



Washoe County District Board of Health Videoconference Meeting Minutes

Members

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

Thursday, May 27, 2021
1:00 p.m.

**Washoe County Health District
Commission Chambers, Building A
1001 East Ninth Street
Reno, NV**

Kevin Dick, at the request of Chair Delgado, briefly reported this meeting is being held with no members of the public present. The Board and some staff members were present, and Mr. Dick informed the policy states if you're vaccinated you are not required to wear a mask, but are welcome to wear one; however, if you're not vaccinated you are required to wear a mask.

Mr. Dick announced next meeting scheduled for June will be open to the public, but intends to continue with the zoom feature for those to opt to attend virtually.

1. **Roll Call and Determination of Quorum**

Chair Delgado called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

The following members and staff were present:

Members present:

Oscar Delgado, Chair
Michael Brown
Kristopher Dahir
Dr. Reka Danko (telephonically)
Dr. John Novak
Tom Young

Members absent: Robert Lucey, Vice Chair

Mrs. Valdespin verified a quorum was present.

Staff present:

Kevin Dick, District Health Officer
Dania Reid, Deputy District Attorney
Anna Heenan
Julie Hunter
Jim English
Dr. Nancy Diao
Scott Oxarart
Francisco Vega
Erin Dixon
Lisa Lottritz

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Tom Young led the pledge to the flag.

3. Public Comment

Chair Delgado opened the public comment period.

Having no public comment, Chair Delgado closed the public comment period.

Due to an audio issue, Chair Delgado reopened public comment.

Mr. Jeffrey Church began his comment by disclaiming his position as a trustee for the Washoe County School District. Mr. Church pointed out that his three main points were homeless enforcement by the health district, face shields, and clear guidance and preferably no masks.

Mr. Church spoke of the homeless center being open and urged the Health District to be involved in any sanitary issues. Mr. Church urged the Health District to consider face shields as an option in the guidance the Health District provides. Additionally, he requested as clear guidance as the Health District can provide, so that there is no miscommunication.

Having no additional public comment, Chair Delgado closed the public comment period and moved on to item number 6 in this agenda.

4. Approval of Agenda.

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Dr. Novak moved to approve the agenda for the May 27, 2021, District Board of Health regular meeting. Mike Brown seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

5. Recognitions.

A. New Hires

- i. Brittany Lucier, May 10, 2021, Environmental Health Services Trainee – EHS
- ii. Alyssa Thomas, May 10, 2021, Environmental Health Services Trainee – EHS
- iii. Megan Rennie, May 24, 2021, Air Quality Management Trainee – AQM
- iv. Kaleigh Behrendt, May 24, 2021, Public Health Nurse II – CCHS

Mr. Kevin Dick recognized all the new hires and welcomed them to the Health District.

B. Years of Service

- i. Yann Ling-Barnes, 20 years, hired May 2, 2001 – AQM

Mr. Kevin Dick acknowledged Ms. Ling-Barnes' 20 years of service with the Health District.

Chair Delgado noted an audio connectivity issue he allowed time to remedy the issue.

C. Transfers

- i. Kelsey Zaski, transfer to Human Resources from EPHP COVID as an Office Support Specialist effective May 10, 2021 – EPHP
- ii. Michelle Carral, promoted to Account Clerk at Treasurer's Office from

Immunizations Office Assistant II effective May 17, 2021 – CCHS

Mr. Kevin Dick expressed his sentiments for losing two Health District employees, but congratulated Ms. Zaski and Ms. Cabral for their recent transfer within the County.

D. Retirements/Acknowledgments

- i. Dr. Trudy Larson, 37 years, Immunization Program Medical Director, 1984 – 2021

Lisa Lottritz briefly made remarks regarding Dr. Trudy Larson’s departure. Dr. Larson has been an exceptional consultant, mentor, and partner for the past 37 years. Ms. Lottritz went into detail about the services and the support Dr. Larson has provided the Health District. Ms. Lottritz expressed her gratitude for Dr. Larson’s guidance and support.

Mr. Kevin Dick added that he feels honored and privileged to know and work with Dr. Larson. Mr. Dick expressed his appreciation for Dr. Larson’s availability and assistance during the pandemic. Mr. Dick feels Dr. Larson has done a remarkable job both for the University and the Health District. Mr. Dick congratulated Dr. Larson in her retirement and presented her with a token of appreciation from the Health District. Mr. Dick reports that a scholarship endowment has been established in her name, which provides the opportunity for the Health District to contribute to that to support undergraduate students.

