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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, July 16, 2020, in the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT:

Chairperson Susan Pintar
Vice Chairperson Stacey Giomi
Member Brad Bonkowski
Member Lori Bagwell
Member John Barrette
Member Robert Crowell
Member Ken Furlong

STAFF:

Nancy Paulson, City Manager
Aubrey Rowlett, Clerk-Recorder
Stephanie Hicks, Deputy City Manager
Dan Yu, Chief Deputy District Attorney
Tamar Warren, Senior Public Meetings Clerk

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27. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL - BOARD OF HEALTH

(1:17:20) – Chairperson Susan Pintar called the Board of Health meeting to order. Roll was called and a quorum was present. Board Member and Carson City Sheriff Ken Furlong participated via WebEx.

28. PUBLIC COMMENT

(1:19:19) – Chairperson Pintar entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

29. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: APPROVAL OF MINUTES - DECEMBER 19, 2019

(1:19:24) – Chairperson Pintar introduced the item and entertained comments, corrections, or a motion.

(1:19:29) – Member Bonkowski moved to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2019 Board of Health meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Member Barrette and carried 7-0-0.

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30. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

30.A FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A PROPOSED ACCEPTANCE OF THE HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT.

(1:19:42) – Chairperson Pintar introduced the item and provided a summary of health activities beyond the COVID-19 pandemic. She stated that the Sexual Assault Response Team had had the same amount of sexual assaults and was on target to have the same numbers as last year. She also noted that the domestic violence and vaccination numbers had decreased, which she attributed to the “stay in place” directive and the fear of seeking help during the pandemic, which she feared could remain low.

(1:22:14) – Carson City Health and Human Services (CCHHS) Clinical Services Manager Roni Galas stressed that all Carson City School District children must be vaccinated by the first day of school, otherwise they will not be able to attend school, regardless of the mode of school including virtual learning. Ms. Galas believed that outbreaks of preventable diseases such as whooping cough could create a burden on the already-stressed healthcare system. She wished to inform the public that the Health Department is open every Thursday for vaccines, and will be extending their hours from August 3, 2020 through August 17, 2020 to Monday through Friday for vaccines and for regular services. Ms. Galas encouraged the public to call the Health Department ahead instead of walking in at (775) 887-2195 for an appointment or to contact their health provider. She also noted that no one would be turned away if they can't afford their services and explained that the Nevada Immunization Portal at <https://izrecord.nv.gov> would be able to provide parents with a list of their children's immunization records in Nevada or receive help via email.

(1:28:45) – Chairperson Pintar noted that most medical offices were separating the appointments by having dedicated hours for sick kids or adults. Member Bagwell inquired about outdoor and drive through vaccinations and was informed that keeping as many as 14 vaccines per child would be “daunting” adding that a single vaccine would be easier to administer in a drive through situation. Chairperson Pintar entertained additional comments or questions and when none were forthcoming, a motion.

(1:30:33) – Member Giomi moved to accept the Health Officer's report as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Barrette. Motion carried 7-0-0.

RESULT:	APPROVED (7-0-0)
MOVER:	Member Giomi
SECONDER:	Member Barrette
AYES:	Members Giomi, Barrette, Bagwell, Bonkowski, Crowell, Furlong, and Chairperson Pintar
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None
ABSENT:	None

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30.B FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A PROPOSED ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT OF THE CARSON CITY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (CCHHS) DIRECTOR.

(1:31:01) – Chairperson Pintar introduced the item. CCHHS Director Nicki Aaker presented her report and provided the Board of Health Calendar, incorporated into the agenda materials. Ms. Aaker introduced Azucena Ledezma Rubio as the new Public Health Project (Tobacco) Coordinator. Ms. Rubio introduced herself and provided a brief summary of her upcoming activities. Ms. Aaker updated the Board on the SB263 grant for \$120,655 to hire contract employees for next 17 months; however, she expected cuts in the grant which will fund programs such as increased education to reduce e-cigarette use among the youth.

