

WASHOE COUNTY DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
May 26, 2011

PRESENT: Mr. Matt Smith, Chairman; George Furman, MD; Denis Humphreys, OD;
Commissioner Kitty Jung; and Councilwoman Julia Ratti (arrived at 1:18 pm)

ABSENT: Councilman Dan Gustin

STAFF: Mary-Ann Brown, Interim District Health Officer; Eileen Coulombe, Administrative Health Services Officer; Bob Sack Director, Environmental Health Services; Dr. Randall Todd, Director, Epidemiology and Public Health Preparedness; Kevin Dick, Director, Air Quality Management; Candy Hunter, Acting Division Director, Community and Clinical Health Services; Patsy Buxton, Fiscal Compliance Officer; Lori Cooke, Fiscal Compliance Officer; Noel Bonderson, Air Quality Specialist Supervisor; Stacey Akurosawa, EMS Coordinator; Dr. Lei Chen, Senior Epidemiologist; Steve Fisher, Department Computer Application Specialist; Laurie Griffey, Administrative Assistant; Jennifer Hadayia, Public Health Program Manager; Tony Macaluso, Environmental Health Specialist, Supervisor; Brenda Wickman, Environmental Health Specialist; Lauri Mendoza, Air Quality Specialist II; Daniel Inouye, Senior Air Quality Specialist; Amber English, Environmental Health Specialist; Peg Caldwell, RN; Curtis Splan, Department Computer Application Specialist; Jim English, Senior Environmental Health Specialist ; Bev Bayan, WIC Program Manager; Janet Smith, Recording Secretary; and Leslie Admirand, Deputy District Attorney

At 1:08 pm, Chairman Smith called the Washoe County District Board of Health meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Dr. Denis Humphreys, member of the District Board of Health.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken and a quorum noted. Mrs. Janet Smith, Recording Secretary, advised that Councilman Gustin is excused.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment presented.

APPROVAL/DELETIONS – AGENDA – MAY 26, 2011

Chairman Smith called for any additions or deletions to the agenda.

MOTION: Dr. Humphreys moved, seconded by Ms. Jung, that the agenda of the District Board of Health May 26, 2011 meeting be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL/ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS – MINUTES – APRIL 28, 2011

Chairman Smith called for any additions or corrections to the minutes of the April 28, 2011 District Board of Health meeting.

MOTION: Ms. Jung moved, seconded by Dr. Furman, that the minutes of the District Board of Health April 26, 2011 meeting be approved as received. Motion carried unanimously.

RECOGNITIONS

Ms. Eileen Coulombe, Administrative Health Services Officer'

Introduced Ms. Patricia Buxton, Fiscal Compliance Officer; and Ms. Lori Cooke, Fiscal Compliance Officer, advising, Ms. Buxton and Ms. Cooke are to be commended for achieving their Certified Grants Management Specialist status from the National Grants Management Association. Ms. Buxton and Ms. Cooke "are the first two (2) Certified Grants Management Specialists in the State of Nevada. To be certified both submitted an application demonstrating their extensive knowledge and experience in the field of grants management; that the applications had to pass a rigorous review and be accepted. Ms. Buxton and Ms. Cooke then attended the National Grants Management Association Certified Grants Management Specialist Grandfathered Provisional Certification Training Program."

Ms. Jung

Stated, she would "congratulate Ms. Buxton and Ms. Cooke; that this is another stellar performance"; that achieving this certification "is good for Ms. Buxton; Ms. Cooke; and the Health District – this is great."

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

Introduced Dr. Lei Chen, Senior Epidemiologist; and Mr. Steven Fisher, Department Computer Application Specialist, advising that Dr. Chen and Mr. Fisher recently submitted two (2) abstracts to the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists, of which Dr. Chen is a member, addressing the integration of Information Technology into Epidemiology for Local Antibigram Dissemination in the Local Medical Community, Providing an overview of 'Local Antibiotic Resistance Trends in Washoe County.' Advising "there is a tremendous problem nationwide with emerging drug-resistance bacteria; that a method for combating this is to monitor the resistance patterns of the various organisms, which are isolated in laboratories, and then to publish that information, which assists the medical community to select antibiotics wisely and not contribute further to the problem." Dr. Chen has been producing local antiobigrams for approximately seven (7) years; that this information is utilized by the local medical community; that the information "is very popular on the Health District website.

Ms. Jung

Questioned if this information corresponds with the recent article in the *Reno Gazette Journal* regarding hospital contracted infections; and if this information is provided to the area hospitals.

In response to Ms. Jung

Dr. Lei Chen, Senior Epidemiologist

Advised, this information is available to all the hospitals and all physician offices.

Ms. Jung

Questioned if the Health District's Public Information Officer (PIO) could develop a response to the article in the *Reno Gazette Journal*, indicating "the Health District is on top of the RGJ's recent article; placing this information in the *Good News* section; and various other media sources." Stated she has received numerous inquiries regarding "the perception that the hospitals are dirty and how to combat that." Stated, "all of the recognitions should be provided to the *Good News* section of the RGJ. It is important to get the Health District's story out and educate the public as to the benefits of the Health District."

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Ms. Mary-Ann Brown, Interim District Health Officer

Introduced Ms. Jennifer Hadayia, Public Health Program Manager, advising, Ms. Hadayia was recently recognized on the Senate Floor of the 2011 Nevada State Legislature, for her work in HIV Prevention Policy; and received a Senate Proclamation in her honor. Advised Ms. Hadayia is to be commended for her work in public health policy, and specifically her work in HIV Prevention Policy.

Ms. Jung

Stated, "this recognition should also be publicized, particularly considering the big issues the Health District has coming up for vote during this Legislative Session; that this is a 'big win' for Ms. Hadayia and the credibility she has developed at the Legislature in these issues."

In response to Ms. Jung

Ms. Brown advised the Health District "does issue press releases regarding all of these issues."

Mr. Noel Bonderson, Air Quality Specialist

Advised, as the Board is aware, the Washoe County District Board of Health levies fines for violations of the requirements of the Air Quality Management Regulations; that fines collected by the Health Department are forwarded to the Washoe County School District. These fines are now utilized to help fund the annual Western Nevada Regional Science and Engineering Fair; that in recognition of the Health District's support, Mr. George Ochs, Washoe County Science Fair Chairman/Director, presented a plaque to the Washoe County Health District in appreciation "of the Health District's monetary support in sponsoring this fair." Advised two (2) of the winners at this year's annual Western Nevada Regional Science and Engineering Fair received "several top honors at the INTEL International Science & Engineering Fair held in Los Angeles, California." Advised, "Mr. Taylor Wilson was named the Intel Foundation Young Scientist Award winner receiving a \$50,000; and Mr. Casey Acklin, received the Air Force Research Laboratory Award of \$3,000; that both attend the Davidson Academy in Reno."

Chairman Smith

Stated, it is "really good to know that, in keeping companies in-line with the requirements of the Regulations, the fines collected are used on such worthwhile projects producing positive impacts in the County."

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS – DR. JOSEPH ISER – NEW DISTRICT HEALTH OFFICER

A. Presentation and Discussion of Possible Employment Agreement – Possible Start Date and Salary Negotiations - Washoe County District Health Officer with Possible Direction to Staff and Human Resources

Ms. Katey Fox, Director, Washoe County Human Resources

Advised, per the direction of the District Board of Health last month, in which an offer of employment was extended to Dr. Joseph Iser; that Human Resources was requested "to work through the details of the Employment Agreement." Advised, the Board members have been provided with a copy of the Employment Agreement between Dr. Iser and the Board of Health (a copy of which was placed on file for the record).