Dr. Trudy Larson stated it is difficult to say goodbye. She expressed she feels honored and privileged to work with the Health District all those years with talented and dedicated people. Dr. Larson commended the work of Public Health. She expressed it has been a pleasure working with the Health District.

Councilman Dahir expressed his thanks to Dr. Larson and congratulated Dr. Larson on her retirement.

Chair Delgado expressed his gratitude for all of Dr. Larson’s hard work and congratulated her on her retirement as well.

E. Special Recognitions

- i. Scott Oxarart, COVID19 Communications Champion- Public Relations Society of America

Mr. Kevin Dick wrapped up the special recognitions by acknowledging Scott Oxarart, who is the recipient of the Silver Spike Award, COVID-19 Communications Champion from the Public Relations Society of America. Mr. Dick continued by providing details of Mr. Oxarart’s work including over 90 media briefings and approximately 480 media updates. Mr. Dick expressed his gratitude for the incredible job Mr. Oxarart has done.

Chair Delgado commended Mr. Oxarart’s work as he believes communication is critical.

Ms. Valdespin informed Chair Delgado of a request for public comment that was inadvertently missed due to an audio issue.

6. Proclamation.

Emergency Medical Services Week: This is EMS – Caring for our Communities.

Accepted by: Julie Hunter

Mr. Kevin Dick read the proclamation into the record.

Julie Hunter accepted the signed proclamation.

Mike Brown moved to approve the Emergency Medical Services Week Proclamation. Dr. Novak seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

7. 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. April 22, 2021

B. Budget Amendments/Interlocal Agreements

- i. Approve a Subaward from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public & Behavioral Health for the period retroactive to July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022 in the total amount of \$4,321,402.97 (no required match) in support of the Community and Clinical Health Services Division (CCHS) Immunization COVID Compliance Subaward IO 11829, which includes the creation of 4.0 FTE, fully benefitted, full-time positions (2- Public Health Nurse II, 1-Health Educator II, and 1-Office Assistant II); and authorize the District Health Officer to execute the Subaward and any future amendments.
Staff Representative: Kim Graham and Kathy Sobrio
- ii. Approve an Interlocal Agreement between Washoe County Health District and University of Nevada School of Medicine Integrated Clinical Services, Inc., and University of Nevada School of Medicine MultiSpecialty Group Practice North, Inc., dba MEDSchool Associates North, to designate a faculty member to serve as Medical Consultant to the District for the Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinic effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 unless extended by the mutual agreement of the Parties, or previously terminated pursuant to other provisions of this Agreement.
Staff Representative: Kim Graham and Angela Penny
- iii. Approve a Subaward from the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health in the total amount of \$117,750.00 (no match required) for the period April 29, 2021 through April 28, 2022 in support of the Community and Clinical Health Services Division (CCHS) Tobacco Prevention and Control Grant Program, IO# 11833 and authorize the District Health Officer to execute the Subaward and any future amendments.
Staff Representative: Kim Graham and Lisa Lottritz
- iv. Approve the Agreement between Washoe County Health District (WCHD) and Social Entrepreneurs, Inc. (SEI) to establish an implementation process for the County's behavioral health crisis response system for a total amount of \$149,980.00 for the period June 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
Staff Representative: Kim Graham and Rayona LaVoie
- v. Approve the Interlocal Agreement between Washoe County Health District and The Board of Regents of the Nevada System of Higher Education obo University of Nevada, Reno, to provide a Peer Recovery Support Specialist (PRSS) Professional Development Program to individuals in Washoe County from June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022 in the amount of \$25,723.07.

Staff Representative: Kim Graham and Rayona LaVoie

- vi. Approve Agreement between Washoe County Health District (WCHD) and Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful (KTMB) in the amount of \$240,000 for the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023 in support of the Recycling and Solid Waste Plan program activities on behalf of the Environmental Health Services Division of the Washoe County Health District; authorize the Chair or the Board designee to execute the Agreement and related documents.

