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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 15, 2022, in the Community Center Robert “Bob” Crowell Boardroom, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT:

Chairperson Dr. Colleen Lyons
Vice Chair Stacey Giomi
Member Lori Bagwell
Member Ken Furlong
Member Stan Jones
Member Lisa Schuette
Member Maurice White

STAFF:

Nancy Paulson, City Manager
Stephanie Hicks, Deputy City Manager
Dan Yu, Assistant District Attorney
Tamar Warren, Senior Public Meetings Clerk

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

(11:52:34) – Chairperson Lyons called the Board of Health to order at 11:52 a.m. Ms. Warren called roll and noted the presence of a quorum.

24. PUBLIC COMMENT

(11:53:07) – Chairperson Lyons entertained public comments. Deni French introduced himself and inquired whether the Health Department had an increase in cold-related incidents, especially in the homeless population. Chairperson Lyons explained that the Nights Off the Streets (NOTS) program had been successful in preventing them.

25. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: APPROVAL OF MINUTES - AUGUST 18, 2022

(11:54:10) – Chairperson Lyons introduced the item and noted an error in the form of an incomplete sentence, which has since been corrected. She also entertained additional comments and/or a motion.

(11:55:32) – Member Bagwell moved to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2022 Board of Health meeting as amended. The motion was seconded by Member White and carried 7-0-0.

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26. A FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE PROPOSED ACCEPTANCE OF A REPORT OF THE CARSON CITY HEALTH OFFICER.

(11:55:52) – Chairperson Lyons introduced the item and presented her report, incorporated into the record, as of August 15, 2022, which included the influenza activity for the 2022-2023 season. She also encouraged vaccinations to prevent life-threatening hospitalizations. Additionally, Chairperson Lyons recommended receiving immediate treatment for fevers and cold symptoms to ensure the appropriate mitigation. She highlighted the increase in the poverty rate of adults over the age of 65, noting that 118 additional seniors would suffer from poverty in Carson City based on the statistics. She recommended being cautious, especially regarding children suffering from a respiratory virus for which a vaccine was not available. Chairperson Lyons entertained public comments and when none were forthcoming, a motion.

(12:03:03) – Vice Chair Giomi moved to accept the report as presented. Member Furlong seconded the motion.

RESULT:	APPROVED (7-0-0)
MOVER:	Vice Chair Giomi
SECONDER:	Member Furlong
AYES:	Members Bagwell, Furlong, Jones, Schuette, White, Vice Chair Giomi, and Chair Lyons
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None
ABSENT:	None

26.B FOR DISCUSSION ONLY: DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION REGARDING THE REGIONALIZATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN NEVADA.

(12:04:23) – Chairperson Lyons introduced the item. Carson City Health and Human Services Director Nicki Aaker gave background regarding the Central Nevada Health District (CNHD) that had been approved on December 2, 2022 by the Nevada Board of Health to become a Nevada health district.

(12:05:24) – Taylor Allison, Public Health Coordinator, Nevada Association of Counties, reviewed a presentation on public health jurisdictions and services, incorporated into the record, and responded to clarifying questions. Chairperson Lyons explained that due to its fast expansion, Lyon County could be eligible to form its own health district in the future based on anticipated growth. Ms. Allison noted that a report to review the socioeconomic impact would be available in June 2023 and recommended conducting a foundational public health assessment. Chairperson Lyons indicated that the COVID-19 pandemic had exposed many inadequacies, including small and local boards of health. Additionally, she thanked the Board of Supervisors for allowing the expansion of the City’s Epidemiology team that provides assistance to Douglas County “under contract.”

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(12:19:25) – Ms. Aaker explained that Carson City is defined as a “health authority” and not a “health district” because “we do not have two public entities,” adding that they work closely with entities that have larger populations. She highlighted an interlocal agreement for environmental health with Douglas County and a grant-funded delegation of authority through the State for disease surveillance. Ms. Aaker noted that the grant-funded tobacco prevention and adolescent health programs were also part of a multi-county collaborative effort, adding that the quad-county COVID response had been robust due to the public health preparedness grant. Chairperson Lyons believed that regionalization helped understand local issues and respond using regional resources. Ms. Aaker also responded to clarifying questions. This item was not agendaized for action.

26.C FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A PROPOSED ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE CARSON CITY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (“CCHHS”).

(12:33:53) – Chairperson Lyons introduced the item. Ms. Aaker presented her report, incorporated into the record, and responded to clarifying questions. Discussion ensued regarding the Northern Nevada Behavioral Health Policy Board (AB9) and Chairperson Lyons explained that providing regional oversight would be preferable to State oversight. There were no public comments; therefore, Chairperson Lyons entertained a motion.

(1:09:17) – Member Schuette moved to accept the Director’s report as presented. Member Bagwell seconded the motion.

RESULT:	APPROVED (7-0-0)
MOVER:	Member Schuette
SECONDER:	Member Bagwell
AYES:	Members Bagwell, Furlong, Jones, Schuette, White, Vice Chair Giomi, and Chair Lyons
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None
ABSENT:	None

26.D FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE SECOND BIENNIAL 2022 REPORT FROM VITALITY UNLIMITED AS REQUIRED BY CONTRACT #1718-118 BETWEEN CARSON CITY AND VITALITY UNLIMITED, WITH AN EMPHASIS ON CIVIL PROTECTIVE CUSTODY (“CPC”) ADMISSIONS.

(1:09:31) – Chairperson Lyons introduced the item. Vitality Unlimited Clinical Supervisor Elizabeth Hawthorne reviewed the December 1, 2021, to November 30, 2022 Report, incorporated into the record. In response to a question by Chairperson Lyons, Ms. Hawthorne clarified that the higher number of patients in Elko County, reflected in the report, was due to many Carson City residents being treated in Elko because of the availability of beds and their ability to house in-patient adolescents. There were no public comments.

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(1:11:42) – Vice Chair Giomi moved to accept the report as presented. Member Bagwell seconded the motion.

RESULT:	APPROVED (7-0-0)
MOVER:	Vice Chair Giomi
SECONDER:	Member Bagwell
AYES:	Members Bagwell, Furlong, Jones, Schuette, White, Vice Chair Giomi, and Chair Lyons
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None
ABSENT:	None

27. PUBLIC COMMENT

(1:11:56) – Chairperson Lyons entertained public comments. Vice Chair Giomi thanked Member Jones “for doing a stellar job of representing not only Ward 3 but the whole community.”

28. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: TO ADJOURN

(1:12:48) – Chairperson Lyons adjourned the meeting at 1:12 p.m.

The Minutes of the December 15, 2022 Carson City Board of Health meeting are so approved on this 2nd day of March, 2023.

ATTEST:

DR. COLLEEN LYONS, Chair

SCOTT HOEN, Clerk – Recorder