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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 17, 2011 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 recording secretary 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 (11:14:27) - Chairperson Susan Pintar called the meeting to order at 11:14 a.m. Mr. Glover called the roll; a quorum was present, including Member Furlong.

20. ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES - December 16, 2010 (11:14:58) - Member Abowd advised she would abstain because she had not yet been appointed to the board in December 2010. Member Aldean moved to approve the minutes, as presented. Member Walt seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0-1, Member Abowd abstaining.

21. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

21(A) DIRECTOR'S REPORT REGARDING CARSON CITY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ("CCHHS") ACTIVITIES (11:16:20) - Health and Human Services Department Director Marena Works reviewed the Director's Report, a copy of which was provided for the record. In response to a question, Chairperson Pintar advised of no particular concerns relative to new trends in infectious disease. "If disease is reportable, they're within acceptable ranges at this stage." Chairperson Pintar noted that "we're relatively early in the flu season, but there are not any national indications that we're going to have one like we had a couple years ago." She commended the flu vaccine campaign.

In response to a further question, Chairperson Pintar noted the focus of public health on preparedness. She offered to discuss earthquake preparedness with Member McKenna, and reassured the board that the Health and Human Services Department staff as well as the Fire Department staff spend a lot of time ensuring "we are as prepared as we can be given our resources." She clarified that there was no specific focus on preparing for radiation exposure "primarily because that is not a likely scenario for our area." Mr. Werner advised that an emergency management program presentation will be agendized for a Board of Supervisors meeting in the near future.

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Vice Chairperson Crowell noted the extensive discussion at the legislature relative to shifting health services to the local jurisdictions. With regard to the Health and Human Services Department, he advised of having received several accolades from “people at the legislature on both sides of the fence, elected and non-elected, about the quality of our ability, particularly Marena, to look for solutions on a regional basis where we can help our state move forward.” Chairperson Pintar advised of increasing interest from adjacent counties to “copy what we do well and we would like to be able to copy what they do well.” She thanked Vice Chairperson Crowell for his comments.

21(B) PROGRAM MANAGER UPDATE ON THE NURSING PROGRAM AT CCHHS

(11:29:26) - Chairperson Pintar introduced Carson City Health and Human Services Clinic Program Manager Roni Galas. (11:29:37) Ms. Galas provided an overview of her presentation relative to clinical services provided on site at 900 East Long Street. She explained that the clinical services “fall into four different categories. One ... would be our family planning clinic, but within our family planning clinic, we offer sexually transmitted infection checks pre-conception care, so preventive services for individuals not wanting pregnancy now but maybe wanting pregnancy in the future as well as ... preventive health services.” She reviewed corresponding statistical information. She discussed the provision of well child exams, immunizations, and TB tests. She reviewed additional statistical information relative to clinic visits in 2010, and responded to questions regarding follow up care.

Chairperson Pintar responded to questions of clarification regarding the recommendation for children’s flu vaccines. In response to a further question, she explained, “The trouble with influenza is that the virus changes every year and so, even if you had it the year before, you don’t carry any immunity on to the next year.” In response to a question, she advised that the clinic is not currently involved in any active research studies. “Our clinic, because it is a screening center, is not typically eligible. Most of the trials ... are treatment trials. We are, right now, exploring some interactions with WNC and with the UNR College of Community Health Sciences ... and getting involved in some research studies. ... We’re not in the position to offer treatments.”

In response to a question, Ms. Galas and Chairperson Pintar reviewed statistical information relative to sexually transmitted diseases. Chairperson Pintar entertained additional comments or questions and, when none were forthcoming, thanked Ms. Galas for her report.

21(C) DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ADOPT REVISED BYLAWS FOR THE CARSON CITY BOARD OF HEALTH (11:47:08) - Chairperson Pintar introduced this item, provided background information, referred to the agenda materials, and entertained comments of the board members. Member Aldean noted the requirement for a board secretary, and suggested agendizing action to appoint a secretary at the next board meeting. Chairperson Pintar and Member Aldean recalled that Member Furlong had been designated as the board secretary at a previous meeting, and Chairperson Pintar requested staff to research the minutes.

Chairperson Pintar entertained a motion. **Member Walt moved to adopt the bylaws for the Carson City Board of Health. Vice Chairperson Crowell seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.** Chairperson Pintar reported that progress is being made on the governance evaluation. She provided background information for the benefit of Members Abowd and McKenna.

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21(D) REVIEW OF THE RESULTS FROM THE LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT CONDUCTED IN SEPTEMBER AND DECEMBER 2010 (11:49:15) - Chairperson Pintar introduced this item, and reviewed the agenda materials, including a "Short Summary" prepared by Chairperson Pintar and Ms. Works, and distributed to the board members and the Clerk prior to the start of the meeting. Chairperson Pintar entertained comments or questions; however, none were forthcoming.

21(E) REVIEW OF THE MATRIX DEVELOPED FROM RECOMMENDATIONS PROVIDED BY THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES REPORT (11:54:05) - Chairperson Pintar introduced this item, and Ms. Works reviewed the agenda materials. Member Abowd commended the report, and the progress made. In response to a question, Ms. Works advised that the recently-hired volunteer coordinator is scheduled to begin work on Monday, April 11th. She has extensive experience administering animal services volunteer programs. In response to a question, Mr. Werner advised that funding is available; "it's a matter of prioritizing it." He expressed the belief that the recommended improvements are critical. In response to a question, Ms. Works expressed the hope that volunteers can be reintroduced to the animal shelter operation once the policies and procedures are implemented and a training program developed. She anticipates this will come together by June, and discussed the formalized application and training process to be associated with the volunteer program.

21(F) TOUR OF THE ANIMAL SERVICES FACILITY (12:03:19) - Chairperson Pintar introduced this item. She thanked Member Furlong for volunteering to speak at the National Association of City and County Health Officials. She noted a recent article about Carson City published in the National Association of Local Boards of Health magazine. Chairperson Pintar recessed the Board of Health at 12:04 p.m. In response to a question, Mr. Munn suggested designating 1:00 p.m. as the time for adjournment of the Board of Health following the animal services facility tour.

Animal Services Director Gail Radtke conducted a tour of the animal services facility. A quorum of the Board of Health was present, as well as members of the public and City staff. Ms. Radtke, Ms. Works, and Mr. Werner responded to various questions regarding facility operations throughout the duration of the tour. Ms. Radtke thanked the board members, City staff, and citizens present for their participation.

22. ACTION TO ADJOURN BOARD OF HEALTH (1:00:00) - A motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously to adjourn the Board of Health meeting following the animal services facility tour.

The Minutes of the March 17, 2011 Carson City Board of Health meeting are so approved this 16th day of June, 2011.

SUSAN PINTAR, Chair

ATTEST:

ALAN GLOVER, Clerk - Recorder