B. Possible Setting of Salary for the Washoe County District Health Officer

Ms. Fox

Advised, the salary identified for Dr. Iser in the Employment Agreement does represent "it is a wage reduction, which all unclassified management Department Heads in the Fiscal Year 10/11 accepted." Stated, in discussions with Dr. Iser, "he understands and is agreeable that effective the beginning of the Fiscal Year 11/12, which begins July 1st, his wages will be reduced by 5%." Advised, Dr. Iser will not be eligible for longevity pay, "as the Board of County Commissioners will take action on June 14, 2011, to freeze Career Incentive pay for those employees in the Unclassified Management schedule at the County for 11/12." Advised, Dr. Iser is being hired "at the top of the salary range; therefore, he will not be eligible for merit consideration in a year." Advised, Dr. Iser "will participate in the health insurance cost-share of \$44.60 per pay period"; that although not specified in the Employment Agreement, these issues have been discussed with and agreed upon by Dr. Iser. Advised, Dr. Iser will accrue vacation leave at 120 hours (3 weeks) annually; that it is "within the Board's prerogative to consider and approve the vacation accrual."

Ms. Jung

Stated the County is reviewing "how longevity pay and merit increases compensation for employees are managed in an effort to attract and retain excellent staff." Stated, the County has not yet taken a vote on this issue; however, the Board of County Commissioners will be considering "a more competitive range for employees in which salary incentives are performance based."

Dr. Humphreys

Stated, he appreciates HR has "taken the current economic conditions into consideration; that based on Dr. Iser's educational and professional experience, "the top of the salary range as discussed is justified."

**MOTION: Dr. Humphreys moved, seconded by Dr. Furman, that the Employment Agreement between the Washoe County District Board of Health and Dr. Joseph Iser, MD, DrPH, MSc, as the Washoe County District Health Officer, be approved as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Fox

Stated, "this has been a pleasurable experience for the staff of Human Resources; that HR looks forward to working with Dr. Iser. Stated, Dr. Iser did submit a "bio, which she will provide to the Health District." She and Ms. Kathy Hart will work with Health District Staff in "introducing Dr. Iser throughout the County."

Ms. Jung

Requested, Dr. Iser's bio is provided to the Board of County Commissioners.

Ms. Ratti

Requested, Dr. Iser's bio be forwarded to her electronically for presentation to the Sparks City Council.

Chairman Smith

Stated, the Board members did receive a copy of Dr. Iser's bio in the packet; that he would request HR forward to the Board members electronically. Stated, on behalf of the Board, he would thank Ms. Fox, Ms. Hart, and Mr. Kimura of Avery Associates for an excellent job in the recruitment of the District Health Officer. He has appreciated their assistance and professionalism.

Ms. Jung

Stated, she would "also thank the Personnel and Administrative Committee, for all of their efforts in the recruitment process." She would thank Ms. Brown for applying for the position, "as she is a big supporter of promoting from within." Stated, she "was rather blunt with Dr. Iser regarding the County's financial situation and he still accepted the position, which is a good sign." Stated, she would thank Ms. Brown for an excellent job as the Interim Health Officer.

Chairman Smith

Stated, he had lunch with Dr. Iser; that he would recommend each of the Board members schedule time to meet with Dr. Iser individually.

CONSENT AGENDA – BUDGET AMENDMENTS/INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS

The Board was advised that Staff recommends **ratification** of the **Interlocal Agreement** between the **Washoe County Health District** and the **University of Nevada School of Medicine Integrated Clinical Services, Inc.**, and the **University of Nevada School of Medicine Multispecialty Group Practice North, Inc.**, in the amount of **\$10,200 per year** to provide **physician consultative services** for the **Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinic** for the period of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

The Board was advised Staff recommends **ratification** of the **Agreement** between the **Washoe County Health District** and **Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center** in the amount of **\$2,795** to **transfer medical surge capacity equipment** to **Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center** contingent upon approval of the Washoe County Risk Manager and the District Attorney's office.

The Board was advised Staff recommends **ratification** of the **Agreement** between the **Washoe County Health District** and **Renown Regional Medical Center** in the amount of **\$2,795** to **transfer medical surge capacity equipment** to **Renown Regional Medical Center** contingent upon approval of the Washoe County Risk Manager and the District Attorney's office.

The Board was advised Staff recommends **ratification** of the **Agreement** between the **Washoe County Health District** and **Northern Nevada Medical Center** in the amount of **\$1,195** to **transfer medical surge capacity equipment** to **Northern Nevada Medical Center** contingent upon approval of the Washoe County Risk Manager and the District Attorney's office.

The Board was advised Staff recommends **ratification** of the **Agreement** between the **Washoe County Health District** and **Incline Village Community Hospital** in the amount of **\$1,195** to **transfer medical surge capacity equipment to Incline Village Community Hospital** contingent upon approval of the Washoe County Risk Manager and the District Attorney's office.

The Board was advised Staff recommends **approval** of the **Subgrant Amendment #1** from the **Nevada State Health Division** for the **Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Clinic Program**, in the **total amount of \$1,191,109** in **support of Salaries and Benefits, Travel and Training, and Operating Expenditures** for the period of October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011.

The Board was advised Staff recommends **ratification** of the **Interlocal Agreement** between the **Washoe County Health District** and the **University of Nevada School of Medicine Integrated Clinical Services, Inc.**, and the **University of School of Medicine Multispecialty Group Practice North, Inc., dba MEDSchool Associates of North (MSAN)**, in the **total amount of \$7,650** to provide physician consultative services for the period of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

MOTION: Ms. Ratti moved, seconded by Dr. Humphreys, that the Interlocal Agreements; the Agreements; and the Subgrant Amendment #1 be approved as presented and the Chairman authorized to execute on behalf of the Board.
Motion carried unanimously.

REGIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AUTHORITY

A. Review and Acceptance of the Operations and Financial Report – April 2011

Mr. Jim Gubbels, Vice President, REMSA

Advised the Board members have been provided with a copy of the April 2011 Operations and Financial Report; that the overall emergency response times for life-threatening calls in April 2011 was 92% and 96% for non-life threatening calls; that within the eight (8) minute zone it was 92%; within the fifteen (15) minute zone it was 96%; and within the twenty (20) minute zone it was 100%. The overall average bill for air ambulance service for April was \$6,108, with a year-to-date average of \$7,125. The overall average bill for ground ambulance service for April 2011 was \$905, with a year-to-date average of \$981.

MOTION: Dr. Humphreys moved, seconded by Ms. Jung, that the Operations and Financial Report for the month of April 2011 be accepted as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.

B. Update – REMSA's Community Activities Since April 2011

Mr. Gubbels

Stated REMSA received Proclamations from the City of Sparks, the City of Reno, and Washoe County for National EMS Week May 16 – May 20, 2011; that those Proclamations were shared with REMSA and Care Flight staff.

The Board members have been provided with a copy of the "*Congratulations Safe Kids Washoe County*", *Safe Kids USA*, which is an injury prevention program operated independently through its national organization; however, REMSA is a lead organization for that group; that he serves as Chairman for that group. Advised, *Safe Kids Washoe County in Reno, Nevada*, was selected as the 'Outstanding Non-Profit Agency' receiving the award from the *Alliance for Victims' Rights* for the *Cribs for Kids Program*. Advised the SKWC implemented the *Safe Sleep Program* with partnering agencies and programs, including the Health District's WIC Program; that SKWC will be working in conjunction with the State to present this Program to the rural counties.

Chairman Smith

Requested, Staff include a Proclamation in honor of REMSA recognizing National EMS Week retroactively, on the June 23, 2011 agenda.

