

Washoe County



Health District

Washoe County District Board of Health Meeting Minutes July 26, 2012

PRESENT: Mr. Matt Smith, Chairman, George Furman, MD; Dr. Denis Humphreys; Commissioner Kitty Jung, Vice Chair

ABSENT: Councilman Gustin and Councilwoman Ratti are excused

STAFF:

Dr. Joseph Iser, District Health Officer Kevin Dick, Director, Air Quality Management Robert Sack, Director, Environmental Health Services Candy Hunter, Acting Director, Community and Clinical Health Services Phil Ulibarri, Public Information Officer Steve Fisher, Department Computer Application Specialist Peg Caldwell, RN1, EMS Program, EPHP Bev Bayan, WIC Program Manager, CCHS Leslie Admirand, Deputy District Attorney Daniel Timmons, Air Quality Specialist I, AQM Peggy F. O'Neill, Recording Secretary	Randall Todd, DrPH, Director, Epidemiology and Public Health Preparedness Tony Macaluso, Environmental Health Specialist Supervisor, EHS Patsy Buxton, Fiscal Compliance Officer, AHS Stacey Akurosawa, EMS Coordinator, EMS Program, EPHP Daniel Inouye, Air Quality Supervisor, AQM Lynn Shore, Public Health Nurse II, CCHS Curtis Splan, DCAS, AHS Trudy Enfeld, Plans/Permits/Applications Aide, EHS Brendan Schnieder, Air Quality Specialist II, AQM
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1:05 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 Dr. Humphreys. Roll call was taken and a quorum noted. Councilman Gustin and Councilwoman Ratti are excused.	
3.	Public Comment	No public comment was presented.	
4.	Approval/Deletions – Agenda –July 26, 2012	Chairman Smith called for any deletions to the Agenda of the July 26, 2012 DBOH Meeting.	Dr. Humphreys moved, seconded by Chairman Smith, that the July 26, 2012 Agenda be approved as submitted. <u>MOTION CARRIED</u>

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5.	Approval/Deletions – Minutes – Regular Meeting of June 28, 2012 Board Comment	<p>Chairman Smith called for any additions or corrections to the minutes of the June 28, 2012 Regular Meeting.</p> <p>Commissioner Jung requested that in future versions of the minutes, the motion dialog be moved to the “Action” column.</p>	<p>Dr. Humphreys moved, seconded by Commissioner Jung, that the minutes of the June 28, 2012, meeting be approved as presented.</p> <p><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></p>
6.	Recognitions and Proclamations	<p>Dr. Iser and Chairman Smith recognized the new employees and made awards for years of service.</p> <p>A Proclamation declaring August 2012 Breastfeeding Awareness Month was presented.</p>	<p>Commissioner Jung moved, seconded by Dr. Furman, that the Proclamation be approved as presented.</p> <p><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></p>
7.	Consent Agenda	<p>A. <u>Air Quality Management Cases:</u></p> <p>1. Unappealed Citations to the Air Pollution Control Hearing Board:</p> <p>a. Stewart Title Company, Case No. 1082, Case No. 1079, Unappealed Citation No. 5015 – Staff reported Citation No. 5015, was issued to Stewart Title Company on May 8, 201, for failure to re-inspect and verify a woodstove had been removed before closing escrow on a property located at 14595 Geronimo Trail in Reno, Nevada, which is a minor violation of Section 040.051D(3)(a)(1)(i) of the Washoe County DBOH Regulations Governing Air Quality Management. Staff recommends the citation be upheld and a fine in the amount of \$250.00 be levied as a negotiated settlement.</p> <p>b. Serv-Pro Fire and Water, Case No. 1084, Unappealed Citation No. 4614 – Staff reported Citation No. 4614 was issued to Serv-Pro Fire and Water on May 25, 2012, for failure to conduct proper testing for possible asbestos containing materials (ACM) and for failure to notify Air Quality Management prior to the removal of water damaged wallboard materials. The activities associated with the issuance of the citation occurred in an apartment complex located at 9050 Double R Boulevard, #525, in Reno, Nevada, which is a major violation of Section 030.107(A) of the Washoe County DBOH</p>	