Staff Representative: Kristen Palmer

- vii. Approve the Service Agreement between Washoe County Health District and Board of Regents, NSHE on behalf of the University of Nevada Reno Nevada Public Health Training Center in the amount not to exceed \$2,768,444.97 effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023 , to provide a team of employees to assist in the Health District's COVID response activities to include, but not limited to, disease investigation, call center, and testing and vaccination site management services; and authorize the District Health Officer to execute any amendments to the agreement on behalf of the Board Chair.

Staff Representative: Kristen Palmer and Heather Kerwin

- viii. Approve Notice of Subaward from the State of Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public and Behavioral Health in the amount of \$15,159,010 retroactive to January 15, 2021 through June 30, 2023 to support COVID-19 Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC), which includes the creation of 2.0 FTE, fully benefitted, full-time positions (Department Systems Specialist, and Department Systems Technician); and authorize the District Health Officer to execute the Notice of Subaward and any future amendments.

Staff Representative: Kristen Palmer, Heather Kerwin, and Jim English

- C. Approval of the donation of various 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: Kristen Palmer and Daniel Inouye

- D. Recommendation to Uphold Citations Not Appealed to the Air Pollution Control Hearing Board.

- i. Reno Red Rock, LLC – Case No. 1284, NOV AQMV21-0020
- ii. Truckee Meadows Water Authority – Case No. 1285, NOV AQMV21-0019
- iii. NVIF – Case No. 1286, NOV AQMV21-0018
- iv. CAP Storage South Meadows, LLC, Case No. 1287, NOV AQMV21-0006
- v. Silver State Construction, LLC – Case No. 1288, NOV AQMV21-0023
- vi. Toll Brothers NV Limited Partnership – Case No. 1300, NOV AQMV21-0022
- vii. Toll Brothers NV Limited Partnership – Case No. 1301, NOV AQMV21-0021

Staff Representative: Joshua Restori

- E. Recommendation for the Board to consider approval of a Supplemental Environmental Project for Rilite Aggregate Company as required in Order No. 00004 as a settlement for Notice of Violations associated with Case No.'s 1251, 1270, and 1289.

Staff Representative: Josh Restori

- F. Acknowledge receipt of the Health Fund Financial Review for April, Fiscal Year 2021.
Staff Representative: Anna Heenan

Mr. Kevin Dick made note of the funding from the federal government for the COVID-19 response that is being received via the items listed in this item. Mr. Dick stated the Health District is receiving approximately \$20 million, of which over \$2.5 million is a contract with UNR for the temporary staffing that has been provided for the response. Additionally, Mr. Dick made note of all the settlement agreements being brought forth by AQM, dating from August 2020 thru March 2021. He specifically, made note of Item #E, the Supplemental Environmental Project with Rilite Aggregate Company. This is the first supplemental environmental project brought to the Board for approval, which represents an innovative approach that allows businesses to invest on improving their operations rather than imposing fines and penalties.

Councilman Dahir commended Air Quality Management Division Director, Francisco Vega and his team for the approach regarding Rilite Aggregate Company.

Councilman Dahir asked for a correction to be made to the draft of the April 22, 2021 minutes, to reflect that he was not echoing Mr. Dick's statements rather the City of Sparks and Councilman Dahir were looking to move forward as rapidly as possible rather than putting other things in place. He did agree that he appreciated Mr. Dick communicating with the Board on all matters before correspondence is put out to the public.

Chair Delgado directed a correction be made to the minutes as amended.

Tom Young moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilman Dahir seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

8. Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority

A. Review and Acceptance of the REMSA Operations Report for April 2021.

Presented by: Dean Dow

Mr. Dean Dow opened this item for questions the Board may have regarding the report that was submitted by REMSA.

Michael Brown moved to approve REMSA's April 2021 Report. Councilman Dahir seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

B. Update of REMSA's Public Relations during April 2021.

Presented by: Alexia Jobson

Alexia Jobson presented the Public Relations report for April 2021.

Ms. Jobson provided updates since the writing of her report. In honor of EMS week, REMSA celebrated its 35th anniversary as well as Care Flight's 40th anniversary. Ms. Jobson reports staff was also recognized for all their hard work and contributions, especially during the past fourteen months.

In conclusion, Ms. Jobson reported a refresh to REMSA's look and name. The new name is REMSA Health. This new name expresses all of REMSA Health's contributions including world class emergency medical services as well as the evolving innovated programs that address community and population health, strategic partnerships, leadership, and health education and prevention.