REVIEW – ACCEPTANCE – MONTHLY PUBLIC HEALTH FUND REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT – APRIL 2011

Ms. Eileen Coulombe , Administrative Health Services Officer

Advised, the Board members have been provided with a copy of the Health Fund Revenue and Expenditure Report for the month of April 2011; that the percentages approximate 83% of the Fiscal Year. Advised, the amount of the Environmental Oversight Account for April is \$163,217.27; that Staff recommends the Board accept the Report as presented.

**MOTION: Ms. Jung moved, seconded by Ms. Ratti, that the District Health Department's Revenue and Expenditure Report for April 2011 be accepted as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.**

FISCAL YEAR 12 BUDGET UPDATE

Ms. Brown

Advised the Board members have been provided with a three (3) page handout, including: 1) an *Overview of Washoe County General Fund Budget Deficit Planning for Fiscal Year 2011/12*; 2) the *Interactive Budget Planning Model (IBPM) Personnel Cost Plan Version*; and 3) *Timeline for Achieving \$11.58M Labor Savings and Organizational Effectiveness Committee (OEC) Fundamental Review* (copies of which were placed on file for the record).

Advised the Overview indicates the current status of the County's budget; and "how the [County] will adjust" depending on the unknowns of the Legislature. The Interactive Budget Planning Model (IBPM) is the "budget planning tool utilized in the establishing the salary negotiations. The last page indicates the timeline for achieving the salary savings in the negotiation process; and the OEC fundamental review.

Advised, in her Board Report, she has provided the Board members with a copy of the '*Washoe County Fundamental Services Review Meeting Information for County Management and Staff Members*', from Management Partners, Incorporated (a copy of which was placed on file for the record). Advised Management Partners Incorporated is the company with which the County contracted to perform the fundamental review of County services. Advised, all of the Division Directors and Chairman Smith met with a representative of Management Partners at which time Division Directors were provided with the instructions as to "what Management Partners intends to do as a part of the fundamental review."

Ms. Coulombe

Advised she has provided the Board members with a copy of the '*Washoe County Health District Tentative State Doc Fund Health*' (a copy of which was placed on file for the record); that this copy should be inserted in the Budget Binders, in Tab 4. Advised, this document has the '*Final FY Approved*' amounts noted; that the Estimates to Complete have been adjusted. Advised, the Board's determination regarding the Department Fee Schedule have been incorporated in the dollar amounts listed; that Washoe County will be utilizing the Health Department's General Fund to calculate what the reductions will be. Advised, "the County's May 10th document was the expenditure portion"; that she conferred with Mr. Darin Conforti, who presented the concerns to County Manager, Ms. Katy Simon, "as the Health Fund is a Special Revenue Fund; that the resources outside of the grants are restricted revenues; therefore, there will be an adjustment. Ms. Simon was amenable to the concerns and indicated the General Fund Transfer would be utilized to calculate the 10%."

Advised, Staff anticipated a "\$400,000 reduction of the Fund Balance; that the County is utilizing the Risk Management Fund of \$7.5 million and \$2.25 million from the Stabilization Fund to achieve the Fund Balance of \$9.75 million. The \$400,000 is reflected in an increased FY 12 Ending Fund Balance."

Advised, the Health District "had the five (5) vacancies with a value of \$447,785; that this value has been slightly reduced; therefore, the current value of those five (5) positions is \$438,556." Stated, Staff has been advised of three (3) additional vacancies, two (2) of which are 100% local funding, with the third position being 91% local funding; that two (2) of the positions are retirements and one (1) is a resignation. Advised, after Dr. Iser starts the Leadership Team will discuss and present recommendations "as to how to address those targets."

Reviewed, other budgetary reductions, including health insurance, motor pool adjustments; and equipment service expenditures. Advised, during the May 10th meeting of the Board of County Commissioners the County Manager presented the recommended Budget for FY 2011/2011 (item #23); that Staff is aware "things will change with an amended budget." Advised, that as the budget is amended those revisions "can be made in the budget system; that the County will be flexible in making adjustments."

Ms. Brown

Advised she has forwarded the Board members an electronic copy of the County Commissioners' Board item.

Ms. Jung

Advised the County is very concerned regarding the Legislature's action specific to the Sunset Tax as a source of revenue; that "while this may not hurt the County there has been no definitive decision as to 'where' the revenue would actually go." Stated the County "sent a letter to Assemblywoman Smith to advise her [the County] does not support the \$.09 property tax diversion, which has been in effect since 2009; and requesting the diversion of those funds be discontinued."

Advised, today's Supreme Court ruled "the flood project monies the State diverted from Clark County was unconstitutional; that special taxes cannot be *cannibalized*." Stated, the State Constitution stipulates 'all counties must be treated equally'; therefore, the diversion of funds "from Clark and Washoe Counties, while the rural counties have remained whole is unconstitutional in our State." Stated, this issue will be on the Board of County Commissioners agenda; that she

"wants the employees to be aware the County isn't asking them to take all these cuts without putting up a decent fight." This Supreme Court decision "will put a large gap in the budget; that she doesn't see a solution, any new revenue creation, or tax structure."

MOTION: Chairman Smith moved, seconded by Dr. Humphreys, that the Fiscal Year 12 Budget update be accepted as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

ENDING FUND BALANCE POLICY

Ms. Brown

Advised the Board has been discussing the development of an Ending Fund Balance Policy for the Health District; that the Board of County Commissioners recently adopted an Ending Fund Balance Policy for the County. Stated, pursuant to Ms. Jung's request for Staff to investigate the establishment of an Ending Fund Balance Policy for the Health District working in collaboration with Mr. John Sherman, Washoe County, she has been in discussion with Mr. Sherman regarding this issue. Stated, Mr. Sherman advised he will be reviewing the County's Ending Fund Policy and what the Health District's relationship is to that Policy." Stated, she anticipates some guidance from Mr. Sherman within the next few months to allow the Board of Health to establish guidelines or an Ending Fund Balance Policy. Stated, she will provide an update to Dr. Iser regarding this issue.

WASHOE COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT – 2011 LEGISLATIVE BILL TRACKING REPORT – POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF

Ms. Brown

Stated, the Board members have been provided with a copy of the Health District's 2011 Legislative Bill Tracking Report for the period ending May 20, 2011 (a copy of which was placed on file for the record); that as the Board is aware there continues to be a lot of activity due to various deadlines and the end of the Session." Advised, she has provided updates to the Board of "documents or testimony, which Staff has presented in the interim since last month's meeting, to ensure the Board is aware of on-going issues." Stated, Staff will be providing an update regarding recent action on AB 571, which pertains to the Nevada Clean Indoor Air Act (NCIAA) and a lessening of the restrictions of the NCIAA. Stated, when Staff was advised of the parameters of AB 571, she sent a "pre-emptive letter to Assemblywoman Debbie Smith and other Legislators", delineating the Health District's rationale for opposing AB 571.

Ms. Jennifer Hadayia, Public Health Program Manager

Advised the Board, AB 571 is not listed in the Board of Health's Legislative Tracking document, as it had not been introduced when the Tracking document was prepared; however, Staff was anticipating "some type of Legislation specific to potential exemptions to the Nevada Clean Indoor Air Act (NCIAA). Advised, Assembly Bill 571 was introduced on the floor of the Assembly and immediately referred to the Assembly Ways and Means Committee; that the intent of the Bill is to "create an additional exemption to the list of exemptions in the Nevada Clean Indoor Air Act (NCIAA) where smoking would be allowed." Advised AB 571 would include stand alone bars, taverns and saloons to the exemptions; that the complication to the language of the Bill is there are two (2) definitions proposed as to what constitutes a stand alone bar, tavern or saloon; that one is a definition of what is an age restricted bar, tavern, or saloon; that the other is an amendment to the current definition to a bar, tavern, or saloon, which is not age restricted, and would allow food service to occur. Stated, the proponents of the Bill have indicated the intent is to allow the "traditional stand alone bar to re-open the kitchen and have food service; however, the ambiguity of the two (2) definitions proposed to be included, the concern is could allow for smoking in bar areas of larger facilities such a family friendly restaurant."

