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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 17, 2020, in the Community Center Bob Boldrick Theater, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada.

**PRESENT:**

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

**STAFF:**

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

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**13. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL - BOARD OF HEALTH**

(8:41:23) – Chairperson Pintar called the meeting to order at 8:41 a.m. Roll was called and all Board of Health members were present.

**14. PUBLIC COMMENT**

(8:41:48) – Chairperson Pintar entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

**15. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: APPROVAL OF MINUTES - OCTOBER 15, 2020**

(8:42:04) – Chairperson Pintar introduced the item and entertained changes, corrections, or a motion.

**(8:42:12) – Member Bonkowski moved to approve the minutes the October 15, 2020 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Bagwell and carried 6-0-0.**

**16. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**16.A FOR DISCUSSION ONLY: DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE CARSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT ("CCSD")**

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**REGARDING EDUCATION EFFORTS IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.**

(8:42:36) – Chairperson Pintar introduced the item. Carson City Health and Human Services (CCHHS) Director Nicki Aaker acknowledged the presence of Carson City School District (CCSD) Superintendent Richard Stokes via WebEx. Mr. Stokes was appreciative of the support he had received from the City and he provided an update on the CCSD’s utilization of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act fund. He informed the Board on the collaborative efforts between CCSD and CCHHS to provide a safe environment for students as well. He also gave an update on the virtual and in-person learning taking place and the safety measures taken by the CCSD to ensure a sanitized and socially distanced environment. Chairperson Pintar thanked Mr. Stokes for his presentation and comments. This item was not agendized for action.

**16.B FOR DISCUSSION ONLY: DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION REGARDING COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS BETWEEN THE CARSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT ("CCSD") AND CARSON CITY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ("CCHHS") ON MATTERS INVOLVING ILLNESSES RELATING TO COVID-19, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE INVESTIGATION PROCESS AND OUTREACH EFFORTS TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH A SAFE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT.**

(9:02:47) – Chairperson Pintar introduced the item. Ms. Aaker introduced Jeanne Freeman, Public Health Preparedness Manager. Ms. Freeman thanked the CCSD for their cooperation and gave an update on the collaborative Weekly School District Pandemic meetings with the CCSD, Douglas, Lyon and Storey Counties’ school districts to discuss public health matters. Ms. Freeman introduced the new Schools Liaison, Tara Barnett. Ms. Barnett gave background on her responsibilities at CCHHS and with CCSD. Chairperson Pintar was informed that Ms. Barnett’s position was funded through Spring 2022. Ms. Aaker noted that Ms. Barnett was from the University of Nevada, Reno and “is part of the contract that we will be discussing later in the meeting.” This item was not agendized for action.

**16.C FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A PROPOSED ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT OF NICKI AAKER, DIRECTOR OF THE CARSON CITY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ("CCHHS").**

(9:08:27) – Chairperson Pintar introduced the item. Ms. Aaker presented the Staff Report and accompanying documentation, incorporated into the record, which included the Calendar of Meetings and Events for the Carson City Board of Health. She highlighted the following: the Columbia Suicide Screening Tool "Train the Trainer" training, public health legislative efforts and legislative bill draft requests, and the re-accreditation efforts which would be done virtually this year. Ms. Aaker also introduced Tobacco Prevention Program Coordinator Azucena Ledezma Rubio who provided the Board with an update on the bill draft request AB59, which proposes raising the tobacco purchase age from 18 to 21. She also responded to clarifying questions.

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(9:21:31) – Ms. Freeman provided the following COVID-19 updates for November 29-December 12, 2020 and responded to clarifying questions:

- 2,496 new cases (an 11 percent decrease from the previous two-week period) in the Quad County region.
- 1,362 new cases (a five percent increase from the previous two-week period and 55 percent of all Quad County cases) in Carson City.
- 97 new cases were reported each day in Carson City.
- Average age in Carson City was 47 years old.
- Prison-related cases comprised 33 percent of the Carson City cases, and the remainder of the cases were:
  - 39 percent were community-related
  - Facility (long-term care, nursing home, and medical support providers) and work-related cases followed the community-related exposures.
- An increase in school cases was also seen.
- There were outbreaks at six locations.

(9:30:25) – Member Bagwell recommended watching for cases after the end of the two-week payroll protection period on December 31, 2020. Ms. Freeman also noted that the Carson Tahoe Hospital had experienced a surge in patients, not all of which were COVID-19 related. Member Bagwell relayed concerns from citizens who had postponed their surgeries, yet were still in pain and some were receiving opiates to relieve their pain. Chairperson Pintar believed the shortage was in staffing. Ms. Freeman praised the CCHHS partnership with the City’s Information Technology department to create the “Results Portal” which had been well-received, with over 9,300 interactions in the first week. She also noted that they would follow the State vaccination guidelines and explained that Carson Tahoe Hospital had received the vaccines and that their Staff would be vaccinated. She also updated the Board on the vaccine availability to long-term care workers and eventually to the general public. In response to a question by Member Bonkowski, Ms. Freeman clarified that they or the public are unable to select which vaccine they will receive at this time, as it will be based on availability in the State. She also noted that the recipients of the vaccine will be given an information sheet by the manufacturer that is provided at the time of vaccination. Chairperson Pintar offered to provide community groups her presentation on vaccinations, adding that two other vaccine types are in the works.

(9:52:01) – Ms. Aaker clarified that the Results Portal was for tests done with CCHHS and that the documentation is not provided to other agencies. She also reminded everyone that the testing will continue as a separate event while rolling out the vaccines. Chairperson Pintar clarified that vaccinations could occur two weeks after being diagnosed with COVID-19, based on availability; however, patients could wait 90 days after the diagnosis. Ms. Freeman thanked all the City departments who had assisted CCHHS in the past six weeks, and the health care agencies within the community who had done the same. Ms. Aaker also reviewed the Board of Health Calendar of Events, incorporated into the record, and invited the incoming Board to attend them. Chairperson Pintar entertained additional comments or questions and when none were forthcoming, a motion.

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**(9:59:17) – Member Bagwell moved to accept the Director’s report. Vice Chair Giomi seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0-0.**

**17. PUBLIC COMMENT**

(9:59:43) – Chairperson Pintar entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

(9:59:53) – Member Bagwell noted that this was Chairperson Pintar’s last meeting and thanked her “for being so active in the community” and providing the public with presentations and information on how they can have better health. Chairperson Pintar stated “it’s been an honor to [have been] the Public Health Officer for 10 plus years” and noted her appreciation for the opportunity. Member Barrette thanked Chairperson Pintar, Ms. Aaker, and the CCHHS Staff for “a wonderful job during this difficult time.” He also stressed the importance of contact tracing, calling it a “key to being proactive.”

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

(10:02:01) – Chairperson Pintar adjourned the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

The Minutes of the December 17, 2020 Carson City Board of Health meeting are so approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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Stacey Giomi, Vice Chair

ATTEST:

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AUBREY ROWLATT, Clerk – Recorder