

CARSON CITY BOARD OF HEALTH

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A meeting of the Carson City Board of Health was held during the regularly scheduled Carson City Board of Supervisors meeting on Thursday, June 21, 2012, in the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Susan Pintar
Vice Chairperson Robert Crowell
Member Karen Abowd
Member Shelly Aldean
Member Ken Furlong
Member John McKenna
Member Molly Walt

STAFF: Larry Werner, City Manager
Marena Works, Health and Human Services Department Director
Randal Munn, Chief Deputy District Attorney
Kathleen King, Deputy Clerk / Recording Secretary

NOTE: A recording of these proceedings, the board's agenda materials, and any written comments or documentation provided to the Clerk during the meeting are part of the public record. These materials are on file in the Clerk's Office, and available for review during regular business hours.

23. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL (12:27:49) - Chairperson Pintar called the meeting to order at 12:27 p.m. Roll was called; a quorum was present, including Member Ken Furlong.

24. POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES - March 15, 2012 (12:28:23) - Chairperson Pintar entertained questions or comments and, when none were forthcoming, a motion for approval. **Member Aldean moved to approve the minutes of the Carson City Board of Health, dated March 15, 2012, as presented. Member McKenna seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.**

25. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

25(A) REPORT, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO DIRECT STAFF REGARDING THE HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT CONCERNING ACTIVITIES IN WHICH THE HEALTH OFFICER IS ENGAGED, BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF CARSON CITY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ("CCHHS") (12:28:46) - Chairperson Pintar introduced this item, and reviewed the June 2012 report included in the agenda materials. With regard to the Sexual Assault Response Team ("SART"), Member Furlong advised "this was a priority issue for the Sheriff's Department as well." Chairperson Pintar reported very good cooperation with all the involved agencies. She responded to questions of clarification regarding the school based health center committee.

Chairperson Pintar entertained additional questions of the board members and of the public. When none were forthcoming, she entertained a motion. **Member Abowd moved to accept the Health Officer's report and give direction to staff on CCHHS activities. Member Aldean seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.**

25(B) REPORT, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO DIRECT STAFF REGARDING THE DIRECTOR'S REPORT ON CCHHS ACTIVITIES (12:34:03) - Chairperson Pintar introduced this item, and Carson City Health and Human Services Department Director Marena Works reviewed the agenda materials in conjunction with displayed slides. She and Interim Human

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Services Manager Cindy Hannah responded to questions regarding housing status and funding for this year's Homeless Connect event. Ms. Works acknowledged that the Animal Services Division is receiving all rabies certifications from area veterinarians. Member McKenna suggested changing the law to require veterinarians to license animals at the time rabies shots are administered. Ms. Works advised that consideration had been given to the idea, but on a voluntary basis. Discussion followed.

Chairperson Pintar entertained board member questions or comments and public comments. When none were forthcoming, she entertained a motion. **Member Walt moved to accept the Director's report and give direction to staff on Carson City Health and Human Services Activities. Vice Chairperson Crowell seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. Vice Chairperson Crowell moved to commend Ms. Works and the CCHHS Department on the Medical Reserve Corps Outstanding Community Award. Member Walt seconded the motion.** Discussion followed and Chairperson Pintar advised that the board's congratulations would be conveyed.

25(C) REPORT AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING DONATIONS RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING FOR ANIMAL SERVICES (12:55:14) - Chairperson Pintar introduced this item, and Ms. Works reviewed the agenda materials. Chairperson Pintar entertained a motion. **Member Abowd moved to accept the donation report and give direction to staff to ensure accountability of the funds. Member McKenna seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.** Chairperson Pintar entertained public comment; however, none was forthcoming.

25(D) PRESENTATION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION TO ACCEPT THE CARSON CITY COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT (12:57:20) - Chairperson Pintar introduced this item, and recognized the efforts of a large number of citizens who were listed in the agenda materials. Ms. Works reviewed the agenda materials. Member Abowd noted that "mental health and oral hygiene are two of our biggest failings." Chairperson Pintar discussed issues associated with health care access. Vice Chairperson Crowell inquired as to a potential shift of mental health services from the State to local government. Chairperson Pintar explained that "mental health services are much less available for all strata of the population than the numbers of providers would suggest. ... The State-funded programs, Medicaid for example, ... actually have better mental health coverage than most private insurance companies do. ... some people are better off accessing that care through a State-funded program than they are privately." Vice Chairperson Crowell requested Chairperson Pintar and Ms. Works "to keep an ear out." Ms. Works advised of having been informed of a possible bill to combine the public health department with mental health.