Advised, when the Bill was proposed Staff met to initiate the Health District's response; that the Health District's response to any additional exemptions to the NCIAA "is to oppose"; however, the Health District acknowledges there are restrictions regarding the enforcement of the NCIAA, as written. Advised, Staff further acknowledges the NCIAA will be "more difficult to enforce with the dual competing definitions of a stand-alone bar, tavern or saloon, which have proposed to be added." Advised, Staff prepared an amendment, which would strengthen the enforcement capabilities of the NCIAA within three (3) specific sections: 1) identifying the responsible party for ensuring a smoke-free work-place; 2) connecting compliance with the requirements of the NCIAA to the Annual Permit to Operate; and 3) granting health authorities local control to adopt additional or more stringent policies specific to smoking.

Advised, the amendment was submitted to the Chair of the Legislative Committee, Assemblywoman Debbie Smith; however, no response has yet been received regarding whether or not it will be considered in a work session; and whether the amendments would be accepted if considered.

Advised, Staff has been receiving conflicting information regarding "whether the Bill has enough votes to get out of Committee, as proposed to create the exemptions or if there are enough votes to kill the Bill in Committee, as proposed." Advised, Staff is "ready for when this Bill is presented during the work session; that Staff is prepared to explain the needs of the Health District specific to enforcement; and the Health District's opposition to any additional exemptions."

Advised Staff participating in these efforts are herself, Ms. Mary-Ann Brown, Mr. Bob Sack, Ms. Erin Dixon, Mr. Tony Macaluso; Mr. David McNinch and Ms. Leslie Admirand; that "all have come together multiple times to attempt to oppose AB 571; and to strengthen the Health District's enforcement authority." Stated, all are to be commended; that "Staff has been working very closely with Washoe County Government Affairs and Mr. John Slaughter, who has been extremely helpful" being at the Legislature and remaining in close contact with Staff for all the Bills.

Ms. Brown

Stated, Mr. Slaughter and the Washoe County Legislative Team "have been great in working with Staff; that she has keeping the Board apprised of what Staff was attempting to accomplish."

In response to Ms. Jung

Regarding an update on AB 128, which would have prohibited smoking on campuses of higher education, Ms. Hadayia advised, "this Bill has stalled remaining in Committee." The system of higher education proposed an amendment to mitigate the fiscal note attached to this Bill, for the implementation of this smoking ban on all areas of the campus, including the proper signage, authority for campus police to enforce the policy. The amendment proposed would be "to eliminate the language of the campus requiring enforcement by the campus police." Advised, AB 128 remains in the Assembly Ways and Means Committee awaiting another work session; however, it is an exempt Bill and therefore, did have to comply with any deadlines; therefore, it is not yet a failed Bill. Stated, Staff does anticipate it will fail. Stated, currently there are not enough votes "to move it out of Committee due to concerns as to whether or not it is an appropriate Bill to pass; how it would be enforced; and the fiscal note attached."

In response to Ms. Jung

Regarding requesting either the Chairman or other members of the Board testifying on behalf of the Health District, Ms. Hadayia advised, "as part of the process and policy", Staff has not requested assistance from either the Chairman of the Board members to testify; however, that "does not mean it couldn't be a possibility."

Ms. Jung

Stated, this could be a possibility, as the District Board of Health is responsible for the public health of the entire County; that she is the County's Legislative liaison and would recommend Staff consider this as an option.

Ms. Hadayia

Advised, "the Legislative matrix process is very helpful for that purpose as Staff has a greater authority in stating 'this is the position of the Health District and the District Board of Health' on a Bill; however, the additional testimony would also be of help."

In response to Ms. Ratti

Regarding the position of the Southern Nevada Health District, and the State Health Division specific to these Bills, Ms. Hadayia advised the Health District "did its due diligence in including all of the health jurisdictions" in the efforts to amend AB 571 to address the concerns as noted. Stated, she has remained in contact with Southern Nevada Health District; Carson City Health and Human Services; and the Nevada State Health Division; that all of the health authorities were in support of the District's attempt to strengthen the enforcement abilities. Stated, the other health authorities also have to approval from the respective governing boards; and have not been engaged in the same type of process as the Health District; therefore, "there was not the time to obtain approval from the respective Boards to 'sign-on' for the conceptual approval of the amendments proposed by the District." Advised, the Southern Nevada Health District did initially 'sign-on' to the amendment; however, "due to pressure from one (1) of its funders." Stated, "the concept and support for the Health District's efforts represents all of the health jurisdictions and what is believed needs to be strengthened in enforcement."

Ms. Brown

Stated, she, Dr. Sands, Southern Nevada; and Ms. Marena Works, Carson City Health and Human Services, have had regular conference calls regarding all of the Legislative issues; and are in alignment on these issues.

In response to Ms. Ratti

Regarding the members of the Sparks Legislative Team, Ms. Hadayia advised that "she relies on Mr. Slaughter for those contacts.

Ms. Ratti

Advised the City of Sparks has a rapid response process to address the issues; that she "is a member of the Government Affairs Team for Sparks, should the Staff have the need to contact the Sparks Government Affairs Team.

Ms. Brown

Stated the Health District's Legislative matrix is forwarded to Mr. Carey, Sparks City Manager, after it is accepted by the Board of Health. Advised, Staff "has not been at the Legislature very often other than in the capacity of content experts or in response to something urgent (i.e., AB 571).

Ms. Ratti

Stated, she would commend Staff "on doing a great job; that the partnerships make sense."

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

Stated, AB 98, "is an Uniform Act"; that the Uniform Commission reviews those issues, which should adopted by every state, to ensure consistency in how "things are managed from one state to the next." Advised the Uniform Act would ensure "a pre-registered health care provider from another state, who has previously been vetted in that state, and registered in an appropriate system in that state could respond to an incident in Nevada and practice within the scope of his/her license without a lot of bureaucratic process. The Act addresses liability concerns and workers' compensation for these volunteers." Stated, "former Senator Terry Care is active in the Uniform Commission and presented this to the Assembly Government Affairs Committee.

Advised, the State Medical Association had introduced some important amendments, including better defining "health care professional" consistent with existing Nevada Law as to what constitutes a "health care professional." Stated, "more importantly the Act delineates under what circumstances the out-of-state volunteers could respond and work in Nevada"; that, as originally drafted the Act stipulated 'if there is a declared emergency'; however, the concern was the volunteers participating in a drill or exercise in preparation for an emergency; and the provision of "the protections afforded by the Law under those circumstances." Advised the other concern was the length of time necessary for the declaration of an emergency when assistance is required immediately. Advised, provisions were included for a "reasonable expectation that an emergency declaration will be made the participant will be covered. AB 98 was amended with a do pass out of the Assembly; that on Monday, May 23, 2011, the Bill was heard in the Senate Government Affairs Committee; that there wasn't any opposition to the Bill; that he and a representative of DEM (Department of Emergency Management), testified on this Bill." Stated, in speaking with former Senator Care, he was advised "that unless the Legislature runs out of time he would anticipate it will pass." Stated, AB 98 "is a good Bill; and there hasn't been anyone indicating it isn't; that he anticipates it will pass."

