

Washoe County District Board of Health Meeting Minutes

Members

Dr. John Novak, Chair
Michael D. Brown, Vice Chair
Marsha Berkbigler
Kristopher Dahir
Dr. Reka Danko
Oscar Delgado
Tom Young

**Thursday, January 23, 2019
1:00 p.m.**

**Washoe County Administration Complex
Commission Chambers, Building A
1001 East Ninth Street
Reno, NV**

1. *Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Chair Novak called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

The following members and staff were present:

Members present: Dr. John Novak, Chair

Michael Brown, Vice Chair

Marsha Berkbigler

Kristopher Dahir

Dr. Reka Danko (Departed from the meeting at 2:11 p.m.)

Oscar Delgado

Tom Young

Members absent: None

Ms. Rogers verified a quorum was present.

Staff present: Kevin Dick, District Health Officer
Dania Reid, Deputy District Attorney
Anna Heenan
Charlene Albee
Lisa Lottritz
Dr. Randall Todd
Francisco Vega
Christina Conti

2. *Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Dow led the pledge to the flag.

3. *Public Comment

Chair Novak opened the public comment period.

Mr. Pitkin spoke of issues he has encountered with his health and healthcare in the Reno area. He stated that he experienced his health decline and opined it was due to medication that he takes for HIV which he had brought with him to the meeting, informing the cost of this medication was fifty thousand dollars. He detailed his symptoms and stated that his local healthcare providers would not prescribe medications that would not affect his kidneys. He informed that he had ceased taking his medications and altered his diet resulting in improvement in his symptoms, although he stated his condition was progressing into AIDS. Mr. Pitkin requested help from the Board.

Chair Novak closed the public comment period.

4. Approval of Agenda

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Councilman Dahir moved to approve the agenda for the January 23, 2020, District Board of Health regular meeting. Dr. Danko seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

5. Recognitions

A. Retirements

i. Benjamin Frank Cauble, 12/21/2019, Community Health Aide – CCHS

Mr. Dick informed that Mr. Cauble was not in attendance, but has retired after many years of service from his position as a Community Health Aid with WIC in CCHS. Mr. Dick thanked him for his service and congratulated him on his retirement.

ii. Mike Ezell, 1/4/2020, Senior Environmental Health Specialist – EHS

Mr. Ezell was also not in attendance. Mr. Dick informed he retired with twenty-five years of service from Environmental Health Services as a Senior Environmental Health Specialist with the Underground Storage Tank Program.

iii. Molly Diaz, 1/14/2020, Office Assistant II – AHS

Mr. Dick informed Ms. Diaz that she will be presented with a commemorative clock from the Health District for her sixteen-plus years of dedicated service from July 28, 2003 through January 14, 2020. Mr. Dick expressed that Ms. Diaz is already missed and congratulated her on her retirement.

B. Years of Service

i. Irene Ramos-Hernandez, 25 years, Hired 12/5/1994 – CCHS

Ms. Ramos-Hernandez was not in attendance.

ii. Jessica Cabrales, 15 years, Hired 1/3/2005 – AQM

Ms. Cabrales was not in attendance.

iii. Jeff Jeppson, 10 years, Hired 12/7/2009 – AQM

Mr. Dick congratulated Mr. Jeppson on ten years with the Air Quality Management Division and thanked him for his service.

iv. Chantelle Batton, 5 years, Hired 12/1/2014 – EHS

Ms. Batton was not in attendance.

- v. Victoria Nicolson-Hornblower, 5 years, Hired 12/15/2014 – CCHS

Mr. Dick expressed congratulations and thanked Ms. Nicolson-Hornblower for five years of service to the Health District

C. Promotion

- i. Erick Lamun, from Animal Services to Environmental Health Services Trainee – EHS

Mr. Dick informed Mr. Lamun has been promoted from his position at Animal Services to Environmental Health Services Trainee. Although Mr. Lamun was not able to be in attendance, Mr. Dick congratulated him on his promotion.

D. New Hires

- i. Martha Casique, 12/23/2019, Office Assistant II – CCHS

Ms. Lottritz informed that Ms. Casique is the new Office Assistant II in CCHS' Immunization Program and stated she has over twenty years of service with the District Court. She expressed they are happy to have Ms. Casique on the Immunization team.