Ms. Jobson opened her item for questions from the Board.

Councilman Dahir commended REMSA Health on their celebration, which he believes

continues to push and encourage the morale.

9. Discussion and possible approval of the revisions to the REMSA Compliance Franchise Checklist.

Staff Representative: Julie Hunter

Julie Hunter began her presentation by providing a background for the item dating back to the Board approving this checklist in 2016 and informs the checklist was developed to ensure all documentation required by the Franchise Agreement is properly submitted by both REMSA and the EMS Oversight Program.

Ms. Hunter informs that on April 2021 revisions were made to the checklist. The changes involved were mainly for purposes clarifying the documentation needed, requests of informal documentation, and removal of redundant documentation.

Ms. Hunter opened her item for questions from the Board.

Dr. Novak moved to approve the revisions to the REMSA Compliance Checklist. Mike Brown seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

10. Presentation, discussion, and possible approval of the revised Washoe County Emergency Medical Services Strategic Plan (2019-2023), a requirement of the Interlocal Agreement for the Emergency Medical Services Oversight.

Staff Representatives: Julie Hunter

Julie Hunter opened her presentation by stating this item is a requirement of the Interlocal Agreement for the EMS Oversight. The mission of the Strategic Plan is to coordinate the delivery of medical services to citizens, businesses, and visitors of Washoe County through collaboration with EMS providers.

Ms. Hunter informed the present plan was approved by the EMS Advisory Board on May 2, 2019. On May 6, 2021, the revisions were added and presented to the EMS Advisory Board. The Board approved those revisions on May 6, 2021.

Ms. Hunter briefly detailed the main priorities included in the plan and how they were incorporated into the Strategic Plan.

Ms. Hunter opened her item for questions from the Board.

Mike Brown expressed his appreciation for Ms. Hunter and the members that worked on this process.

Councilman Dahir opined the conversations surrounding Goal #3, regarding communication improvements between EMS partners, are not happening the way he would like.

Ms. Hunter made note of Councilman Dahir's comment.

Mike Brown moved to approve the revised Washoe County Emergency Medical Services Strategic Plan. Dr. Novak seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

11. PUBLIC HEARING: Discussion and possible action to adopt amendments to the Regulations of the Washoe County District Board of Health Governing Public Accommodation Facilities (Regulations) as amended and adopted by the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services on April 30, 2021 as required by Senate

Bill 4 of the 32nd Special Session (2020) with an effective date of June 1, 2021, and to repeal the Regulations of the Washoe County District Board of Health Governing 447E Regulations Related to SARS-COV-2 and Public Accommodation Facilities as approved at the special meeting of the District Board of Health on September 10, 2020.

Staff Representative: Jim English

James English began his presentation by providing a brief explanation as to the reason this item must be presented to the Board today.

Mr. English reported that the Nevada Division of Health and Human Services made amendments on April 30, 2021 to NAC 447 as it relates to SARS-COV-2 and Public Accommodation Facilities. Mr. English explained the current amendments made to the regulations allow for immediate adoption of any changes or alterations made to the emergency regulations. Mr. English reported this change does not have financial impacts on businesses. Additionally, Mr. English reported a public zoom workshop was held with 43 individuals attending including all 17 properties that are directly affected by these regulations. Mr. English reports if this item was approved, it would come into effect at 12:01 a.m. on June 1, 2021 in conformance with the Local Control Plan.

Councilman Dahir asked if this item meant that if changes were made such changes will not be brought to the Board.

Mr. English clarified that these changes will be brought forth to the Board; however, in an effort to prevent delays from complying with the requirement from State Law to adopt these changes and to ease the process, he opined it is best not be in front of the Board every time changes are made. Additionally, he reported the legislature is looking to make additional changes to this legislation.

Councilman Dahir opined that these changes affect all the cities and everything that is done within the County, so he believes this Board in its place to give their opinion as the Board helps guide and process some of these things. He asked that any changes continue to come to the Board.

Mr. Kevin Dick stated that while he understands Councilman Dahir's concern, the purpose of this item is to streamline the process because under the SB4 statute reads that the "Board must adopt" the regulations within a certain time frame from when the State NAC's amendments go into effect.

