff Balaam. He informed Sheriff Balaam is now Chair of the County Substance Abuse Task Force and that he had requested Mr. Dick to serve as Vice Chair, stating he was honored to do so.

Mr. Dick informed he and the Sheriff had a good discussion around the many initiatives occurring among groups working together, including the Substance Abuse Task Force, Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board, the Health District’s Community Health Improvement Plan along with those partners, the collaboration with TMHC, Join Together Northern Nevada and the State Division. Sheriff Balaam is supportive of working to pull all of those initiatives together into the Community Health Improvement Plan as the hub for tracking activities, communication and connecting resources.

Mr. Dick stated he had the pleasure of traveling and attending the NACCHO Conference earlier in July with Chair Novak, and expressed how impressed he was with Chair Novak’s level of engagement in public health. He stated the Chair started early and charged hard all day, attending all of the sessions and optional early morning breakfast events. He expressed how much he appreciates Chair Novak’s engagement and enthusiasm, and noted it was a very good conference.

Chair Novak expressed that he enjoyed the conference very much and learned even more.

10. *Board Comment

Chair Novak opened the Board comment period.

Commissioner Berkbigler requested a full discussion on CBD products be agendized and brought before the Board, aside from the instance of Dorinda’s Chocolates until it has gone
through the administrative process. She stated she has observed edible CBD infused products for sale in Douglas County and has difficulty understanding the regulations, so is requesting a broad explanation to clarify the situation and prevent potential liability for the County and Health District. She also requested a report on how this issue is being addressed in the other counties with regard to legislation that did pass in this last session.

Commissioner Berkbigler requested the section of the agenda on Board Comment not be limited to announcements or issues for future agendas. With that limitation removed, she stated it would allow Board Members the ability to put items on the record and suggested it be patterned after city or County agenda verbiage. Chair Novak agreed that would be a beneficial adjustment to allow for compliance with open records, suggesting Council assist in the wording.

Regarding the request for an item on CBD products to be agendized, Chair Novak requested it be postponed until the administrative process was complete on the Dorinda’s Chocolate case. Ms. Reid, Deputy District Attorney, agreed. Chair Novak agreed it is a valid future item. Commissioner Berkbigler opined it is important to understand the issue clearly as soon as allowable.

Councilman Dahir informed of a State Health Department survey that is underway, and that the information will be used to help dictate the needs of the residents of Nevada. He stressed it important to be involved as much as possible.

Councilman Dahir stated he is also on the State Board Census for the Governor, and of the importance of the count of residents being accurate for funding purposes. He informed that in approximately two months, information would be ready for a speaker to come and share with the Board at a DBOH meeting. He opined it may need to be on the agenda for several meetings in order to keep the message active of the importance of the census.

Chair Novak closed the Board comment period.

11. *Public Comment

As there was no one wishing to speak, Chair Novak closed the public comment period.

12. Adjournment

Chair Novak adjourned the meeting at 2:08 p.m.
Posting of Agenda; Location of Website:
Pursuant to NRS 241.020, Notice of this meeting was posted at the following locations:
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City Hall, 1 E. 1st St., Reno, NV
Sparks City Hall, 431 Prater Way, Sparks, NV
Washoe County Administration Building, 1001 E. 9th St, Reno, NV
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Washoe County Health District Website www.washoecounty.us/health State of Nevada Website: https://notice.nv.gov

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