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A meeting of the Carson City Board of Health was held immediately after the regularly scheduled Carson City Board of Supervisors meeting on Thursday, December 21, 2023, in the Community Center Robert “Bob” Crowell Boardroom, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT:

Chairperson Colleen Lyons
Vice Chair Stacey Giomi
Member Lori Bagwell
Member Ken Furlong
Member Curtis Horton
Member Lisa Schuette
Member Maurice White

STAFF:

Nancy Paulson, City Manager
Scott Hoen, Clerk-Recorder
Stephanie Hicks, Deputy City Manager
Adam Tully, Deputy District Attorney
Tamar Warren, Senior Deputy 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.

22. CALL TO ORDER - BOARD OF HEALTH

(2:02:40) – Chairperson Lyons called the meeting to order.

23. ROLL CALL

(2:02:47) – Mr. Hoen called roll and noted the presence of a quorum consisting of Chairperson Colleen Lyons, Vice Chair Stacey Giomi, Members Lori Bagwell, Ken Furlong, Curtis Horton, Lisa Schuette, and Maurice White.

24. PUBLIC COMMENT

(2:03:02) – Chairperson Lyons entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming. She also stated that item 26.d would be heard immediately following item 25.

25. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 7, 2023.

(2:03:30) – Chairperson Lyons introduced the item and entertained comments or corrections and when none were forthcoming, a motion.

(2:03:40) – Member Bagwell moved to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2023, Board of Health meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Giomi and carried 7-0-0.

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26. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

26.a FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE PROPOSED ACCEPTANCE OF A REPORT FROM THE CARSON CITY HEALTH OFFICER, DR. COLLEEN LYONS ("HEALTH OFFICER").

(3:38:02) – Chairperson Lyons introduced the item and presented her Report, incorporated into the record, dating from August 14, 2023 until December 21, 2023. She stressed the importance of immunization and gave the example of measles which now has one out of four young children infected with measles requiring hospitalization. Chair Lyons also responded to clarifying questions.

(3:46:40) – Vice Chair Giomi moved to accept the report as presented. The motion was seconded by Member White.

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

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

(3:47:00) – Chairperson Lyons introduced the item. Carson City Health and Human Services Director Nicki Aaker referenced her report and highlighted several areas such as Public Health Funding, Carson City Opioid Needs Assessment, hiring updates, and Staff awards, accomplishments, and certifications. Ms. Aaker also responded to clarifying questions.

(3:52:12) – Vice Chair Giomi moved to accept the report as presented. The motion was seconded by Member White.

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

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26.c FOR DISCUSSION ONLY: PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING THE FOUNDATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES (“FPHS”) BASELINE ASSESSMENT BEING CONDUCTED BY THE ESTABLISHING A BASELINE FOR LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT (“PROJECT”).

(2:19:10) – Chairperson Lyons introduced the item. Amy Hyne-Sutherland, Public Health Coordinator for Nevada Association of Counties (NACO) introduced team members Joe Lednicky, with University of Nevada (UNR) Extension; Marlene Rebori, also with UNR Extension, and Allison Genco, Public Health Resource Officer, State of Nevada Office of the Governor. Ms. Hyne-Sutherland gave background and reviewed a PowerPoint presentation, incorporated into the record, titled *Establishing a Baseline For Local Public Health Infrastructure*. She, along with Ms. Aaker, also responded to clarifying questions. Member White inquired about the Public Health Accreditation Board’s authority and read an excerpt that he believed “They define a minimum package of health capabilities and programs that no jurisdiction can be without.” Ms. Aaker believed that the statement had been generated around 2013 by a group of individuals who were looking at “what services or capabilities does a county need to have optimum health.” She believed that the statement meant what would the community offer. She suggested to “Take it with a grain of salt.” Vice Chair Giomi believed that the goal was a “best practices” one, adding “If you don’t have a goal to reach, you can’t measure where you are.” Chair Lyons cited requirements of statutory reporting such as communicable diseases. Discussion ensued regarding daycare issues preventing reentry into the workforce which Member Furlong considered a drawback. Member Bagwell was informed that the final report would be available by June 2024; however, Carson City-specific portions of the report could be available by the end of February 2024 and Ms. Aaker clarified that the financial requirement for Carson City could be around \$200,000. There were no additional comments. No action was required, as the item was informational only.

26.d FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE SECOND BIENNIAL 2023 REPORT FROM VITALITY UNLIMITED AS REQUIRED BY CONTRACT #1718-118 BETWEEN CARSON CITY AND VITALITY UNLIMITED.

(2:04:07) – Chairperson Lyons introduced the item. Sarah Adler of Silver State Government Relations, on behalf of Vitality Unlimited, presented the contractually obligated report, incorporated into the record, dating from December 1, 2022, to November 30, 2023. Ms. Adler informed Vice Chair Giomi that the search for a new residential location was underway and with the redirection of \$500,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, a location has been identified, near Friends in Service Helping (FISH). Ms. Adler believed that the redirection of sufficient funds (including some State ARPA funds) would allow the funding of a residential facility. She also informed the Board that 41 percent of admissions were referrals from the Department of Alternative Sentencing, the courts, or other agencies, adding that 69 of the admitted individuals were homeless. In response to a question by Mayor Bagwell, Ms. Adler clarified that the homeless individuals worked closely with Carson City Human Services to receive vouchers.

(2:10:11) – Supervisor White explained that he had requested data from Ms. Aaker and called it a “roller coaster” due to the fluctuating numbers. Ms. Aaker reviewed the numbers requested by Member White, noting that from December 2022 to November 2023 360 men had gone through detox compared to 212 women. She also noted that from December 2021 until November 2022 the number of men in detox was 222 and the number of women

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was 244. Ms. Adler attributed increases to outreach programs or an increase in Alternative Sentencing cases. Supervisor Schuette was in favor of the diversion programs calling them productive alternatives to jail. There were no additional comments; therefore, Chair Lyons entertained a motion.

(2:18:52) – Member Bagwell moved to accept the Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Giomi.

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

26.e FOR DISCUSSION ONLY: PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING THE TOBACCO PREVENTION AND CONTROL PROGRAM OF THE CARSON CITY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, INCLUDING PROGRAM GOALS, STATISTICS ON TOBACCO USE AND VAPING AMONG NEVADA YOUTH AND LOCAL AND NATIONAL POLICIES AND LAWS.

(2:55:58) – Chairperson Lyons introduced the item. Suzie Ledezma Rubio, Public Health Program Specialist, reviewed a PowerPoint presentation, incorporated into the record, that provided an overview of the activities of the Tobacco Prevention Program (including vaping) for Carson City and compared the statistics with the Statewide numbers. She also responded to clarifying questions. Ms. Aaker explained that the surveys were done every two years and now included middle and high school students. Chair Lyons thanked the presenter. No action was taken on this item.

27. PUBLIC COMMENT

(3:53:23) – Chairperson Lyons cited several studies that pointed out the importance of breaks and encouraged everyone to take a minimum of 30 minutes for lunch. She also entertained final public comments; however, none were forthcoming. Ms. Aaker wished everyone “Happy Holidays.”

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

(3:54:17) – Chairperson Lyons adjourned the Board of Health meeting at 3:54 p.m.

The Minutes of the December 21, 2023, Carson City Board of Supervisors meeting are so approved on this 18th day of January 2024.

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The Minutes of December 21, 2023, Carson City Board of Health meeting are so approved on this 7th day of March, 2024.


DR. COLLEEN LYONS, Chair

ATTEST:


SCOTT HOEN, Clerk-Recorder