Chair Delgado clarified that it appears as though Councilman Dahir wants to be informed as changes come forward. He also asked Councilman Dahir if his statement is to vote on those items.

Councilman Dahir stated that he understands the State has certain regulatory power, but he believes this Board is the filter to those matters even if it comes in the form of a mandate. Councilman Dahir asked to vote on those matters but also asked if his request is labor intensive for staff.

Mr. English responded that it is not difficult to change the regulations; however, the time constraints on the required adoption would require the Board to meet via a Special Meeting within the expected time frame.

Mr. Kevin Dick added that currently there are other proposed changes to SB4 that are being considered, which would require adoption from the District Board of Health within 5 days.

Councilman Dahir continued to opine that the State can make decisions, but this Board is the filter to stand up and make decisions at the local level. Additionally, he believes his elected official role cannot be removed by another elected official.

Dr. John Novak asked if, due to the time constrain, this information could be shared directly to the Board with an opportunity to comment.

Deputy District Attorney, Dania Reid, advised that Dr. Novak's suggestion would be considered deliberation, which should happen in an open meeting. Ms. Reid clarified that if the item is approved as written it would only be for purposes of SB4 State NAC not for the Public Accommodation Regulations, as the Public Accommodation Regulations are Washoe County Health District regulations.

Tom Young agreed with Councilman Dahir's assessment regarding the issues with SB4 as he believes they were written hastily. Mr. Young opined that with legislation winding down he hopes changes may not be likely. Mr. Young stated if a meeting to vote on these changes is not feasible, he would like to see a summary out of the consent agenda with information regarding the changes that have been made and adopted.

Chair Delgado called for a reading of the motion.

Mr. English clarified that this item is also repealing the Emergency Regulation that was adopted in September 2020.

Dr. Novak reiterated that the intent of his previous comment was to be informed and not to start comments or negotiations.

Tom Young moved to adopt amendments to the Regulations of the Washoe County District Board of Health Governing Public Accommodation Facilities with an effective date of June 1, 2021, and to repeal the Regulations of the Washoe County District Board of Health Governing 447E Regulations Related to SARS-COV-2 and Public Accommodation Facilities. Mike Brown seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Councilman Dahir opened a discussion to reiterate that the updates for this item should be agendized outside of the consent agenda.

Chair Delgado confirmed.

12. Discussion and possible direction regarding legislative issues.

Staff Representative: Joelle Gutman-Dodson

Mr. Kevin Dick presented this item on behalf of Ms. Gutman-Dodson.

Mr. Dick reported these are the final days of the session. He added that one of the bills in play is SB386. This bill addresses the right to rehire bill, driven by casino workers that wanted to be reemployed versus someone else being hired in their place. Mr. Dick continued to speak about some of the amendments within this bill that affect SB4, as it removes the social distancing requirements, reduces the cleaning and laundry requirements, and changes the leave pay requirements for the employment due to COVID-19 quarantine. The area of the amendments that is not supported by the Washoe County Health District is the striking of a required EPA approved cleaner that is effective against COVID-19.

Mr. Dick reported on AB349 which addresses the loophole to the classic vehicle exemption. Mr. Dick states this bill will not require two-thirds majority vote in order to pass, as the fee increase for smog certificates will be removed. Mr. Dick reports this bill is moving forward with the primary objective of reducing the number of vehicles that would not necessarily be considered classic vehicles.

Mr. Dick also reported on SB424, which addresses the creation of the public health resource office, is into the assembly. This bill has been amended to move it from Department of Health and Human Services to the Governor's office. Mr. Dick opined this bill would be helpful for public health and getting the resources it needs.

Councilman Dahir asked if this bill will be a new regulatory over the Health Boards in the state.

Mr. Dick reported this bill is meant to create a resource office that works with the Health Boards. Mr. Dick opined that the concern would be for the resource office to give priority to programs that the Health District may not see as a priority, which would affect the way the funds are disbursed.

Mr. Dick reported on SB318, which addresses record keeping and language preferences. He also reported that funding made available for Vaping Prevention Programs through SB263, which passed the previous session, was also likely to be restored.

13. Staff Reports and Program Updates

A. Air Quality Management, Francisco Vega, Division Director

Program Update - EPA's Reconsideration of Vehicle Standards Waiver, American Lung Association Releases 2021 State of The Air Report, States Challenge Administrations Approach to Climate Metric, Monitoring and Planning, Permitting and Compliance.