- ii. Josh Philpott, 1/21/2020, Environmental Health Services Trainee – EHS

Ms. Albee explained that Mr. Philpott was not in attendance due to the rigorous training schedule.

- iii. Kathryn Olson, 1/21/2020, Environmental Health Services Trainee – EHS

Ms. Albee introduced Ms. Olson, informing she received her Master's Degree in Environmental Studies from the University of Montana. Ms. Albee expressed EHS is happy that Ms. Olson has joined EHS.

- iv. Narcisa Perez-Zapata, 1/21/2020, Office Assistant II – EHS

- v. Heather Burris, 1/21/2020, Office Assistant II - EHS

Ms. Albee informed that Ms. Perez-Zapata and Ms. Burris will both be working at the EHS front counter and are very excited to have them on staff to support that busy area. They were not able to be in attendance.

E. Special Recognition

- i. Dianna Karlicek, Organizer of the Health District Adopt a Family for Christmas Campaign

Mr. Dick stated Ms. Karlicek led the Health District's Adopt a Family for the Holidays Program again this past year. In this Program, the Health District adopts families from the Boys and Girls Club and works to provide them a happy holiday season.

Through Ms. Karlicek's efforts, Mr. Dick explained, the Health District donated two thousand ninety dollars and one hundred and eleven items; two hundred fourteen items were delivered to these families between the funds raised and the items donated, and each family received a one hundred dollar gift card from Winco. He informed that staff spent about twenty hours of their own time shopping, wrapping and delivering gifts.

Mr. Dick expressed thanks to Ms. Karlicek for the tremendous amount of effort she puts into this event every year, leading the Health District to provide a happy holiday season to these families.

D. Shining Stars

- i. Maria Magana
- ii. Angela Penny
- iii. Sheila Juskiw
- iv. Michelle Carral
- v. Maricela Caballero
- vi. Theresa Bennett
- vii. Maria Isabel Chaidez
- viii. Victoria Nicolson-Hornblower
- ix. Jessica Cabrales

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.

Mr. Dick noted that, since the inception of the County's Shining Star Recognition Program in November 2017, the Health District has 647 Shining Star Awards.

Mr. Dick informed that Ms. Magana, Ms. Penny, Ms. Juskiw, Ms. Carral, Ms. Caballero and Ms. Bennet all had three or more Shining Stars, while Ms. Nicolson-Hornblower and Ms. Cabrales have ten or more.

Ms. Carral and Ms. Nicolson-Hornblower were in attendance. Mr. Dick congratulated them all on their excellent customer service.

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. December 12, 2019

B. Budget Amendments/Interlocal Agreements

- i. Approve a Notice of Subaward from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public & Behavioral Health retroactive to January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in the total amount of \$287,496 (no required match) in support of the Community and Clinical Health Services Division (CCHS) HIV Prevention Program IO# 11665 and authorize the District Health Officer to execute the Notice of Subaward.

Staff Representative: Nancy Kerns Cummins

- ii. Approve a Notice of Subaward from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public & Behavioral Health retroactive to January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 in the total amount of \$109,730 (no required match) in support of the Community and Clinical Health Services Division (CCHS) Tuberculosis Prevention Program IO# 11661 and authorize the District Health Officer to execute the Notice of Subaward.

Staff Representative: Nancy Kerns Cummins

- C. Approval of the donation of obsolete ambient air monitoring equipment with a current market value estimated at \$-0- that have exceeded the useful value for regulatory purposes but may still have value for educational, research, and community organizations.

Staff Representative: Francisco Vega

- D. Recommendation to Uphold Citations Not Appealed to the Air Pollution Control Hearing Board. - **(Item tabled for review at the February 27, 2020 DBOH Meeting)**
- i. Jacksons Food Stores, Inc. – Case No. 1220, NOV No. 5775
 - ii. McCarran Mart – Case No. 1221, NOV No. 5780
 - iii. JC NV Flats LLC – Case No. 1223, NOV No. 5852
- Staff Representative: Francisco Vega
- E. Acknowledge receipt of the Health Fund Financial Review for December, Fiscal Year 2020
Staff Representative: Anna Heenan

Chair Novak inquired if there were any items the Board wanted to pull from the Consent agenda. Councilman Dahir stated he would like to table item D for discussion at the February 27, 2020 District Board of Health meeting.