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		<p>Regulations Governing Air Quality Management. Staff recommends the citation be upheld and a fine in the amount of \$2,500.00 be levied as a negotiated settlement.</p> <p>c. Harmony Escrow, Case No. 1086, Unappealed Citation No. 5016 – Staff reported Citation No. 5016 was issued to Harmony Escrow on May 8, 2012, for failure to reinspect and verify that a failed woodstove had removed before closing escrow on a property located at 3675 Erin Drive in Sparks, Nevada, which is a minor violation of Section 040.051D(3)(a)(1)(i) of the Washoe County DBOH Regulations Governing Air Quality Management. Staff recommends the citation be upheld and a fine in the amount of \$250.00 be levied as a negotiated settlement.</p> <p>d. MMC Trucking, Case No. 1087, Unappealed Citation No. 5114 – Staff reported Citation No. 5114 was issued on May 30, 2012, for failure to control fugitive dust on a construction site. The construction site is located at 550 Crystal Park Road in Verdi, Nevada, which is a major violation under 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 \$1,250.00 be levied as a negotiated settlement.</p> <p>e. CalNeva Carpet Care, Case No. 1088, Unappealed Citation No. 5116 – Staff reported Citation No. 5116 was issued on May 31, 2012, for failure to conduct proper testing for possible asbestos containing materials (ACM) and for failure to notify the Air Quality Management office prior to the removal of water damaged wallboard materials. The activities associated with the issuance of the Citation occurred in a condominium located at 928 Northwood Boulevard, Unit 113, in Incline Village, Nevada, which is a major violation of Section 030.107(A) of the Washoe County DBOH Regulations Governing Air Quality Management. Staff recommends the citation be upheld and a fine in the amount of \$2,500.00 be levied as a negotiated settlement.</p> <p>f. Top Hat Cleaners, Case No. 1089, Unappealed Citation No. 5117 – Staff reported Citation No. 5117 was issued on June 1, 2012, for failure to accurately maintain required operation and maintenance records at a perchloroethylene dry cleaning establishment, which is a major violation of Section 030.2175 of Washoe County DBOH Regulations governing Air Quality</p>	<p>ACTION ITEMS: Letters to Stewart Title Company, Serv-Pro Fire and Water, Harmony Escrow, MMC Trucking, CalNeva Carpet Care, and Top Hat Cleaners regarding fines and due date.</p>

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		<p>Management. Staff recommends the citation be upheld and a fine in the amount of \$500.00 be levied as a negotiated settlement.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Recommendation to Uphold Citation Appealed to the Air Pollution Control Hearing Board: None. 3. Recommendation for Variance: None. <p>B. <u>Sewage, Wastewater & Sanitation Cases:</u> None.</p> <p>C. <u>Budget Amendments / Interlocal Agreements:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Board was advised that Staff recommends the approval of Notice of Grant Award dated June 22, 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 \$785,000, in support of the Family Planning Program. 2. Approval of Notice of Subgrant Award from the Nevada State Health Division in the amount of \$116,000 (\$58,000-FY13, \$58,000-FY14) for the period July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2014, in support of the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Program; and, if approved, authorize the Chairman to execute. 	<p>Dr. Humphreys moved, seconded by Commissioner Jung, that the entire Consent Agenda be approved as presented.</p> <p><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></p>
8.	Air Pollution Control Hearing Board Cases	None.	
9.	<p>Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority</p> <p>A. <u>Review and Acceptance of the Operations and Financial Report – May and June, 2012</u></p>	<p>Mr. Jim Gubbels, Vice President, REMSA reported that the DBOH members have been provided with a copy of the May and June 2012 Operations and Financial Report; overall emergency response times for life-threatening calls in May 2012 was 92%, and 97% for non-life threatening calls; within the 8 minute zone, it was 91%; within the 15 minute zone, it was 96%; and within the 20 minute zone, it was 100%. Advised the overall average bill for air ambulance service for May 2012 was \$7,523, with a year-to-date average of \$7,033. The overall average bill for ground ambulance services for May 2012 was \$1,013, with a year-to-date average of \$1,006; and</p>	