Ms. Brown

Advised, SB 471, is the Bill "specific to the push-downs to local health authorities on which she testified"; that this included medical treatment of Tuberculosis (TB) patients; and food facility inspections for schools of higher education; that the EMS component for testing and certification of Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics was withdrawn from this Bill. Advised, after completion of the revisions the Statute was amended, which now requires the Health District to provide medical treatment for TB patients; and inspect the food service facilities on the campuses of higher education. Advised, in addition to providing testimony, all three (3) of the local jurisdictions have had discussions with the State regarding "mitigating some of the language to provide the flexibility in the relationship among the State and the local health authorities. Further, the three (3) local health authorities discussed the amending of some very important language from 'shall' to 'may' for inpatient TB treatment with the State, to ensure the costs associated with the medical treatment are somewhat controllable." Stated, she is "not sure as to the status of the revisions as proposed as the State has not responded; that Staff is attempting to mitigate the impact to the Health District, specifically in the TB Clinic.

Advised the remaining Legislative activity is noted in the Bill Tracking form; that as noted in the Bill Tracking form a number of Bills have already failed.

**MOTION: Ms. Ratti moved, seconded by Ms. Jung, that the May 2011 Legislative Tracking Report be accepted as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Jung

Stated, she would commend Ms. Hadayia for her efforts and for being recognized on the Senate floor.

Later in the meeting in response to Ms. Ratti

Regarding the Legislative Bill specific "to the population cap", Ms. Hadayia advised the AB 545 was scheduled for hearing last Friday; however, "she does not believe it moved forward."

In response to Ms. Ratti

Mr. Bob Sack, Division Director, Environmental Health Services

Advised, AB 545 "made it out of the first house; that it was amended once to include issues specific to Deputy DA and the Sheriff; that it was then amended again to delete those provisions and forwarded to the next house late last week."

PRESENTATION – RECOMMENDATION – APPROVAL – WASHOE COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT'S PARTICIPATION – NEVADA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE SUBSTANCE ABUSE & MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE ADMINISTRATION (SAMHSA) – SCREENING, BRIEF INTERVENTION & REFERRAL TO TREATMENT WITH A TRAUMA MODULE (SBIRT-TM) PROGRAM

Ms. Brown

Advised the Nevada Governor's Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration (SAMHSA) – *Screening Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment with a Trauma Module* (SBIRT-TM) Program, is an effort of the State of Nevada Governor's office for substance abuse and mental health services. Advised the State contacted Washoe County due to the 'Health District's uniqueness of the HIV/STD Clinic "to be one (1) of the participants in this grant"; that the grant participants will include primary care providers.

Advised, the initial grant was for a screening, brief intervention and referral treatment (a SBIRT); however, the Governor's Grant office as unable to comply with the deadline. She did confer with Chairman Smith regarding this opportunity, as the grant application had to be submitted by yesterday. Advised, "because the Governor's Office could not submit this by the deadline, this grant will now be submitted conceptually; that the new grant has to be submitted in July; therefore, there is the opportunity for the review and approval by the Board and for the formal submission to participate in this grant.

Advised, Ms. Hadayia will be presenting an analysis of the grant proposal and what could be achieved through this grant.

Chairman Smith

Stated, that he was contacted by Ms. Brown, and as the deadline for submission was prior to the Board of Health meeting, he advised her to proceed with the application process. Advised, that it is the Board's determination whether to approve the Health District proceeding in the application process.

In response to Ms. Jung

Regarding the Governor's office preparing the grant application, Ms. Hadayia advised Staff was contacted approximately two (2) weeks ago to participate in the grant application process; that the RFA (Request for Applications), to which the State will respond is the exact same model with an additional "ad-on". Advised that she cannot respond to "why SAMHSA issued two (2) RFAs so comparable to each other back-to-back, she does not know; that it is her understanding the State did not have the time to complete the application for submission. The amount of the funding is slightly different between the two (2) grant applications; that there was more funding in the first grant and more grants being awarded for the first proposal." Stated, there is more time to prepare a more qualifying application for the second grant process.

Ms. Brown

Stated, Staff did advise the Governor's office that there was the possibility of the Board of Health voting not to participate in the grant application process.

Ms. Hadayia

Advised, the application is one "which only the executive offices of the State can apply; therefore, the Governor's office is applying in collaboration with the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency (SAPTA) at the State Health Division. Stated, it will be a SAPTA Grant application to SAMHSA; however, it has to be from the Executive Branch."

Advised, this is a grant application being submitted by SAPTA and the Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services Administration (SAMHSA) for a *Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to treatment with a Trauma Module (SBIRT-TM)* project.

Advised the purpose of the grant is to provide a public health approach to the screening and identification of individuals who are practicing risky alcohol and drug (AOD) use; that the grant is to

integrate screening and intervention for exposure to trauma. Stated, there would be a strategic focus on the co-occurring risk factors of substance abuse, intimate partner violence and risk for HIV/AIDS. Advised SBIRT is a tested model for intervention of alcohol and drug misuse; and has been researched by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism and the National Institute on Drug Abuse. Advised the Trauma Module (TM) component of the SBIRT model integrates screening and brief intervention for misuse of alcohol and other drugs with the screening for exposure to trauma (i.e., intimate partner violence, abuse and neglect, loss, disaster, war experiences). Advised, "this represents a strategic approach by SAMHSA" providing grant funding for "three (3) co-occurring public health epidemics, which interrelate – substance abuse; HIV/AIDS; and violence; and identifying a model for intervention in various settings, including primary care, which include specialty clinics." Stated, "those individuals experiencing all three (3) of those epidemics would be referred to the services they require."

Reviewed the logistics, advising the applicant will be SAPTA; applications are due July 5, 2011; awards will begin on the Federal Fiscal Year and are provided to the State and then disseminated to the County through a grant or contract. Advised, the amount to the State is "up to \$1 million per year for up to five (5) years to each state agency receiving an award; that up to five (5) agency awards will be granted."

Advised, "there is no Statute or Regulation which would mandate these activities; however, there are three (3) of the ten (10) core public health essentials Staff has identified to which this grant would address: # 2 – Diagnosis and investigate health problems and health hazards in the community; #3 – inform, educate, and empower people regarding health issues; and #7 – link people to needed personal health services and assure the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable.

Advised, the District Board of Health priorities identified with this grant are: 1) provides people with information needed to make health decisions; and 2) protects populations from health problems and health hazards. Advised the verifiable public health needs are: 1) alcohol misuse is a risk factor for hypertension, heart attack, HIV/AIDS, unintended pregnancy; fetal alcohol syndrome; SIDS, suicide, interpersonal violence, Motor Vehicle Accidents (MVA) and certain cancers (as identified in the County Health Rankings 2011); and 2) research has linked traumatic events with subsequent health risk behaviors; unaddressed trauma increases the risk of mental and substance use disorders, chronic physical diseases and early death (SAMHSA 2011).