Ms. Works reviewed the county health rankings, as outlined in the health assessment included in the agenda materials. Chairperson Pintar reviewed the health insurance profile, at page 51 of the assessment. In consideration of Carson City being classified as a rural area, Member Aldean noted that the Jump Around Carson transit system ridership increases monthly. She suggested that the citizens need additional education about the transit system service.

Chairperson Pintar discussed the purpose of the community health assessment, and suggested that "we learned an awful lot about the health of our community. It's also not intended to be written in stone. ... obviously, there will be changes in demographics and statistics, but ... it's a very nice snapshot and one that we will refer back to for quite a while."

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Chairperson Pintar entertained public comment. (1:10:39) In reference to previous comments, F.I.S.H. Executive Director Jim Peckham advised of a community services grant to provide for necessary dental extractions and the accompanying antibiotics.

(1:13:46) Emily Brown, of the Nevada Public Health Foundation, noted one purpose of the community health assessment is accreditation and advised that it must be updated every five years. Data will be continuously collected accordingly.

Chairperson Pintar entertained additional public comment and, when none was forthcoming, a motion. **Member Aldean moved to accept the Carson City Community Health Assessment. Member Walt seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.**

25(E) PRESENTATION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION TO ACCEPT THE CARSON CITY COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN (1:14:57) - Chairperson Pintar introduced this item, read the names of the Carson City Health Action Planning Committee, as listed in the agenda materials, and commended their interest and involvement. She advised that the plan should continue to evolve, and Ms. Works reviewed the agenda materials. In response to a comment, Chairperson Pintar advised that faith-based organizations were invited to participate in development of the plan. "... due to various factors, nobody was able to attend consistently." Member Aldean suggested contacting Father Chuck at St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church or Father Jeff at St. Peter's Episcopal Church as both gentlemen are very active in the community's interfaith council. She further suggested that the interfaith council, which meets on a fairly regular basis, could designate one person to participate.

Member Aldean suggested that the health care practitioners who are willing to donate services should be recommended by referral only. Chairperson Pintar advised that CCHHS staff is working with the Northern Nevada Dental Association and the Northern Nevada Dental Health Coalition, which have a screening process to refer patients. Member Walt suggested involving the Youth Sports Association as a partner. Discussion took place regarding existing and potential partner organizations.

Ms. Works reviewed the priority areas of the community health improvement plan, and discussion followed. Member Aldean suggested contacting local bicycle shop owners / operators to inquire as to partnership interest. Chairperson Pintar advised that the community health improvement plan will be posted to the City's website upon approval by this board. In response to a question, Chairperson Pintar anticipates that the time table associated with preparing the health resources assessment document will be dependent upon the standards established. Member Aldean inquired as to how the agencies strategic plan will differ from the community health improvement plan. Ms. Works advised that the agencies strategic plan will include components of the health improvement plan, as well as "other things" due to it being agency specific. In response to a question, Chairperson Pintar advised that she and Ms. Works will report periodically on progress. "We may also approach the Board of Supervisors for support in various ways for specific projects that develop. We may ask the Board of Health ... to go ... in front of the Lions Club" to request support. "There are a number of levels of involvement ..." Ms. Works entertained additional board member questions; however, none were forthcoming.

Chairperson Pintar entertained public comment. (1:34:30) Emily Brown, of the Nevada Public Health Foundation, commended Chairperson Pintar and Ms. Works on their presentation of the community health improvement plan. She further commended the City for "all the support because this is a big deal and Carson City is the first in the State to actually get these plans completed and to move forward." She noted the importance of continued forward motion.

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Chairperson Pintar entertained a motion to accept the Carson City Health Improvement Plan. **Vice Chairperson Crowell so moved. Member Walt seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.**

26. PUBLIC COMMENT (1:35:32) - Chairperson Pintar entertained public comment; however, none was forthcoming.

27. ACTION TO ADJOURN (1:35:43) - Member Furlong moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:35 p.m. Member Walt seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

The June 21, 2012 Carson City Board of Health Minutes are so approved this _____ day of September, 2012.

SUSAN PINTAR, Chair

ATTEST:

ALAN GLOVER, Clerk - Recorder