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	<p data-bbox="243 480 600 574">B. <u>Update of REMSA's Community Activities Since April 2012</u></p> <p data-bbox="243 857 487 886">Board Comments</p>	<p data-bbox="653 207 1612 418">Overall emergency response times for life-threatening calls in June 2012 was 92%, and 97% for non-life threatening calls; within the 8 minute zone, it was 91%; within the 15 minute zone, it was 100%; and within the 20 minute zone, it was 98%. Advised the overall average bill for air ambulance service for June 2012 was \$6,859, with a year-to-date average of \$7,018. The overall average bill for ground ambulance services for June 2012 was \$1,011, with a year-to-date average of \$1,007.</p> <p data-bbox="653 488 1619 784">Mr. Gubbels presented information about REMSA's recently awarded Health Care Innovation Award. The award that REMSA received will allow the creation of a new program that could truly revolutionize how medical care is provided outside of the hospital nationwide. A new program will allow discretion in response to lower acuity and chronic disease conditions in urban, suburban, and rural areas of Washoe County. The program is designed to improve patients' healthcare experience, while reducing unnecessary ambulance responses and hospital admissions and readmissions. A central component of the program is the creation of a new non-emergency phone number to provide an alternative care pathway for patients that need medical advice and care.</p> <p data-bbox="653 854 1619 1060">Dr. Furman congratulated REMSA on the award. Dr. Furman stated that two citizens have asked him why this model has not been tried before. Mr. Gubbels informed the Board that there are federal regulations from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Systems (CMS). CMS is now giving us the opportunity to show innovation and demonstrate this to the nation. This is a demonstration project so we can show that a sprained ankle can go to the urgent care facility rather than an emergency room.</p> <p data-bbox="653 1097 1612 1182">Chairman Smith asked how will be handled if the paramedic believes an urgent care is the proper setting but a patient believes the emergency room is the proper setting for care. Mr. Gubbels replied that it will be the patient's choice ultimately.</p> <p data-bbox="653 1219 1619 1425">Dr. Humphreys stated that cooperation among the partners is going to be critical to the success of the project. He questioned whether it may require extended hours for the urgent care facilities. Mr. Gubbels stated that has no answer for that question at the moment. Dr. Humphreys also questioned Mr. Gubbels about REMSA's quality assurance program. Mr. Gubbels replied that they already have a QA program in place now, and described that program for the Board. The new program will require additional criteria for review.</p>	<p data-bbox="1648 212 1976 475">Dr. Humphreys moved, seconded by Commissioner Jung, that the Operations and Financial Reports for the Months of May and June 2012 be accepted as presented.</p> <p data-bbox="1648 513 1906 542"><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></p>

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		<p>Dr. Furman asked about repeat callers, and Mr. Gubbels stated that this grant opportunity will allow REMSA to address that issue with possible EMT or paramedic visits to those individuals which would in turn reduce transport issues and costs.</p> <p>Dr. Humphreys asked Mr. Gubbels about the response from the local hospitals to this grants opportunity in light of the fact that a high percentage of their emergency room patients end up not being payers for services. Mr. Gubbels responded that they have only heard from NNMC at this point, and their response was “we can’t wait to see how this works for the community.”</p>	
10.	<p>Presentation and possible approval of a special meeting of the DBOH or move of the regular August meeting to the week of August 27, 2012, to facilitate the presentation of the Tri-Data report to the DBOH</p>	<p>Dr. Iser reported that Dr. Cohen’s presentation of the TriData report to the BCC has been postponed to August 28. Dr. Cohen cannot present to the DBOH at the regular meeting on August 23 because he needs to present to the BCC first.</p> <p>Dr. Iser has received a draft of the TriData report which has been provided to key personnel to solicit their comments. The Health District’s comments are due back to the county by August 2. Dr. Iser asked any of the members if they would like a copy of the draft report, and Commissioner Jung stated that she would like a copy.</p> <p>There was discussion about how to facilitate a presentation to the DBOH. Ms. Admirand clarified that any and all DBOH members may attend the Commission meeting on August 28 and hear Dr. Cohen’s presentation, but no more than two members may meet outside of a DBOH meeting.</p> <p>Chairman Smith queried the members as to whether to have Dr. Cohen present to them directly or have a report to the Board by Dr. Iser and Chairman Smith. Dr. Humphreys stated that he is quite comfortable with a summary report from Dr. Iser and Chairman Smith.</p>	<p>Action Item: Provide copy of draft TriData report to Commissioner Jung.</p> <p>Dr. Humphreys moved, seconded by Dr. Furman, that Dr. Iser and Chairman Smith attend the August 28, 2012 BCC meeting to hear the TriData Report presentation by Dr. Cohen and then present to the DBOH in the September regular meeting.</p> <p><u>MOTION CARRIED</u></p>
11.	<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 the syndromic surveillance system mentioned in his report which was halted by the state as they transition to the new software, BioSense, has been extended by the state for three months which will allow for a smoother transition.</p>	