Advised recent data indicated 21% of Washoe County's population are "excessive drinkers, which is greater than both the State at 19% and the national average of 15%; therefore, Washoe County is in the top percentile for abuse of alcohol nationwide (County Health Rankings, 2011). Advised,

recent data from the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) the percent of teens in Washoe County reporting drug and alcohol use prior to having sexual intercourse has increased from 21% to 23%. Advised, STD Clinic Staff have noted an association between repeat STDs and drug and alcohol use; and substance abuse in special populations such as men having sex with men (MSM); that intravenous drug use is a significant risk factor for HIV and viral hepatitis. Stated, the rate of reported intimate partner violence per capita in Nevada is increasing; that Nevada's rate of sexual assault is greater than the national rate (UNLV 2010); that 11% of teens in Nevada have reported dating violence (YRBS) in their lives. Stated, Staff in the STD Clinic do question clients regarding the use of intravenous drugs; the use of drugs or alcohol prior to sexual activity, have they experienced intimate partner violence. Stated, "at this time, Staff does not have the advance training or capacity to address these underlying concerns; that, while Staff addresses the STD and HIV concerns, the Health District is not addressing the use of substances, which may be contributing to the transmission of STD/HIV." Stated, without the implementation of the program through this grant, the Health District would lose the opportunity "for additional Staff capacity to address these underlying risk factors; and the loss of the opportunity to implement a proven intervention, as this model has been tested and proven through research; and the loss of opportunity for additional training for Staff." Through the implementation of this model the District could achieve further reductions in HIV and STD rates.

Advised, in regard to "can the Health District do this?", first it would be necessary to identify the existing assets among Staff; that there are existing Staff members who are very skilled in expertise in alcohol and drug use screening, intimate partner violence screening, counseling on sexual risk-taking, and motivational interviewing; that Staff routinely questions clients regarding these issues. Advised, this would include current program Staff with an expertise in needs of high-risk populations (i.e., IDUs, MSM, re-entry and youth), which are the populations at-risk for substance misuse, exposure to violence, and those for STDs and HIV exposure. Advised, the Health District has an existing STD Clinic; that the Health District partners with the Jan Evans Juvenile Detention, the jails, in which Staff conducts the various outreach testing sites.

Stated, regarding other agencies/community partners providing these services, the Health District was contacted to participate as the STD Clinic would serve as a "Specialty Clinic" in the grant application, which grant writers have identified as a clinic which serves people at risk for HIV and other STDs; that the Washoe County Health District Clinic is the only one which meets this definition within Washoe County. Stated, the Health District "would be providing the 'specialty clinic' location for Washoe County for the implementation of this model program among these very high-risk populations.

Reviewed the list of the various community agencies, which would partner with the Health District, in the implementation of this grant program should the funding be awarded.

Stated, funding to implement this Program would be "resources sufficient for five (5) years, requiring a 1.0 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Public Health Nurse; and a 0.5 FTE Biostatistician positions; that operating costs (i.e., telephone, supplies, etc); that there is no funding match required; and no equipment purchases necessary should the District be able to re-deploy." Stated, there would be no associated subcontracts associated with this grant.

Advised, that there are test-proven associated "evaluation tools to obtain data on the impact of the model with the high-risk populations; that in the SAMHSA Grant these are CSAT-GPRA tool for measuring the demographics, risk factors, etc. Advised, 100% of the clients in the STD/HIV Clinics would be screened with this tool; of the 100% of clients screened 80% who require further intervention or referral will receive follow-up; that data will be collected on 10% of the 80% receiving follow-up. Advised, there will be "clinic-level measures (e.g., sexual risk factors while under the influence of alcohol/drugs; repeat STDs, etc.; will those risk-factors change as the model program is implemented." Advised, there will be "community-level measures, monitoring the percentage of adults who are excessive drinkers; the percentage of teens reporting dating violence; that there will be performance and outcome measures required by SAMHSA with the implementation of the model program.

Advised, Staff would periodically report to the District Board of Health through the Divisional Director Reports, as necessary; and through the semi-annual reports to SAMHSA as required, which would be available to the Board.

Advised, "success would be measured through: 1) the screening of approximately 1,700 clients in the STD Clinic for substance misuse and trauma impact annually (All Clinic Stats, FY09-10); 2) there would be 80% of follow-up with clients requiring intervention and a referral to treatment; 3) this would increase the knowledge, skills and abilities of Staff; 4) an increased ability in referrals to substance use prevention and treatment and mental and behavioral health programs within the community; and an increased access to high-risk clients for STD/HIV prevention (e.g., IDUs, MSM, victims of violence, etc).

Stated, introducing this Program will reduce the underlying risk factors of the high-risk populations, which would result in improvements in the rates of HIV and STDs within the community, as the underlying risk factor will be addressed.

In response to Dr. Furman

Regarding the "guarantee of no indirect costs within the application; and whether the grant requires continuation of the Program", Ms. Brown advised this proposed grant is for five (5) years; therefore, the Staff either hired to work in this Program or assigned to this Program would be a time-limited employment agreement. Stated, this is an option the County is reviewing; that rather than continue the employment of Staff, who were initially hired through a grant there would be the understanding it would be for the grant period only. Advised, there is "no requirement in this grant that the Program be continued beyond the five (5) years; that the District would work with Human Resources to ensure the employees associated with this grant would have the understanding it would be based upon available funding."

Ms. Hadayia

Advised, there is nothing in the grant application (RFA), which prohibits the collection of indirect costs from the grantor; that this would be negotiated in the subcontracting process.

In response to Dr. Humphreys

Regarding the staffing requirements of the Program, and whether it would require additional Staff or if existing Staff would assume the duties of the Program, Ms. Brown advised it would require a review of the skill level of the current Staff and the time availability of current Staff. Stated, it is always the intent to review current staffing capabilities; however, the CCHS Division has "lost a number of Staff, and have not hired anyone new for years."

Chairman Smith

Stated, "with the current economic conditions, he would prefer being able to have existing Staff manage the Program if possible."

In response to Ms. Jung

Regarding "finance's review of the proposal; that there is the concern "of weighing if the grant dollars are worth the effort that would be necessary to administer the Program", Ms. Hadayia advised "it is her understanding Ms. Brown reviewed this application with the Administration Finance Team.

Ms. Brown

Reiterated this is not a grant for which the Health District is applying; that it is the State's grant application; that the Health District is requesting approval to partner with the State; that the Health District would not be obligated to participate in the grant should it "present problems fiscally or programmatically." Advised, should the State be awarded the grant Staff would then review the proposal from the State.

Ms. Coulombe

Stated Ms. Brown advised the Finance Team "there was the intent to bring this to the Board." Staff will review the specifics of the Program as a component of the grant application process; that, as Dr. Furman suggested, the indirect costs could be applied.

In response to Ms. Jung

Regarding Planned Parenthood partnering in this effort, Ms. Hadayia advised the Health Department partners with the Northern Nevada Outreach Team; that there are approximately twenty (20) partnering agencies participating in the Outreach Team, including Planned Parenthood.

Ms. Jung

Stated, it is important for the Board and the community "to be aware of the timeliness for the screening and brief intervention for the misuse of alcohol and other drugs, with screening for exposure to trauma, such as disaster and the wars. There are so many returning soldiers with physical and mental issues, these problems are going to become worse for the community." Stated, should this require Board of County Commission approval, she would recommend that component "be highlighted."

Ms. Hadayia

Advised, initially during the preparation of this application there was discussion regarding including "the Community Transformation Grant a second component to this funding application, which is a significant opportunity for funding for the State

MOTION: Ms. Ratti moved, seconded by Ms. Jung, that Staff be directed to submit an application to participate in the Nevada Governor's Office Substance Abuse & Mental Health Service Administration (SAMHSA – Screening, Brief Intervention & Referral to Treatment with a Trauma Module (SBIRT-TM) Program, as outlined.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Ratti

Stated, "she appreciates this process; that the checklist is great."

Chairman Smith

Advised the Board, "this will be Ms. Hadayia's last meeting, as she has resigned her position at the Health District. On behalf of the Board he would commend Ms. Hadayia for her years of service and hard work to and for the Health District.

