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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, October 7, 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 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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22. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL - BOARD OF HEALTH

(10:08:02) – Chairperson Lyons called the Board of Health meeting to order. Ms. Warren called roll and noted the presence of a quorum. Members Bagwell and Furlong were absent.

23. PUBLIC COMMENT

(10:08:47) – Chairperson Lyons entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

24. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: APPROVAL OF MINUTES - JUNE 17, 2021

(10:09:00) – Chairperson Lyons introduced the item and entertained comments/corrections, and when none were forthcoming, a motion.

(10:09:15) – Vice Chair Giomi moved to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2021 meeting. The motion was seconded by Member Schuette and carried 5-0-0.

25. HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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

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(10:09:47) – Chairperson Lyons introduced the item and presented her report which is incorporated into the record. She specifically highlighted the assistance provided during the Caldor fire, the training and education activities, a COVID-19 update, and the Nevada Public Health Association Report. Chairperson Lyons also provided information on available resources. Supervisor Schuette thanked Carson City Health and Human Services (CCHHS) and other City Departments for the help they provided during the Caldor Fire. Chairperson Lyons entertained a motion to accept the report.

(10:18:04) – Member Schuette moved to accept the Health Officer’s report, as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Giomi.

RESULT:	APPROVED (4-0-0)
MOVER:	Member Schuette
SECONDER:	Vice Chair Giomi
AYES:	Chair Lyons, Vice Chair Giomi, Members Jones, Schuette, and White
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None
ABSENT:	Members Bagwell and Furlong

25.B 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.

(10:18:23) – Chairperson Lyons introduced the item. CCHHS Director Nicki Aaker noted that she would present a new way of reporting which was more comprehensive and included information from the different divisions. Ms. Aaker highlighted the collaborative efforts with Western Nevada College, the Caldor fire response team, the Chamber of Commerce, and several human service agencies. She presented a public service video on tobacco prevention and reviewed her report in a PowerPoint presentation, incorporated into the record. Chairperson Lyons also provided an update on the restaurant inspections and the communicable disease cases in the Quad-County region. Ms. Aaker highlighted the Department’s Public Health Accreditation efforts and recognized the Environmental Health Program Staff for their efforts.

(10:34:46) – Public Health Preparedness Manager Jeanne Freeman reviewed the COVID-19 updates noting that the majority of the recent cases were in the 89701 zip code area, adding that the average daily cases were 19 per day. Ms. Freeman indicated that a five percent increase had been observed in vaccinations (63.2 percent of Carson City residents aged 12 and older) and discussed breakthrough cases, noting 0.06 percent deaths of fully vaccinated individuals compared to 1.2 percent of non-vaccinated persons. Ms. Aaker highlighted the short-staffed hospitals throughout the country, including Carson Tahoe Hospital, and noted the high cost of hiring traveling nurses. Ms. Freeman thanked the community partners and the Public Health Preparedness staff for their efforts.

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(10:50:15) – Ms. Aaker provided an update on hiring (a Human Services Case Manager and a Community Health Worker), adding that they no longer relied on the National Guard to administer vaccines. She believed that challenges still remained including housing issues and hiring. She also reviewed the CCHHS Calendar of Events, incorporated in the presentation. Supervisor Schuette thanked Ms. Aaker for the “frequent acknowledgement of community” in her report. Chairperson Lyons entertained a motion.

(11:01:28) – Member Schuette moved to accept the Director’s report, as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Jones.

RESULT:	APPROVED (4-0-0)
MOVER:	Member Schuette
SECONDER:	Vice Chair Giomi
AYES:	Chair Lyons, Vice Chair Giomi, Members Jones, Schuette, and White
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None
ABSENT:	Members Bagwell and Furlong

25.C FOR DISCUSSION ONLY: DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION ON A STATISTICAL DATA ANALYSIS OF COVID-19 CASES IN CARSON CITY, DOUGLAS, LYON AND STOREY COUNTIES, BY CELESTE PIERINI, BSN, RN, MPH CANDIDATE.

(11:01:46) – Chairperson Lyons introduced the item. CCHHS intern and Master of Public Health candidate Celeste Pierini reviewed her statistical data analysis, incorporated into the record, for the time period of April 8, 2020 through May 7, 2021 covering 6,214 cases. Ms. Pierini explained the methodology she had used for her analysis which had indicated that ethnic disparity existed for COVID-19, especially in the Hispanic population. She noted that the survey results indicated a need for more public health information and education in a variety of languages and venues to mitigate the ethnicity disparities. Additionally, more consistent messaging from top governmental agencies and workplace outreach had been recommended. She indicated that community spread had been the most common source of infection followed by household and workplace spread. Ms. Freeman noted that CCHHS had done outreach through schools and were working with Partnership Carson City to offer vaccines at Hispanic events. Chairperson Lyons recommended extending the outreach to the 89701 zip code area that was experiencing the largest number of COVID-19 cases. This item was not agendized for action.

26. PUBLIC COMMENT

(11:29:26) – Chairperson Lyons entertained final public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

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

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(11:29:50) – Chairperson Lyons adjourned the meeting at 11:29 a.m.

The Minutes of the October 7, 2021 Carson City Board of Health meeting are so approved this 2nd day of December, 2021.


Colleen C. Lyons, M.D.
DR. COLLEEN LYONS, Chair

ATTEST:


Aubrey Rowlatt
AUBREY ROWLATT, Clerk – Recorder