Councilman Dahir moved to accept Consent Agenda items A through C and E, and table item D. Commissioner Berkbigler seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

7. Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority

Presented by: Dean Dow and Alexia Jobson

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

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

Vice Chair Brown moved to accept the REMSA Operations Reports for November and December, 2019. Dr. Danko seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Mr. Dow introduced Mr. Abbott, the new REMSA Executive Director of EMS Operations. He stated REMSA is fortunate to have Mr. Abbot back with REMSA after his return from a relocation to California. He informed Mr. Abbot would oversee all ground operations and the 911 Communication Center.

C. *Update of REMSA's Public Relations during November 2019

D. *Update of REMSA's Public Relations during December 2019

Ms. Jobson stated REMSA continues to be a partner in initiatives to raise awareness about pedestrian safety and informed of an announcement by the Washoe County School District at the Academy of Arts, Careers and Technology about slowing down and paying attention to pedestrians.

In December, Ms. Jobson informed that Mr. Dow had participated in a statewide healthcare leader roundtable event with Nevada Business Magazine. She stated topics included access to care, funding and efficiency of delivering healthcare.

REMSA participated in several stories around the holidays about staying safe during celebrations or events outside and those that involve alcohol.

Ms. Jobson informed REMSA's Special Events, Tactical and Communications Teams received news coverage related to staffing and responses for New Year's Eve events.

Earlier that week, Ms. Jobson stated KOLO aired a feature story on the 911 misuse campaign on which REMSA and the Health District partnered. She informed the story stressed the importance of reserving 911 calls for life threatening emergencies only; the news story is available on REMSA's website under the News and Updates sections.

8. Presentation, discussion and possible approval of the Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority (REMSA) Franchise Compliance Report for the period of 7/1/2018 through 6/30/2019.

Staff Representative: Christina Conti for Brittany Dayton

Ms. Conti informed the presentation of this report will be her last duty as a Health District employee. She explained that the REMSA Franchise Compliance Report is not her body of work, but that of Ms. Dayton. She stated that it is staff's recommendation that the Board find REMSA in compliance with the Franchise Agreement. She detailed the sections of the report and noted that all supporting documentation is housed in binders at the Health District and is available for review.

Mr. Brown moved to approve the Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority (REMSA) Franchise Compliance Report as presented. Commissioner Berkbigler seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Chair Novak stated that Ms. Conti would be missed.

9. *Presentation and Discussion regarding the Washoe County Health District's duties and activities involving the homeless population, including homeless encampments along the Truckee River in Washoe County.

Staff Representatives: Kevin Dick and Charlene Albee

Mr. Dick informed that this item had been requested by Councilman Dahir at the December DBOH meeting.

Ms. Albee opined there are not many people in the community that are unaware of the impacts of homelessness in Washoe County. She informed her presentation would provide information on what can be done from the Environmental Health Services (EHS) standpoint.

Ms. Albee stated that, in relation to homelessness, EHS is a regulatory agency that operates under the Regulations of the Washoe County District Board of Health Governing Solid Waste Management. She informed that Section 040.005, Solid Waste Storage, identifies issues concerning solid waste that, if present, would prompt response from EHS. Sections 040.010 and 050.115 state that it is ultimately the responsibility of the property owner to correct solid waste situations identified in 040.005, to include clean up, storage, transportation and disposal of the waste. Ms. Albee noted that there is no mention of authorizing, prohibiting, approving or any other action concerning camping in these regulations; EHS would only be involved regarding waste that may be generated on any property.

Ms. Albee explained the process followed by EHS in response to waste complaints and listed those that have received Notice of Violation (NOV). She informed that there has been success in the cleanup of sites that have been identified, but that the sites are quickly reoccupied once cleaned. She stressed that the current situation is not the solution to the issues around waste generated by homeless encampments, stating that they would continue to respond to complaints and will try to help property owners as resources allow.