Ms. Hadayia

Thanked the Board, advising her leaving "is an emotional issue; that her decision was based upon a severe family illness; that her family is in Texas, and she has made the decision to move there."

Ms. Jung

Stated, she "hopes Staff and everyone are in contact with his/her State representatives regarding the loss of talented, young, upwardly mobile professionals in the workforce, and attracting retirees. She is a member of the Senior Services Advisory Board; however, it requires more than retirees to have a vibrant community." Stated, Ms. Hadayia's departure "is a terrible loss for the community in regard to commitment to HIV outreach, education, her excellent reputation at the State Legislature, which takes years to build, and to the other public health programs."

UPDATE – NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL BOARDS OF HEALTH – SEPTEMBER 7 – 9, 2011 – COEUR d'ALENE, IDAHO

Chairman Smith

Advised, the Board members have been provided with a copy of the flyer regarding the upcoming 19th Annual Conference of the National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH), which will be in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, September 7 – 9, 2011. Stated, he won't be able to attend, as he has conflicting plans; that it will be necessary for the Board to choose a member to attend.

Ms. Ratti

Stated, "while she does want to attend a NALBOH conference, she, too, has a conflict with those dates.

In the discussion that followed, Ms. Kitty Jung stated she will attend the Conference on behalf of the Washoe County District Board of Health.

PRESENTATION – WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA – AIR QUALITY TRENDS REPORT (2001 – 2010)

Ms. Lauri Mendoza, Air Quality Specialist II

Advised, she will be providing an update to the 2010 Air Quality Trends Report (a copy of which was placed on file for the record). Stated, the "purpose of the Trends Report is to summarize the data collected from the Air Quality monitoring sites in Washoe County; that this Report summarizes the data collected between 2001 -- 2010."

Presented an overview of the various monitoring sites in operation within Washoe County between 2001 through 2010, advising the green dots represent the current operating locations; that the red dots indicate those sites, which are no longer in operation; however, the data from those sites is represented in the Report.

Advised, the Washoe County Air Quality Management Division is mandated by Federal and State Law to monitor and collect ambient air quality data for those pollutants deemed to be harmful by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Advised, currently Washoe County Air Quality Management monitors for Carbon Monoxide (CO); Ozone (O₃); Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂); and Particulate Matter (PM₁₀ and PM 2.5).

Advised, the Clean Air Act (CAA) mandates the US EPA to National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for those pollutants considered harmful to public health and the environment; that the table presented represents those pollutants for which Washoe County does monitor. Reviewed the table, advising there are "various averaging times for the different pollutants." Advised, "during 2010 the Washoe County Air Quality Management District did experience two (2) exceedances, one for the twenty-four (24) hour PM_{2.5} Standard; and one for the eight (8) hour Ozone Standard.

Reviewed the Ozone Trend (2001-2010) graph, advising it indicates "how the monitoring data has compared against the eight (8) hour Ozone NAAQS for the past ten (10) years." Advised, "from 1997 through 2007, the eight (8) hour Ozone Standard was .08 parts per million; however, in 2008, the US EPA strengthened the standard to .075 parts per million. Currently Washoe County is in attainment for the eight (8) hour Standard of .075 parts per million; however, on January 6, 2010, the EPA proposed to further strengthen the eight (8) hour Primary Ozone Standard to a level within a range of .067 and .070. When the new Standard is finalized in July 2011 (proposed), Washoe County's attainment status may change."

Advised the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) requires metropolitan statistical areas, with populations of more than 350,000 to report the areas air quality to the public on a daily basis; that in Washoe County the Air Quality Index (AQI) values are calculated and reported for Ozone, Carbon Monoxide and Particulate Matter (PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5}) daily. The table summarizes the Air Quality Index (AQI) totals by month for 2010; that there were 256 days in which the air quality was in the good range; 106 days in which the air quality was in the moderate range; and three (3) days in which the air quality was "unhealthy for sensitive groups."

Stated, in reviewing the "air quality there are two (2) areas of concern – the winter months which result in higher PM levels and the summer months, specifically in August (the hottest month), when the Ozone levels increase. Washoe County experienced two 'unhealthy for sensitive groups' days – one in January and one in August."

Advised, "2010 began with several days of stable atmospheric conditions and strong temperature inversions, with the lowest temperature of 18° occurring on January 4th, which was a contributing factor to a twenty-four (24) hour PM_{2.5} exceedance of 38.8 micrograms per cubic meter, which occurred on January 5th." Stated, "July and August were very warm summer months, with the only Ozone exceedance of .077 parts per million occurring on August 20th."

Advised, the final graph summarizes the ten (10) year trend of the Air Quality Index (AQI) values in Washoe County. Advised, in 2008 the US EPA finalized the NAAQS revisions, which did result in changes to the Air Quality Index categories; that "during that summer [Washoe County] experienced a number of days in the 'unhealthy for sensitive groups', 'unhealthy', and 'very unhealthy' categories, which were a direct result of the Northern California wildfires." Advised, in 2009 [Washoe County] experienced a severe weather inversion resulting in high pollution levels, which did affect the air quality in the region. Advised, "overall during the past ten (10) years the air

quality was in the good or moderate range 99% of the time, with only 1% total was 'unhealthy for sensitive groups, unhealthy, or very unhealthy categories combined.'

Stated, "in summary, the Trends Report is an informative document outlining the highs and lows of the air quality in our community"; that the Board members can review the document on the Washoe County Health District Air Quality Management's website: <http://www.washoecounty.us/health/air/aqr.html>.

The Board thanked Ms. Mendoza for her presentation.

ANNOUNCEMENT – RESIGNATION – DR. AMY KHAN – WASHOE COUNTY DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH

A. Discussion and Possible Appointment of the District Board of Health Appointee of the At-Large Physician Member to the District Board of Health Replacing Dr. Khan

Chairman Smith

Advised, he has received a letter of resignation from Dr. Amy Khan as a member of the District Board of Health, effective immediately; that Dr. Khan has accepted a new position at the Veterans' Administration Hospital, and was advised that she would not be able to continue to serve as a member of the Board of Health. Stated, he requested Ms. Brown contact the Washoe County Medical Society regarding the names of physicians who may have an interest in serving on the Board of Health.

Ms. Brown

Stated, previously the Washoe County Medical Society had submitted a nomination for the physician member of the Board of Health; however, this position is "not a designee of the Washoe County Medical Society, it is the Board of Health's appointee. Advised, to accept only members of the Medical Society would limit the Board to potential applicants; that she has contacted the Medical Society and the physician community in general to potentially receive more interest. Advised, six (6) individual names were discussed: Dr. Trudy Larson who was interested; however, she has recently been appointed as the Dean of the Community and Clinical Sciences Department at the University and would not have the time. Stated, the Medical Society recommended Dr. George Hess; that Dr. Gareth Strand recently resigned from the Medical Society; however, he was recommended by another member. Stated, she has conferred with Dr. David Fiore and will be contacting Dr. Jason Crawford regarding their interest; that both are involved in public health at the

UNR School of Medicine. Stated, she and Chairman Smith discussed contacting these individuals requesting the submission of a letter of interest and resume, and then having the Board's two (2) physician members contacting these individuals to provide an overview as to the commitment necessary to serve on the Board. Stated, should those individuals indicate a continued interest the names will be submitted to the Board for consideration for possible appointment.

Dr. Furman

Stated, he is aware of another physician who has a Masters in Public Health and has indicated an interest in serving on the Board; that he would concur it is important not to limit the consideration to members of the Washoe County Medical Society.

In response to Ms. Jung

Regarding being required to publish a notification of the vacancy, Ms. Leslie Admirand, Deputy District Attorney, advised there is not a requirement to publish a notice.