(1:37:26) – Ms. Aaker announced that the Department’s reaccreditation timeline had been extended; however, they were still working towards the goal of submitting all documentation by April 2021. She also provided an update on the Department’s COVID-19 activities taking place in conjunction with the multi-agency coordinating group that oversees the activities which includes the Quad-County emergency response managers. Ms. Aaker stated that beginning July 25, 2020 the call center will not be operating on Saturdays due to decreased weekend calls. She also noted that a total of 16,383 individuals had been tested to date in the Quad-County region, 7,784 of them having been tested by CCHHS. She added that 3,778 persons had been tested through community-based testing and 714 asymptomatic tests had also been administered. Ms. Aaker also stated that office space needs would also be discussed later on during this meeting.

(1:42:28) – CCHHS Epidemiologist Dustin Boothe explained that to date there had been 479 positive cases in the Quad-County region (230 in Carson City) with 47 percent being contact cases; however, over 50 percent were non-contact cases. Mr. Boothe noted “the seven-day [Quad-County] moving average” was about 10 cases per day (six cases per day in Carson City), whereas a month ago it averaged to four cases per day (two cases in Carson City). In response to a question by Member Crowell, Mr. Boothe noted that the raw test data and the positivity rate are not known because they are provided by different sources, some electronically and some manually (paper format) causing reporting delays. Member Crowell recommended receiving that information as soon as possible. Chairperson Pintar clarified that the State has a lag of two weeks and believed the case rate has doubled in the past month.

(1:47:59) – Vice Chair Giomi was informed that the issue is the paper-based feed coming from some labs, and that the electronic data is “very raw”. He also suggested hiring additional personnel through COVID-19 grant funding to the City to crunch the data faster. Member Bagwell noted that there is an overall percentage that can be reported and Chairperson Pintar recommended clarifying that the positivity rate that can be reported would come from the tests conducted by CCHHS. Discussion ensued regarding the difference in results between Carson City and Clark County and Member Crowell believed that if the rate information is not communicated, people would fill the information gap with their own data. He also recommended communicating through the local media by offering certain tidbits such as washing masks and other helpful hints.

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(1:57:12) – Ms. Aaker also noted that a request was placed to the State for assistance in “contacting contacts” and informed Member Bonkowski that they had hired similar individuals through grants; however, they needed additional resources. Ms. Aaker confirmed for Member Bagwell that each case requires 20 contacts to be traced; however, according to Chairperson Pintar, there were additional nuances such as the time span of the contact and how soon the test was conducted. Ms. Aaker stressed the importance of not attending large gatherings. Discussion ensued regarding the volume of tests inundating the labs and the time required to receive the results and Member Crowell recommended communicating the importance of self-quarantine when exposed. Vice Chair Giomi stressed that when one is not feeling well, that person should stay home until their test results have been received. Ms. Aaker also reviewed the CCHHS meeting calendar, incorporated into the record. Member Bonkowski advised appointing two new members to the Stewardship Advisory Group as he and Member Barrette would not be seeking reelection and would not be able to serve on the Group next year. There were no additional comments; therefore, Chairperson Pintar entertained a motion.

(2:10:18) – Member Bagwell moved to accept Carson City Health and Human Services Director’s Report with direction provided to Staff. The motion was seconded by Member Barrette. Motion carried 7-0-0.

RESULT:	APPROVED (7-0-0)
MOVER:	Member Bagwell
SECONDER:	Member Barrette
AYES:	Members Bagwell, Barrette, Bonkowski, Crowell, Furlong, Giomi, and Chairperson Pintar
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None
ABSENT:	None

30.C FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A PROPOSED ACCEPTANCE OF THE CARSON CITY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S (CCHHS) 2019 ANNUAL REPORT.

(2:10:10) – Chairperson Pintar introduced the item. Ms. Aaker presented the proposed CCHHS 2019 Annual Report and responded to clarifying questions. Members Bagwell and Giomi recommended adding vaping data to the Tobacco Control and Prevention section. Member Bagwell also wished to see comparisons to the previous year’s data. Member Bonkowski inquired whether personal payments will be counted as uninsured patient payments and Member Giomi noted that the three categories should be insured, uninsured, and self-paid. Discussion ensued regarding restaurant health inspections and Member Bonkowski recommended finding out why Douglas County had “almost double” the violations of Carson City. Chairperson Pintar entertained additional comments, and when none were forthcoming, a motion.

