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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, December 20, 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
Alan Glover, Clerk - Recorder
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.

25. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL (2:00:59) - Chairperson Pintar called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Glover called the roll; a quorum was present.

26. POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES - September 20, 2012 (2:01:20) - Member Aldean moved to approve the minutes, as presented. Member Abowd seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

27. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

27(A) POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE REPORT AND POSSIBLE ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS FOR ANIMAL SERVICES RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING (2:01:45) - Chairperson Pintar introduced this item, and Health and Human Services Department Director Marena Works reviewed the agenda materials. Chairperson Pintar entertained a motion to accept the report. **Member Walt so moved. Member Abowd seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.**

27(B) POSSIBLE ACTION ON REPORT, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING THE HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT CONCERNING ACTIVITIES OF THE HEALTH OFFICER, BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE CCHHS (2:02:52) - Chairperson Pintar introduced this item, and read into the record her prepared report in conjunction with displayed slides. Chairperson Pintar entertained public comment and, when none was forthcoming, a motion. **Vice Chairperson Crowell moved to accept the Health Officer's report and give direction to staff of the Health and Human Services Department accordingly. Member Abowd seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.**

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27(C) REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONTINUE DEVELOPING THE CARSON CITY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES STRATEGIC PLAN (2:08:25) - Chairperson Pintar introduced this item, and Ms. Works reviewed the agenda report. At Ms. Works' request, Member Walt provided background information on the strategic plan, and expressed appreciation for the exemplary leadership and staff at the Health and Human Services Department. She commended Linda Ritter on her involvement in developing the plan. She reviewed the status of the draft strategic plan included in the agenda materials. She encouraged the board of health to become more active.

In response to a question, Chairperson Pintar advised that technological access would be an impediment to holding the board of health meetings at the Health and Human Services Department.

Chairperson Pintar entertained public comment. (2:15:02) Jeffrey Fast, of ACCTV, advised that live broadcasting capabilities have been expanded to "just about anywhere we can receive an internet signal." He clarified there may be additional costs to be worked out with ACCTV management. In response to a comment, Ms. Works discussed the value of the Board of Supervisors serving as the board of health. She acknowledged that a statutory revision would be required to change the board of health membership requirements. Discussion followed. In response to a further question, Mr. Munn advised that the statute doesn't address affiliate board of health members. He suggested they would have to be non-voting members.

In response to a further question, Ms. Works advised that the community health improvement plan has a section reserved for mental health. She further advised "our door is open and we're looking for whatever opportunities will be able to be wrapped into the services we provided." She acknowledged that the Teen Screen Program can be included in the mental health component. In response to a question, Disease Prevention and Control Division Manager Cindy Hannah provided an overview of the Teen Screen Program. She advised that Columbia University, which developed the program, will no longer support the program as of December 15th. Consideration is being given to determine the appropriate agency to which the responsibility should be assigned.

Chairperson Pintar entertained additional board member comments and, when none were forthcoming, public comments. When no public comments were forthcoming, she entertained a motion. **Member Walt moved to approve the continued development of the Carson City Health and Human Services Strategic Plan. Member Aldean seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.**

27(D) POSSIBLE ACTION ON REPORT FROM ROMAINE GILLILAND, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION TO GIVE DIRECTION TO CARSON CITY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES REGARDING THE NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES PRIMARY CARE AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INTEGRATION IN NEVADA (2:24:39) - Chairperson Pintar introduced this item, and Ms. Works introduced Mr. Gilliland. Mr. Gilliland reviewed the summary included in agenda materials. Member Aldean discussed the problems of decreasing primary care physician availability and difficulties associated with required referrals for specialists. In response to a question, Mr. Gilliland anticipates an additional 150,000 individuals "with health care cards and the question is where are they going to be able to personally receive their health care services." He acknowledged the challenge and was uncertain as to the method by which to address it. He suggested a regular agenda item to discuss progress and to add the issue to the strategic plan.

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Member Crowell welcomed Mr. Gilliland. In response to a question, Mr. Gilliland suggested the term “behavioral health” is a “more friendly way of saying mental health.” He expressed the opinion that the State Mental Health Division will be considering methods by which to “deliver ... mental health in alternate methodologies; with the expansion of Medicare and the Affordable Care Act, looking to other resources for the delivery of mental health.” In response to a further question, Chairperson Pintar noted one benefit of the Affordable Care Act in that it will support public health efforts. “There is essentially an entity created to make sure that the health benefits of a treatment ... are both scientifically valid and cost effective. There are ways of monitoring payments so that ... an insurance company is not paying for an unfounded treatment but, at the same time, people are able to benefit from a variety of treatments. The other part of the Affordable Care Act that deals directly with public health is that there’s a large fund ... that has to do with research in what appropriate public health activities are and what things should be funded ...” In response to a further question, Chairperson Pintar advised that the Affordable Care Act does not directly address alternative treatments or prevention. Discussion followed and, in response to a comment, Chairperson Pintar explained that the term primary care practitioner includes internal medicine, pediatrics, and OB/GYN. She advised that Nevada is not necessarily underserved in numbers but in the area of primary care. She suggested that the board of health can “become knowledgeable about what’s offered to our community at large but also advocating in various public ways what ... is appropriate to be offered.”

Mr. Gilliland discussed the importance of considering the impact to the Health and Human Services Department. In response to a question, he discussed the availability of current records through the health information exchange. In response to a further question, he discussed the availability of mental health care for uninsured individuals in consideration of healthcare integration. Discussion followed.

Chairperson Pintar entertained additional board member comments or questions and, when none were forthcoming, public comments. When no public comments were forthcoming, she entertained a motion. **Member Aldean moved to approve a report from Romaine Gilliland, and to direct staff to continue to monitor the situation and report back to the board of health, as necessary. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.**

27(E) POSSIBLE ACTION ON REPORT, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING THE DIRECTOR’S REPORT ON CARSON CITY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ACTIVITIES (2:56:08) - Chairperson Pintar introduced this item, and Ms. Works presented the Director’s report in conjunction with displayed slides. She responded to questions of clarification, and discussion took place, at various points throughout the presentation.

Chairperson Pintar entertained public comments and, when none were forthcoming, a motion. **Member Abowd moved to accept the Director’s report and give direction to staff regarding Carson City Health and Human Services activities. Member Walt seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.**

27(F) POSSIBLE ACTION TO SCHEDULE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETINGS FOR 2013 ONCE A QUARTER IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS’ REGULAR MEETING DAYS ON MARCH 21, JUNE 20, SEPTEMBER 19, AND DECEMBER 19 (3:32:44) - Chairperson Pintar introduced this item, and entertained comments. When none were forthcoming, she entertained a motion. **Vice Chairperson Crowell moved that the Board of Health meetings for 2013**

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convene once a quarter in conjunction with Board of Supervisors' regular meeting dates on March 21, June 20, September 19, and December 19, 2013. Member Abowd seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

28. PUBLIC COMMENT (3:33:40) - Chairperson Pintar entertained public comment. In reference to recent events, Member Furlong discussed the importance of the board of health relative to the community's safety. Discussion followed.

29. ACTION TO ADJOURN (3:42:22) - Member Aldean moved to adjourn the Board of Health meeting at 3:42 p.m. Member Walt seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

The Minutes of the December 20, 2012 Carson City Board of Health meeting are so approved this _____ day of March, 2013.

SUSAN PINTAR, M.D., Chair

ATTEST:

ALAN GLOVER, Clerk - Recorder