Ms. Jung

Stated, Washoe County has a volunteer application website; that she would recommend this be utilized to solicit applications.

In response to Chairman Smith

Regarding a time limitation, Ms. Admirand advised the Interlocal Agreement stipulates should an appointment not be approved within thirty (30) days the State Board of Health can appoint an individual to fill the vacancy. Advised, Dr. Khan's original appointment expired on December 31, 2010; that there was not a formal action for her reappointment; that she would recommend the recruitment for a new physician member with an appointment agenda for the Board's June meeting.

Ms. Brown

Stated, she will conduct the outreach for physicians, with the qualifications of knowledge and an expertise in public health, requesting the submission of a letter of interest and resumes; that Dr. Furman and Dr. Humphreys would then contact those individuals to provide information regarding

serving on the Board of Health. Stated, the names of interested physicians would be submitted to the Board for consideration at the June meeting.

Chairman Smith

Stated, he "would not be requesting a recommendation for an appointment; that it is his intent for Dr. Humphreys and Dr. Furman to review the functions of the Board of Health and the time commitment necessary for a member of the Board." Stated, as physicians, Dr. Humphreys and Dr. Furman would better be able to answer the questions a physician may have regarding the Board of Health.

In response to Ms. Ratti

Regarding this being a forma "committee type process", Ms. Brown advised "this would not be an interview or recommendation process, as the appointment is the Board's decision. This would be a process of 'this is what you would be doing, this is the commitment, do you have any questions, and would you be interested?'"

In response to Ms. Ratti

Regarding the process, Ms. Admirand advised it is the Board's determination regarding requesting "applications or letters of interest", as there is not a legal issue specific to how the vacancy is referenced.

Ms. Jung

Stated, the County has "a generic application for individuals interested in volunteering to serve; that it is on the County's website.

MOTION: Ms. Ratti moved, seconded by Dr. Humphreys, that the vacant At-Large physician position on the District Board of Health be advertised publically through the Health District's website and the County's volunteer website. It was further ordered that the physician members of the Board contact the candidates to discuss the commitment and duties involved in being a member of the Board of Health. Further, it was ordered that the names of interested physicians be presented to the Board for review and consideration of appointment at the June 23, 2011 meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Discussion of and Possible Election of New Vice Chairman

Chairman Smith

Stated, with the resignation of Dr. Khan it is necessary to elect a new Vice Chairman.

Chairman Smith called for nominations for Vice Chair of the District Board of Health.

Dr. Furman nominated Ms. Kitty Jung as Vice Chair.

The nomination was seconded by Dr. Humphreys.

There being no further nominations, nominations were closed.

MOTION: Dr. Furman moved, seconded by Dr. Humphreys, that Ms. Kitty Jung be appointed as the Vice Chair to the Washoe County District Board of Health.

Motion carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS AND PROGRAM UPDATES

A. Director – Epidemiology and Public Health Preparedness

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.

Dr. Todd

Stated, last month the Board questioned "why the {Washoe County} pneumonia and Influenza death rate was higher than the epidemic threshold"; that he has provided the Board members with "the year-to-date data in the chart in his written report." Stated, as noted it fluctuates with rates significantly higher than the epidemic threshold and then drops significantly lower. Stated, both the

national data and the local data "are based on the date of the death being processed in Vital Records and not the date of occurrence in comparison to the national data", which is static; that in comparison "there are much higher numbers nationally than there are locally; therefore, it does not require very many extra deaths to result in a wide fluctuation."

Stated, he did review the "median age at death for those who died of pneumonia and Influenza", and determined during the past four (4) flu seasons it "has ranged from a low of 74 years (last year) to a high of 77 years (the 2007/2008 season). Stated for the 2010/2011 season the average age is 75 years. Stated the variation "isn't very significant statistically; that he would note last year's flu season is the lowest, which would be anticipated due to the H1N1 which attacked a younger population."

In response to Chairman Smith

Regarding the recently identified Equine Herpes virus being a public health risk, stated without researching it for the Board, he would state that it is not. Stated, there are a number of "animal viruses, which do not jump the species barrier; that to be a threat to individual it would have to jump the specified barrier, and this one has not."

B. Director – Community and Clinical Health Services

Ms. Candy Hunter, Acting Division Director, Community and Clinical Health Services, presented the monthly CCHS Division Director's Report, a copy of which was placed on file for the record.

C. Director – Environmental Health Services

Mr. Bob Sack, Director, Environmental Health Services, presented his monthly Division Director's Report, a copy of which was placed on file for the record.

D. Director – Air Quality Management

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. Administrative Health Services Officer

Ms. Eileen Coulombe, Administrative Health Services Officer, presented her monthly Administrative Health Service Officer Report, a copy of which was placed on file for the record.

Advised, Staff participated in the Reno Tahoe Airport Authority (RTAA) community-wide full scale disaster exercise yesterday; that the exercise "went very well."

F. Interim District Health Officer

Ms. Mary-Ann Brown, Interim District Health Officer, presented her monthly Interim District Health Officer's Report, a copy of which was placed on file for the record.

Stated, she has received a number of requests for the Health District to participate in a "community transformation grant; however, Washoe County is not eligible due to minimum 500,000 population requirement; however, the State will be applying for that grant as a Category A. Stated, Staff has participated in conference calls with the State related to the grant application; that the Health District will be participating with the State in a leadership role. Advised, the Health District will be participating with the State in Category A, as it "will be duplicative of the work the District has done in the ACHIEVE Grant Program, and the work Staff has done in conjunction with the Chronic Disease Coalition. Advised, Clark County will be applying individually, as it does meet the population requirement.

Advised, the Nevada Public Health Foundation has hired Ms. Emily Brown as the Performance Management Manager, who will be working with all of the public health jurisdictions to prepare for the accreditation process; that she will be meeting with Ms. Brown next week and will be introducing her to Dr. Iser.

Ms. Jung

Stated, she would recommend the Board members read the article in Ms. Brown's Interim Health Officer's Report, "*The Hand-off*" regarding the states "asking the cities and counties to take charge of more programs", without providing support. Stated, there is a photograph of Governor Rich Snyder, of Michigan; that there is currently a recall effort in Michigan because of "all the push downs to local government and the sweeping of local government monies."

Ms. Brown

Stated, she provides the Board members with information to aid in the understanding of public health; that "this is a very interesting and timely article."

BOARD COMMENT

Ms. Jung

Questioned if it possible to note on the Board items the initials of legal and finance "so the Board is aware that legal and the Finance Department have reviewed the items.

Ms. Ratti was excused at 3:08 pm.

Ms. Jung advised she attended the Hug High School's "unveiling of the year-round garden planted with the assistance of the Truckee Meadows Water Authority; that the landscaping is for the high desert and landscaping, which would function adjacent to the Truckee River; and a forest foraging area with foods that can be eaten in the forest." Stated, this effort could possibly function with the food security and sustainability of the ACHIEVE Grant Program; that she would encourage everyone to visit this project.

Requested, the Air Quality Management Division contact the two (2) local students who received the Intel International Science Awards to schedule a brief presentation to the Board regarding their projects. She further requested a presentation on the "*Safe Kids ~ Cribs for Kids Program.*"

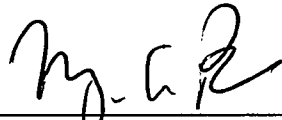
Chairman Smith requested Dr. Khan be recognized at next month's meeting for her years of service to the Board of Health.

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.



MARY-ANN BROWN, RN, MSN
INTERIM DISTRICT HEALTH OFFICER/SECRETARY



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