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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, April 1, 2021, in the Community Center Robert “Bob” Crowell Boardroom, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT:

Chairperson Dr. Colleen Lyons
Vice Chairperson 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, Chief Deputy District Attorney
Tamar Warren, Senior Public Meetings Clerk

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.

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

(11:44:27) – Chairperson Lyons called the meeting to order at 11:44 a.m. Ms. Warren called roll and noted the presence of a quorum.

20. PUBLIC COMMENT

(11:44:55) – Chairperson Lyons entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

21. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: APPROVAL OF MINUTES - DECEMBER 17, 2020

(11:45:03) – Chairperson Lyons introduced the item.

(11:45:12) – Member Bagwell moved to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Giomi and carried 7-0-0.

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

(11:45:34) – Chairperson Lyons introduced the item. Carson City Health and Human Services Director Nicki Aaker welcomed Dr. Lyons, as Carson City’s new County Health Officer. She reviewed the CCHHS Director’s report, incorporated into the record, which included a public health legislative update; their re-accreditation efforts; COVID-19 update; and the CCHHS calendar of events. Ms. Aaker also responded to clarifying questions by the Board.

(11:56:30) – Member White commented on AB59 calling it “over the top to tell a military member that they cannot smoke...[but we] send them around the world and give them orders to kill people.” He also noted “I don’t see where barriers are defined in a manner that doesn’t allow this to become a fishing expedition” regarding SB44. As for SB69, Member White was in favor of peer-to-peer counseling, calling it “a tremendous idea.” He expressed concern regarding SB70 because “unscrupulous folks have gone after someone else’s estate.” He also believed that a definition was needed for “probable cause.” Ms. Aaker recommended that Member White speak to Jessica Flood (handling legislative matters) regarding his concerns. Member White read a prepared statement regarding SCR5 calling it “an act of racism by Senator Spearman” as “her claims of systemic racism against a BIPOC population [are] patently false.”

(12:09:54) – Chairperson Lyons praised CCHHS “for being the first accredited public health [organization] here, in Nevada.” Ms. Aaker provided the following COVID-19 updates for the period of March 17, 2021 through March 27, 2021.

- Positivity rate: 6 percent (as of this day)
- Community, household, and school locations have the highest transmission rates.
- Average daily cases reported: 6
- Student case investigations: 8
- Vaccination efforts are ongoing; however, some events “are not filling up”
 - Ms. Aaker requested that the public make one appointment instead of multiple ones causing no shows. She also noted that the Pfizer vaccine was available to those 16 years and older.

(12:15:08) – In response to Member Bagwell’s question, Ms. Aaker believed that 16 percent of the Carson City population had been fully vaccinated. She also reminded the public that everyone (16 years-old or older) is now eligible for vaccinations. This item was not agendized for action.

22.B FOR DISCUSSION ONLY: DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION REGARDING THE BOARD OF HEALTH TO ORIENT AND RE-ORIENT ITS MEMBERS, AS REQUIRED FOR PUBLIC HEALTH ACCREDITATION, INCLUDING AN OVERVIEW OF THE CURRENT BYLAWS OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH, PROVISIONS OF NEVADA REVISED STATUTES PERTAINING TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE BOARD OF HEALTH, PUBLIC HEALTH ACCREDITATION MEASURES AND STANDARDS INVOLVING THE BOARD OF HEALTH AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, REQUESTS FOR FUTURE TRAINING NEEDS AND REQUESTS FOR REFERENCE MATERIALS.

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(12:23:12) – Chairperson Lyons introduced the item. Ms. Aaker reviewed a PowerPoint presentation, incorporated into the record, and responded to clarifying questions. She also invited Board members to contact her if they wished to serve on any of the related boards. This item was not agendized for action.

22.C FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING GUIDANCE OR DIRECTION TO STAFF CONCERNING THE CARSON CITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TASK FORCE ("TASK FORCE") RELATING TO THE GAPS, NEEDS, PRIORITIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE NORTHERN NEVADA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH POLICY BOARD ("POLICY BOARD"), AS HIGHLIGHTED IN THE DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT OF THE POLICY BOARD.

(12:41:50) – Chairperson Lyons introduced the item. Ms. Aaker and Carson City Behavioral Health Task Force Chair Mary Jane Ostrander reviewed a PowerPoint presentation, incorporated into the record, and responded to clarifying questions. Vice Chair Giomi believed that it was important “to educate primary care providers on the role that they can play in helping our citizens get into the behavioral health system.” Ms. Ostrander offered to discuss the suggestion with Carson Tahoe Health. She also clarified for Member Bagwell that the Crisis Now model was about early intervention and cited examples such as the Mallory Center, Mobile Outreach Safety Team (MOST), and jail diversion programs. Member White recommended forwarding the available Crisis Now PowerPoint presentation to the Board. Discussion ensued regarding the Mallory Center being used as a regional resource as Member White was concerned about not receiving reimbursements from neighboring counties. Ms. Ostrander believed that Medicaid was being billed for those services. The Board supported Ms. Aaker’s suggestion regarding a presentation by Carson Tahoe Health on the Mallory Center.

(1:12:20) – Member Schuette recommended wider use of telehealth capabilities and Ms. Ostrander clarified that CCHHS had clients using that option and that tablets had been purchased through a grant for that purpose. Vice Chair Giomi wished to see “a leveled playing field” with the reimbursement rates. Member Furlong noted that crisis intervention had been implemented at the Carson City Sheriff’s Office around 2010. This item was not agendized for action.

23. PUBLIC COMMENT

(1:22:24) – Chairperson Lyons entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

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

(1:22:37) – Chairperson Lyons adjourned the Board of Health meeting at 1:22 p.m.

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The Minutes of the April 1, 2021 Carson City Board of Health meeting are so approved this _____ day of _____, 20____.

DR. COLLEEN LYONS, Chair

ATTEST:

AUBREY ROWLATT, Clerk – Recorder