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(2:35:36) – Member Giomi moved to accept the 2019 Annual Report with the changes read into the record by the Board of Health members. The motion was seconded by Member Barrette. Motion carried 7-0-0.

RESULT:	APPROVED (7-0-0)
MOVER:	Member Giomi
SECONDER:	Member Barrette
AYES:	Members Giomi, Barrette, Bagwell, Bonkowski, Crowell, Furlong, and Chairperson Pintar
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None
ABSENT:	None

(2:36:18) – Ms. Aaker noted that she would provide hard copies to the Board and also make the report available digitally.

30.D FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A PROPOSED APPROVAL OF CARSON CITY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES' (CCHHS) REVISED STRATEGIC PLAN.

(2:36:25) – Chairperson Pintar noted that this item will be pulled from the agenda, as noted in the minutes of agenda item 7.

30.E FOR DISCUSSION ONLY: DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION REGARDING THE FORENSIC ASSESSMENT SERVICES TRIAGE TEAM (FASTT), INCLUDING AN OVERVIEW OF THE COMPOSITION OF THE TEAM AND ITS OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENTS.

(2:36:30) – Chairperson Pintar introduced the item. CCHHS Human Services Division Manager Mary Jane Ostrander gave background and presented the Staff Report and a PowerPoint presentation titled *Forensic Assessment Services Triage Team (FASTT)*, both of which are incorporated into the record. She also acknowledged team members Faith Barber and CCHHS Community Health Worker and Life Coach Erika Lera. Ms. Barber reviewed the intake forms and process, incorporated into the PowerPoint presentation, and responded to clarifying questions. Ms. Ostrander presented the *Performance Measures* indicators and also responded to the Board’s inquiries. Member Bagwell was informed that the referral forms are given to inmates within the first seven days and noted that specialty courts prefer to see the assessments. Ms. Ostrander noted that the ideal situation would be to have a FASTT member full time working daily with the inmates. Member Bonkowski inquired about the methodology used for the goals and Ms. Ostrander explained that the numbers are used by “the best practices model” and believed they can be achievable should the FASTT members have daily access to the inmates. Member Bonkowski expressed frustration that the industry standard best practices cannot be met because of funding or

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staffing. Ms. Ostrander noted that the Community Development Block Grant had been used to pay for Ms. Barber's work.

(3:12:12) – Member Giomi preferred adding the initial questions to the form at the time of booking by the Sheriff's Office and provided to the FAST team for follow up. Ms. Barber cited the example of an individual who had advocated for himself and had changed his life with the help of the program. Carson City Sheriff Ken Furlong explained that "the FAST program is one small piece of this entire program and response we have here in Carson City." He also noted that they do look at the returning inmates and evaluate issues such as mental health; however, they cannot force treatment on those who refuse it. Sheriff Furlong noted that the COVID-19 pandemic had escalated the number of people who had gone into "severe crisis," resulting in greater need of services and use of force. Member Bagwell noted that there were not enough data points to determine which services provide the best triage. Sheriff Furlong noted that the FAST team deals with individuals who could not be diverted "away from the justice system" while the Mobile Outreach and Safety Team (MOST) provided "boots on the ground," working face-to-face with clients and was most effective. He also noted that during the COVID-19 "crisis" many inmates were diverted to the MOST program. He believed "jails are not the answer, services are." Chairperson Pintar thanked Ms. Ostrander and noted that this item was not agendaized for action.

31. PUBLIC COMMENT

(3:30:12) – Chairperson Pintar entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming. Ms. Aaker provided personal information regarding her dealings with a family member in Wyoming, noting that it would have been easier had she been provided with support such as the equivalent of a MOST team. She believed that the program helps family members in addition to helping individuals.

32. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: TO ADJOURN AS THE BOARD OF HEALTH

(3:31:35) – Chairperson Pintar adjourned the Board of Health meeting at 3:31 p.m.

The Minutes of the July 16, 2019 Carson City Board of Health meeting are so approved this _____ day of _____, 2020.

SUSAN PINTAR, M.D., Chair

ATTEST:

AUBREY ROWLATT, Clerk – Recorder