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	B. <u>Acting Director – Community and Clinical Health Services</u>	Ms. Candy Hunter, Acting Director, Community and Clinical Health Services, presented her 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 the vector control applications are proceeding as planned. Staff has completed two applications; one in late June and one in late July, and one more is planned for early August. We have no disease evidence at this time, but we are experiencing higher than normal numbers of mosquitoes. The complaints come from Double Diamond, Damonte Ranch, Rosewood Lakes, and some in Spanish Springs.</p> <p>Commissioner Jung questioned about unusual behavior of bats. Mostly that means bats flying around in daytime, which can be an indication of rabies. Mr. Sack reported that EHS provides outreach at that time. They work with the Grand Sierra and the Nugget on that issue regarding how to control them on their properties. We have had an employee bitten by a rabid bat, so we take this issue seriously.</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>	There was no Administrative Health Services Officer’s Report for this month	
	F. <u>District Health Officer</u>	<p>Dr. Joseph Iser, District Health Officer, presented his monthly District Health Officer Report, a copy of which was placed on file for the record.</p> <p>Dr. Iser reported that attached to his report is a summary by Division of the effects budget cuts have had on the District over the last four or five years.</p> <p>Dr. Iser reported to the DBOH about a RWJF Shared Services grant opportunity. Dr. Iser is contemplating responding to this opportunity. It would help us explore how we might share or provide services to other northern Nevada counties. Mr. Whitley, NSHD, is behind the grant, and we are beginning conversations with the northern Nevada counties along the I-80 and Hwy.50 corridors to see which ones might be interested in exploring these cross-jurisdictional sharing opportunities.</p>	

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		<p>No matching funds are required. It is a two-year planning grant, and nothing more is required. We could plan in year one and implement in year two, if we so desire.</p> <p>Chairman Smith stated that if we can help these other counties, we should attempt to do so. There will be no cost to the citizens of Washoe County. Any services we provide to other counties will be paid for by those counties or the state.</p> <p>Dr. Iser reported that last year he required that the Health District nursing staff get an influenza shot or, if there was an increase in influenza cases, wear N95 masks. Many other jurisdictions have mandated that masks be worn by all clinical staff. In conversations with Renown representatives, they expressed their desire that the DBOH mandate the wearing of masks by all clinical staff if they do not take the seasonal influenza vaccine. It is to protect employees and patients from exposure. If there is consensus from the DBOH, Dr. Iser will come back to the Board and ask for approval of such a regulation.</p> <p>Commissioner Jung asked Ms. Admirand if she has looked at the legality of imposing such a regulation. Ms. Admirand replied that she has not, but she will do so. Commissioner Jung stated she believes it will take the legislature to take that type action. She does not see the DBOH as having that type of authority.</p> <p>Dr. Iser stated that all of the DBOH regulations have to go through the NV BOH anyway, so that is another hurdle we will have to cross.</p> <p>Commissioner Jung asked for clarification from Dr. Iser as to whether he is requiring that of Health District staff at this time. He replied that it hasn't yet been implemented.</p> <p>Dr. Humphreys stated that he believes it is an issue to explore; he understands the legality of it, but also believes it would be additional protection for the public and clinical staff.</p> <p>Dr. Iser stated if implemented, it would only be for Washoe County, since that is the Health District's jurisdiction.</p>	<p>Action Item: Ms. Admirand will render an opinion regarding the DBOH's ability to enact a regulation requiring all persons who work in clinical settings in Washoe County to either receive the influenza vaccine or wear a W95 mask.</p>
12.	Board Comment	Dr. Furman stated that his presentation on ultrasound is now available on NevadaTrends.com ; also, this last Saturday there was an article put out by Outpost Healthy Living about the safety of ultrasound.	

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13	Public Comment	No public comment was presented.	
14.	Motion to Adjourn	There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.	<p>Commissioner Jung moved, seconded by Dr. Humphreys, that the meeting be adjourned.</p> <p><u>MOTION CARRIED</u> The meeting was adjourned at 2:02 p.m.</p>

JOSEPH P. ISER, MD, DrPH, MSc
DISTRICT HEALTH OFFICER

PEGGY F. O'NEILL,
RECORDING SECRETARY