Ms. Albee informed that One Truckee River became interested in the Portland Loo Project, a public restroom approach being used in a number of cities to improve sanitation, explaining they are working with Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) to provide restroom services along the river. She informed EHS Supervisor, Mr. English, is working on this project and that the Health District contribution from the tire fund was increased to include a bullet-proof sharps container. The Loo will be installed at Brodhead Park and will hopefully be completed by May.

Mr. Dick informed the Health District contribution toward the Portland Loo Project was

approximately sixteen thousand dollars toward operation and maintenance, and that the City of Reno contributed a larger amount toward that facility.

Councilman Delgado stated it was a shared opportunity toward improving health in the community, and informed that Brodhead Park is across from the Reno Police Department along the river.

Councilman Dahir informed that TMWA provided the largest contribution toward the restroom facility itself, but that their funding could not be used for maintenance. He stated that other entities, such as the Health District and City of Reno, provided funding for maintenance and that it is hoped that more of these facilities can be installed in conjunction with TMWA.

Commissioner Berkbigler inquired how many more of these facilities are planned to be installed. Councilman Dahir informed there is a possibility of two more, noting that One Truckee River would advocate for more than that for protection of the river. While previous restroom installations did not go well, he stated that the design of these units and other factors made him optimistic that these installations would be well accepted, noting the initial installation will provide opportunity to learn and address any issues that arise.

Commissioner Berkbigler stated she has noticed public restroom facilities in other cities, and they appear to be an asset to the community. She noted that another way to improve sanitation is to provide garbage cans in more locations.

Regarding the Portland Loo installations, Councilman Dahir reiterated that there may be a need for more partners to support maintenance and upkeep if more units are installed.

Commissioner Berkbigler inquired if an area in Sun Valley where there have been solid waste issues has received Notice of Violation. Ms. Albee informed the waste on that property is in the form of vehicles that are located on an easement of property that belongs to Washoe County. Commissioner Berkbigler explained the concern is around the old batteries in the vehicles that may pose a hazard to children walking to school by that property. She requested that EHS continue to issue NOVs as necessary to make sure the property is kept clean.

Commissioner Berkbigler inquired if County attorneys have provided information on the impact of the Boise decision that states persons who sleep on the streets have rights.

Mr. Dick stated that the Health District's authority is in regard to solid waste issues. He explained the Boise decision was about people who are camping, and the Health District does not take any action based on camping; the directive from the Health District to the property owners is to address the solid waste issue.

Commissioner Berkbigler explained they have not had a directive from the District Attorney and was concerned about issues arising from removing campers from sites. Mr. Dick stated his understanding is that as far as an NOV being sent to a property owner requiring clean up, they are to provide a notice to the people that are there to advise that the area will be cleaned up and they will need to move; there are no arrests made.

Mr. Dick stated there are other ways in which the Health District alone and with their partners are working toward solutions for some of the issues around homelessness. In the Community and Clinical Health Services (CCHS) Division, he informed they provide services through their Immunization Program, STD and HIV Testing Services, Family Planning Services, WIC and Tuberculosis (TB) Programs. For example, he stated CCHS provides vaccination clinics in partnership with the Salvation Army and will participate in the Project Homeless Connect during the week of January 27th to provide services to the homeless such as immunizations and STD and HIV testing services; the WIC Program will also participate in Project Homeless Connect. He informed part of the Health District's outreach is in partnership with the Northern Nevada Outreach Team who work with the population along the river in providing condoms, promoting safe sex, providing sharps containers and connecting persons

with the syringe exchange program. He stated CCHS also conducts STD testing at the jail on a weekly basis and family planning services are provided every two weeks at the jail, noting that when members of the homeless population are there, they can benefit from these services.

Mr. Dick informed that CCHS coordinates with the Eddy House and other agencies for promoting family planning and testing services, and provides TB testing at the Homeless Shelter.

