

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, March 18, 2010 in the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT: Chairperson Susan Pintar
Vice Chairperson Robert Crowell
Member Shelly Aldean
Member Ken Furlong
Member Pete Livermore
Member Molly Walt
Member Robin Williamson

STAFF: Larry Werner, City Manager
Alan Glover, Clerk - Recorder
Neil Rombardo, District Attorney
Marena Works, Health and Human Services Department Director
Kathleen King, 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.

19. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL (11:20:35) - Chairperson Susan Pintar called the meeting to order at 11:20 a.m., and expressed appreciation for having been selected as the City's Health Officer. She advised of having assumed her responsibilities in November 2009, and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to have become acquainted with Health and Human Services Department staff. Mr. Glover called the roll; a quorum was present, including Member Furlong. Chairperson Pintar provided an overview of the agenda, acknowledged Health and Human Services Department Director Marena Works, and provided an overview of her responsibilities.

20. ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES - September 17, 2009 (11:22:28) - Member Aldean moved to approve the minutes, as presented. Member Livermore seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

21. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

21(A) PRESENTATION OF CARSON CITY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT ("CCHHS") ACTIVITIES (11:23:02) - Chairperson Pintar introduced this item, and introduced Animal Services Director Pat Wiggins, who described the condition of the animal services facility and reviewed its operation, including statistical information. He discussed a comprehensive evaluation to be conducted by the Humane Society of the United States, which will be funded by a local, non-profit organization. He distributed to the Board members and staff copies of the Shelter Consultation and Evaluation conducted by the American Humane Association in January 2002. In response to a question, Mr. Wiggins advised that the upcoming evaluation was initiated and is being sponsored by the Carson-Tahoe SPCA. In response to a further question, he anticipates the findings will be similar to those documented in the 2002 evaluation. He advised that the animal services facility is non-compliant with NRS 574.430, Sanitation, and with other statutory requirements relative to drainage. Chairperson Pintar explained that staff is well aware of the deficiencies, and that the Carson-Tahoe SPCA will assist in

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identifying possible funding sources. Mr. Wiggins advised that another statutorily non-compliant area is “a program to control disease which just means an isolation area.” He explained the kennel is open to the general public, and the means by which diseases, such as kennel cough, are transmitted. He advised that there is a quarantine area, but that it is also open-air. He further advised that the Human Society will provide recommendations for improvements and resources for assistance. Vice Chairperson Crowell suggested the Hop and Mae Adams Foundation as a possible funding source.

(11:30:01) Disease Control and Prevention Program Manager Dustin Boothe distributed to the Board members and staff a prepared statement, which he read into the record. In response to a question, Ms. Works explained that the reductions in the Cutback Program Priority List do not directly affect match funding for grants. “Subsequently, grant funds are being cut as well.” She advised that some of the grant-funded part-time staff “will be cut at the end of year.” Supervisor Livermore expressed concern over reductions affecting the mosquito abatement program. Mr. Werner advised that other funding sources are being considered to ensure coverage of the mosquito abatement program.

(11:37:13) Chairperson Pintar introduced Human Services Program Manager Kathy Wolfe, who distributed to the Board members and staff a program update report, and reviewed the same. She reviewed statistical information from the most recent “point-in-time count.”

(11:42:00) Community Health Clinic Manager Doug Banghart reviewed changes to the clinic since 2005, employee positions, the services provided by the clinic, and its operation. He listed the grant-funded programs operated from the clinic. Supervisor Livermore provided background information on the creation of the Board of Public Health in 2005.

(11:47:42) Public Health Preparedness Program (“PHP”) Manager Angela Barosso provided background information on the PHP. She advised that the PHP is 100 percent grant funded, and that the main grant is from the Centers for Disease Control. She reviewed the various grant funding sources and corresponding programs, and 2009 activities and accomplishments. Chairperson Pintar noted the significance of the 40 percent vaccination rate in the schools, and commended Health and Human Services Department staff. In response to a question, she estimated a “relatively small population of the publicly-enrolled children” whose families refuse vaccination on religious grounds. She expressed the belief that home-schooled children have a higher rate of vaccination refusal or “often follow a different schedule.” Supervisor Aldean discussed the importance of providing informational materials to home-school families regarding vaccinations. Ms. Barosso advised that the Health and Human Services Department agreed to vaccinate home-school children in all three school districts. Information was subsequently provided to the families. Ms. Barosso advised of having vaccinated more than 50 percent of the elementary school children in all three school districts.

At Supervisor Williamson’s request, Ms. Works provided background information on the awards conferred on the Health and Human Services Department by the Lyon County School Board and by the Northern Nevada Immunization Coalition. Ms. Barosso provided additional information on the Silver Syringe Award conferred by the Northern Nevada Immunization Coalition for the Outstanding Childhood Vaccination Program.

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21(B) ACTION TO SCHEDULE FUTURE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETINGS FOR 2010 (11:56:28) - Chairperson Pintar introduced this item, and Ms. Works reviewed the agenda report. Following a brief discussion, Chairperson Pintar entertained a motion. **Member Williamson moved to schedule the Board of Health meetings once a quarter in conjunction with the Board of Supervisors meetings scheduled for June 17, 2010, September 16, 2010, and December 16, 2010. Member Walt seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.**

21(C) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE USE OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL BOARDS OF HEALTH (“NALBOH”) - SPONSORED ASSESSMENT TOOL TO ASSIST IN MEASURING THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND CAPACITY OF OUR LOCAL HEALTH SYSTEMS (11:57:26) - Chairperson Pintar reviewed the agenda materials, and suggested scheduling Board of Health meetings to complete the assessment tool. She entertained a motion. **Member Aldean moved to schedule and authorize the participation of the Board of Health, the use of the National Association of Local Boards of Health - sponsored assessment tool to assist in measuring the infrastructure and capacity of our local health systems. Member Williamson seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.** Chairperson Pintar advised that she would consult with staff to schedule the first meeting.

22. ACTION TO ADJOURN (12:01:45) - Vice Chairperson Crowell thanked Chairperson Pintar, and discussed the importance of the City’s Health Officer. Chairperson Pintar commended the Health and Human Services Department staff. Vice Chairperson Crowell advised that Ms. Works’ name was submitted for the Nathan Davis Award for Excellence in Public Health. He thanked Ms. Barosso for her participation in preparing the nomination materials, and commended Ms. Works and the Health and Human Services Department staff. Member Walt thanked Chairperson Pintar, and advised that she is “terribly missed” in her pediatrics practice. Chairperson Pintar entertained a motion to adjourn. **Member Livermore moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:04 p.m. Member Williamson seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.**

The Minutes of the March 18, 2010 Carson City Board of Health meeting are so approved this 17th day of June, 2010.

SUSAN PINTAR, M.D., Chair

ATTEST:

ALAN GLOVER, Clerk - Recorder