

**Minutes**  
**STATE BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**September 6, 2019**  
**9:00 a.m.**

**MEETING LOCATIONS:**

Division of Public and Behavioral Health  
4150 Technology Way, Room 303  
Carson City, Nevada 89706

Grant Sawyer Building  
555 E. Washington Ave., Room 5100  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jon Pennell, DVM (Las Vegas)  
Jeffrey Murawsky, M.D. (Las Vegas)  
Dipti Shah, M.D. (Las Vegas)  
Charles Smith (Las Vegas)  
Monica Ponce, DDS (phone)

**BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED:**

Judith Bittner

**DIVISION OF PUBLIC & BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (DPBH) STAFF PRESENT:**

Jesse Wellman, Office of Analytics, Joseph Filippi, Executive Assistant, Lisa Sherych, Administrator, Elvira Saldana, Administrative Assistant

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Linda Anderson, Attorney General, Dr. Joseph Iser, Southern Nevada Health District, Jessica Padron, Alton Giles, Guardian Transportation, Erik Jimenez, Nevada Treasurer, Kevin Dick, Washoe County Health District, Washoe County Health District, Kristen deBraga, Washoe County Health District, Amber English, Washoe County Health District, Michael Touhey, Washoe County Health District, Julie Slabaugh, Attorney General, Nicki Aaker, Carson City Health and Human Services, Lea Cartwright, Guardian Transportation, Jeanette Belz, Guardian Transportation

Chair Pennell opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Roll call was taken and it was determined that a quorum of the State Board of Health was present.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Chair Pennell asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the March 8, 2019 or June 19, 2019 meetings. No recommendations were made.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

A motion was made to approve the minutes by Dr. Murawsky, seconded by Dr. Shah and carried to approve the minutes of March 8, 2019 and June 19, 2019.

**Consent Agenda:**

Consideration and approval of 2019 Proposed Regulation Amendments to Washoe County Health District's Food Establishments pursuant to NRS 439.366(3)

Consideration and appointment of Erik Jimenez to the Nevada Office of Minority Health and Equity (NOMHE) Advisory Committee

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

**CHAIR PENNELL ENTERTAINED A MOTION ON ITEM 3, CONSENT AGENDA. A MOTION BY DR. MURAWSKY TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA WAS MADE AND SECONDED BY DR. SHAH; THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Approval of 2020 Board of Health Meeting Dates:**

A motion was made to approve the meeting dates by Dr. Murawsky, seconded by Dr. Shah and carried to approve the 2020 meeting dates.

**Update on Sentinel Events according to NRS 439.843:**

Mr. Wellman informed the definition of sentinel events is defined by Assembly Bill 28 effective October 1, 2013. It refers to the National Quality Forum definition and it lists various events which result in permanent harm or death. Currently the list of reporters includes hospitals, obstetric centers, surgical centers for ambulatory patients and independent centers for emergency medical care. The data collection methods are event report forms and summary annual report forms. The top two sentinel event types are pressure ulcer and falls. The locations where sentinel events occurred the most are medical/surgical and intensive/critical care. There have been fewer counts among youth and children compared to 2017. New metrics added were sentinel events versus patient discharges and comparison of Nevada's program to nearby states. The Sentinel Events Registry uses the Research Electronic Data Capture Application system to gather information. There is a new workgroup focusing on the implementation of Senate Bill 457 which will expand the definition of reporters from medical facility to health care facility and expand the levels of reporting from 150 facilities to approximately 1500. In conclusion, most facilities are earnestly attempting to implement the sentinel events registry mandate and are complying to the best of their ability.

Dr. Murawsky thanked the program for the detailed report. Dr. Murawsky commended Mr. Wellman for the addition of chance of an event by discharge and sentinel events per discharge. It provides a new level of insight and will continue to be important with the expansion of the definition to adding more health care facilities. Dr. Murawsky thinks there is still opportunity to look at the weight of sentinel events per discharge in the geographic tables.

Mr. Wellman replied they would research the suggested metric and see how it can be presented.

### **Reports:**

Nicki Aaker, Director of Carson City Health and Human Services (CCHHS)- Ms. Aaker reported CCHHS has completed the 2018 Annual Report (Exhibit "A"). CCHHS is working on their strategic plan and should be completed this month. A presentation about vaping was conducted to Carson City's School District School Nurses. Staff presented to Carson City's Parks Commission and Open Space about smoke-free parks. A Back to School immunization event was conducted during the week of August 12-19. Ms. Aaker reported there was a 7% decrease in Title X funding. A transportation pilot program was launched using Uber health in collaboration with Carson Tahoe Hospital. A pocket resource guide has been developed for the community. Columbia Suicide Screening has been adopted and training was conducted. The contract for Carson City to provide Environmental Health Services in Douglas County was approved for another 3 years. Pulse Point has been implemented in Carson City and Douglas County. Pulse Point is an application the public can install on their smart phones which alerts individuals of the need for Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) trained citizens to go to a cardiac arrest situation and perform CPR until the paramedics arrive on scene.

Kevin Dick, District Health Officer for Washoe County Health District (WCHD)- Mr. Dick reported the WCHD received accreditation from the Public Health Accreditation Board. Two confirmed cases of Hantavirus were reported. The written report provides updates on immunization statistics and history. Mr. Dick reported there have not been any confirmed human cases of West Nile Virus. Emergency Preparedness Funds were utilized to purchase radiological detection protection equipment and shared with some of the law enforcement partners. WCHD has acted with businesses to cease adding cannabinoids to food products. WCHD has coordinated with DPBH and other local health authorities in having a consistent approach to cannabinoids in food products.

Dr. Joseph Iser, Chief Health Officer for Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD)- Dr. Iser reported a conference will be held at the end of the month to provide education on tuberculosis. The first academic health department conference in the nation for the Western organizations will be held in December. With the recent hepatitis A outbreak, SNHD continues to administer vaccinations. Clark County has experienced an influx of West Nile Virus cases. The SNHD has been accredited for the preventive medicine residency program. The health districts are concerned with the epidemic in vaping disease and death. Dr. Iser informed the Health District is in the final phase of accreditation.

Ms. Sherych introduced herself as the new Administrator for the Division of Public and Behavioral Health.

**Recommendations for future agenda items:**

No recommendations were made.

**Public Comment:**

Jessica Padron, Office of Minority Health- Ms. Padron introduced herself and stated she works with Tina Dortch in the Office of Minority Health. Ms. Padron informed it is important for their Board to grow and have all diversity included. The expanded scope includes rural communities, aging population, and individuals in underserved communities. Ms. Padron thanked the Board for all they do.

The meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

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