Through the Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA), community priorities were identified and addressed in the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP); these priorities were Housing and Homelessness, Behavioral Health and Physical Activity and Nutrition. Mr. Dick explained the CHIP is a plan based on the intention of bringing community partners together to work toward solutions to issues within these priorities. He informed that some of the initiatives in the CHIP include engagement with the Eddy House for youth homelessness, stating a contribution of one hundred thousand dollars had been provided by the Health District in 2019 toward the operation and maintenance of their new twenty-four-hour drop-in center. This facility will provide overnight shelter for these youth, as well as providing job skills training and employment assistance. Fortunately, Mr. Dick stated that the Pennington Foundation offered a matching grant to the Eddy House last year as well, doubling the amount toward assistance for homeless youth. He informed that part of the Health District's contribution is tied to their metrics on the population that they serve and outcomes produced; this will provide beneficial data to direct future steps.

Mr. Dick stated the Health District participates with the Reno Area Alliance for the Homeless (RAAH) which is the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care Organization. He informed they work to identify priorities for utilization of HUD funding toward the homeless population, noting they are working on a new strategic plan. He informed they are the entity that conducts the Point-in-Time count of people experiencing homelessness that will be conducted at the end of January. Mr. Dick explained that Ms. Peters had joined the leadership council of this organization prior to taking her new position with the Human Services Agency; Mr. Dick informed the Health District will continue to be involved with the RAAH Youth Committee.

Mr. Dick opined it to be well known of the overlap in behavioral health and homeless issues, stating it is a very complex issue to solve and will require many organizations working together to make a difference. Regarding behavioral health, it was recognized that there are a number of case managers in the community that work through government funding that Washoe County receives, or they are in healthcare or other organizations and are somewhat siloed in the way they work with their clients. The Health District established a community case management initiative to bring those case managers together to develop a better way to serve clients while leveraging each other in the delivery of services. Mr. Dick informed the Good Grid software platform was implemented to connect service providers and make referrals for clients, track where clients are receiving services, and to locate them if they are admitted to an emergency room or booked into jail. This prevents persons from getting lost in the system; their case managers can be notified to allow them to continue providing services. The Good Grid program is being piloted in phase one implementation and the Human Services Agency is partnering to help lead this initiative in the community. The Health District is able to access this platform free of charge through the contract with the State for child support services.

Mr. Dick informed there is a Peer Recovery Support Service (PRSS) component of the CHIP which recognizes the value of peers in recovery. In this instance, people that have had substance misuse problems are helping those who are currently experiencing these issues. Mr.

Dick stated the Health District provided forty thousand dollars to the Foundation for Recovery to support outreach efforts to educate organizations about PRSS and to engage more support in delivering services in this manner, as well as providing these services to patients in the emergency room that present with drug overdoses.

Mr. Dick stated that another initiative within the CHIP is the Regional Strategy for Housing Affordability, noting that while there is a homelessness issue, there is also a lack of affordable housing in the area that causes low or fixed income residents to be forced out of the available housing infrastructure as prices increase. He explained the Strategy, developed in partnership with Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency (TMRPA) and Enterprise Community Partners, is complete and ready to be implemented by the Cities and County to provide housing across the spectrum needed in the community.

Other initiatives included in the CHIP that the Health District successfully supported in the legislature were Senator Ratti's bill for transferrable tax credits for affordable housing which provides ten million dollars per year over the next four years to increase the affordable housing stock, and an expansion of the State Medicaid program under 1915(i) that allows for reimbursement of services that are provided to the severely mentally ill. 1915(i) provides for support services for people that were able to be housed to maintain that housing.

Mr. Dick stated that he is the Vice Chair of the Washoe Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board whose focus was on Crisis Stabilization Services in the last session. He informed they were successful in getting AB66 enacted to provide for the regulation and licensing structure for short-term psychiatric hospitals that make crisis stabilization services reimbursable and provides market conditions that would allow these facilities to be established. He explained this is part of the Crisis Now model for delivering behavioral health services, noting the City of Reno has a committee that is working to get a Crisis Stabilization Center set up in the community. He informed a group of them will be traveling to Phoenix to learn how services are delivered in that area.

Mr. Dick informed he also serves as Vice Chair of the Washoe County Substance Abuse Task Force who held a Community Coalition Accelerator event in April 2019 for the purpose of bringing community organizations together to discuss more effective methods of addressing substance misuse issues. Out of that event, initiatives were developed and are moving forward, including the broadening of Peer Recovery Services, and Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT), which is working to determine which screening tools are being used with the goal of agreeing on one to be used throughout the community for uniformity in reporting and the ability to compare and understand data as it is presented.