Mr. Vega open his item by stating no updates were available and continued to open his item for questions regarding the Supplemental Environmental Project.

Councilman Dahir would like to receive updates regarding the project once it's completed.

Mr. Vega reports one of the requirements of the project is to provide a final report describing the work and achievements.

Tom Young asked what the main reason for issuing citations.

Mr. Vega reported that without looking at the specific data he believes that one of the top violations is dust violations.

Mr. Young asked if resistance is an issue while issuing a violation. Additionally, Mr. Young asked if there was an educational component that can be added to the process.

Mr. Vega responded by stating that in most cases violation recipients are accepting of the fact that there is an issue that needs to be resolved. Mr. Vega welcomed ideas to create education opportunities to help reduce the violations.

Chairman Delgado made reference to specific groups that focus on educating on these issues such as the Builders Association and asked if Mr. Vega is reaching out to those resources,

Mr. Vega affirmed Chair Delgado's statement.

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

Divisional Update – Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month; 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: COVID-19 Testing; COVID-19 Vaccinations.

Ms. Lottritz began her report by informing the Board that Dr. Vanessa Slots will be taking over as the Medical Director for the Immunization Program as of July 1, 2021. Ms. Lottritz also reported the Family Planning Program was able to go the Sheriff's office after 15 months and conduct services. In conclusion, Mr. Lottritz reported the American Rescue Plan Funding is allowing WEC to provide an additional \$35 per month per child and adult in fruits and vegetables.

Ms. Lottritz opened her item for questions from the Board.

Councilman Dahir asked if there has been an increase in request for services due to people losing their jobs and homes as a result of COVID-19.

Ms. Lottritz reported their numbers were down quite a bit in the last 15 months. She reports an increase has not been noted. Additionally, she reported WIC services kept active the entire time.

C. Environmental Health Services, David Kelly, Division Director

Environmental Health Services (EHS) Division: Program Updates; Consumer Protection (Food/Food Safety, Commercial Plans, Permitted Facilities); Environmental Protection (Land Development, Safe Drinking Water, Vector-Borne Diseases, Waste Management); and Inspections.

Erin Dixon began her report by updating the Board about staff completing pool openings. Ms. Dixon continued to report that a National Consultant started working with the Division on Monday to ensure staff is FDA standardized.

Ms. Dixon opened her item for questions from the Board.

D. Epidemiology and Public Health Preparedness, Dr. Nancy Diao, Division Director

Communicable Disease, Public Health Preparedness, Emergency Medical Services, Vital Statistics.

Dr. Diao began her report by highlighting that the Health Care Preparedness Team held a Burn Care Mass Casualty course that was well attended. Dr. Diao also reported the distribution of the EPI Newsletters, which serve to bring awareness and education to specific disease.

Dr. Diao made herself available to respond to questions from the Board.

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

District Health Officer Report – Local Authority Plan, COVID-19 Response, Joint Information Center, Washoe County Budget Process Update, Public Health Accreditation, Community Health Improvement Plan, Workforce Development, and Public Communications and Outreach.

Kevin Dick opened his item by providing an update on the COVID-19 response. Mr. Dick reported the number of cases and positivity rates continue to decline. He

continued to provide specifics on those figures. Mr. Dick commended the Health District and all their partners for a job well done as the Washoe County leads the state in the number of people that are being vaccinated. Mr. Dick continued to opine that the Washoe County is in a good position as the county moves forward with the full reopening on June 1, 2021.

Mr. Dick reported on the budget process. On May 18, 2021 the Board of County Commissioners took action to adopt the Washoe County Budget which included the Health District Budget of \$25.6 million.

Mr. Dick opened his item for question from the Board.

Chair Delgado expressed his gratitude to staff for their work.

14. Board Comment.

Dr. Novak expressed his appreciation for the people working and volunteering in the POD operations.

Councilman Dahir asked if the Board can visit their roles in the region when it comes to the homeless population.

Chair Delgado suggested the District Health officer can set something up with the staff members that are most involved with homelessness.

15. Public Comment.

Chair Delgado opened the public comment period.

Having no registered public comment, Chair Delgado closed the public comment period.

Adjournment.

Chair Delgado adjourned the meeting at 2:21 p.m.

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