Mr. Dick stated this presentation is an overview of initiatives the Health District is involved in, but stressed there is much more work that needs to occur. He informed the Health District is not a direct service provider for the most part for the homeless issue, but it is in a position where it recognizes that homelessness is a significant issue that has public health impacts beyond just the sanitation issues around those encampments. He stated the Health District is in a position to help bring people together to look for solutions and ways to achieve solutions for those issues that are being presented.

Mr. Dahir informed that the Eddy House will opening the twenty-four-hour facility ahead of schedule on January 30th. Regarding information provided earlier about 1915(i) around services for the severely mentally ill, he inquired how that determination is made and by whom. Mr. Dick informed of the hearings being held around AB66 and 1915(i) in early February on the regulations being developed in response to that legislation, noting he did not have an answer to his question at this time.

10. *Staff Reports and Program Updates

A. **Air Quality Management, Francisco Vega, Division Director**

Program Update – 2019 A Clean Year, Divisional Update, Program Reports, Monitoring and Planning, Permitting and Enforcement

Mr. Vega noted that he did not have anything to add to his report, but would be happy to answer any questions.

B. **Community and Clinical Health Services, Lisa Lottritz, Division Director**

Divisional Update – 2019 Year in Review, Data & Metrics; Sexual Health (HIV and Disease Investigation), Immunizations, Tuberculosis Prevention and Control Program, Reproductive and Sexual Health Services, Chronic Disease Prevention Program, Maternal Child and Adolescent Health and Women Infants and Children

Ms. Lottritz informed that Ms. Howell was on Face the State over the previous weekend and spoke about sexually transmitted diseases and the increased rates of chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis in Washoe County.

Ms. Lottritz stated the teacher orientation for the Wolf Pack Coaches Challenge was held the previous evening and will be kicking off that program in February with elementary schools.

C. **Environmental Health Services, Charlene Albee, Division Director**

Environmental Health Services (EHS) Division Program Updates – **Consumer Protection** (Food, Food Safety, Permitted Facilities, Commercial Plans) and **Environmental Protection** (Land Development, Safe Drinking Water, Vector, Waste Management/UST), and Inspections.

Ms. Albee informed she had nothing else to add to her report, but was available to answer any questions.

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

Communicable Disease, Public Health Preparedness, Emergency Medical Services

Dr. Todd highlighted the Norovirus outbreak in his report, noting it was a sizeable outbreak in a local resort property involving one hundred eleven persons. He informed the resort responded well to EPHP recommendations for control and the outbreak appears to be over now.

Dr. Todd informed that he had been on the same Face the State program with Ms. Howell to speak about influenza.

Dr. Todd stated that, fortunately, there have been no local cases of coronavirus to date and expressed hope it would stay that way. He informed there has been one confirmed case in the United States in Washington state.

Dr. Todd informed of an upcoming exercise on January 28th at the Project Homeless Family Connect event, located at the downtown Reno Event Center where flu shots will be provided. He stated that there were one hundred thirty one individuals vaccinated at the same event last year. He noted that doesn't sound like a big number, but he stressed that this is a difficult population to reach and hoped they would reach at least as many people this year.

Chair Novak inquired if the dominant strain of flu was shifting from B to A. Dr. Todd confirmed that it is.

Mr. Young applauded staff for handling the norovirus outbreak sensitively and efficiently, and expressed he was glad it came to a good conclusion.

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

District Health Officer Report – Community Health Improvement Plan, Quality Improvement, Workforce Development, Communications, Washoe Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board, Substance Abuse Task Force, Government Affairs Update, Other Events and Activities, and Health District Media Contacts

Mr. Dick reminded those present of the 5210 initiative's recommendation for five healthy servings of fruits and vegetables per day, two hours or less of recreational screen time, one hour of physical activity and zero sugary drinks. He informed the Health District is continuing to make progress with this initiative in the community and have been working with the Washoe County School District who have identified five elementary schools for piloting the roll-out of 5210 this spring. He opined the School District has taken a very thoughtful approach; he informed of a meeting with the Lead Area Superintendent who then set up a meeting with the Area Superintendents of each of the five areas within the School District. The Health District will work with the Area Superintendent and one elementary school from each area with the intention of using lessons learned from the pilot programs for Area Superintendents to expand 5210 further into their other schools.

Mr. Dick informed of a kick-off event with the Chamber of Commerce, explaining that Washoe County is a Chamber Member and is piloting the 5210 program for Washoe County employees. He noted there are now three other businesses that the Health District is working with to pilot the worksite 5210 program.

Mr. Dick stated Community Health Alliance continues to implement the 5210 program in their pediatric practice and have worked with Northern Nevada Hopes where the 5210 program is being implemented. CHA is also working with Renown for implementation of the program there. He stated he would continue to update the Board as the pilot programs progress and hopefully, as the pilot phase ends and the program is scaled out further into the community.

Mr. Dick stated the Health District will be presenting in conjunction with the School District staff at the Board of Trustees meeting on January 28th on the Health District's outbreak response to explain that process to them. He informed there are two outbreak responses the Health District will make; one is for a vaccine-preventable disease and the vaccines are required for school admission unless someone is claiming an exemption. He stated there had been such an outbreak recently with pertussis presenting in several schools, noting that had been the first time in over ten years that there had been an outbreak involving a vaccine-preventable disease where unvaccinated students had to be excluded from school. The other type of outbreak, he explained, would involve influenza-like-illness (ILI) and gastrointestinal-type outbreaks.

On Wednesday, January 29th, Mr. Dick informed there will be a ribbon cutting event for the new Reno4 Air Monitoring Station located at Libby Booth Elementary. He thanked Councilman Dahir for participating in that event as the Air Quality Management liaison from the District Board of Health.

15. *Board Comment

Chair Novak opened the Board comment period.

Councilman Dahir inquired if there were funds available that could be used by the District Board of Health for an awareness program for pedestrian safety.

Chair Novak inquired how the Board would handle Consent Agenda Item 6D at the February District Board of Health Meeting. Councilman Dahir requested the item be agendaized for further discussion regarding Air Quality Management penalty structure and calculation and communication of such to those that are regulated. Mr. Dick stated he believed he was clear on what Councilman Dahir would like brought back to the Board.

Chair Novak closed the Board comment period.

16. *Public Comment

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

17. Adjournment

Chair Novak adjourned the meeting at 2:23 p.m.

Possible Changes to Agenda Order and Timing: Items on the agenda may be taken out of order, combined with other items, withdrawn from the agenda, moved to the agenda of another later meeting; moved to or from the Consent section, or they may be voted on in a block. Items with a specific time designation will not be heard prior to the stated time, but may be heard later. Items listed in the Consent section of the agenda are voted on as a block and will not be read or considered separately unless withdrawn from the Consent agenda.

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Public Comment: During the "Public Comment" items, anyone may speak pertaining to any matter either on or off the agenda, to include items to be heard on consent. For the remainder of the agenda, public comment will only be heard during items that are not marked with an asterisk (*). Any public comment for hearing items will be heard before action is taken on the item and must be about the specific item being considered by the Board. In order to speak during any public comment, each speaker must fill out a "Request to Speak" form and/or submit comments for the record to the Recording Secretary. Public comment and presentations for individual agenda items are limited as follows: fifteen minutes each for staff and applicant presentations, five minutes for a speaker representing a group, and three minutes for individual speakers unless extended by questions from the Board or by action of the Chair.

Response to Public Comment: The Board of Health can deliberate or take action only if a matter has been listed on an agenda properly posted prior to the meeting. During the public comment period, speakers may address matters listed or not listed on the published agenda. The *Open Meeting Law* does not expressly prohibit responses to public comments by the Board of Health. However, responses from the Board members to unlisted public comment topics could become deliberation on a matter without notice to the public. On the advice of legal counsel and to ensure the public has notice of all matters the Board of Health will consider, Board members may choose not to respond to public comments, except to correct factual inaccuracies, ask for Health District Staff action or to ask that a matter be listed on a future agenda. The Board of Health may do this either during the public comment item or during the following item: "Board Comments – Limited to Announcement or Issues for future Agendas."

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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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