

MINUTES OF THE CHURCHILL COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

155 N. Taylor St., Fallon, NV 89406

July 28, 2021

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the County Board of Health was called to order at 9:00 AM on July 28, 2021.

PRESENT:

Dr. Tedd McDonald, Chair
Commissioner H. Peter Olsen, Jr.
Commissioner Dr. Justin Heath
Commissioner Dr. Gregory Koenig
Deputy District Attorney Joseph Sanford
Deputy Clerk to the Board Pamela D. Moore
Sheriff Richard Hickox

ABSENT:

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the board and public.

Public Comment:

Chairman Dr. Tedd McDonald asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Verification of the Posting of the Agenda:

It was verified by Pamela D. Moore, Deputy Clerk to the Board, that the Agenda for this meeting was posted on the 23rd day of July, 2021, between the hour of 8:00 and 9:00 AM at all of the locations listed on the Agenda, in accordance with NRS 241.

Consideration and possible action re: Approval of Agenda as submitted or revised:

There was no Old Business or Consent Agenda, therefore, the Agenda needs to be revised accordingly.

Commissioner Gregory Koenig made a motion to approve the Agenda as revised. Commissioner Justin Heath seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Consideration and possible action re: Approval of Minutes of the meeting held on:

A- June 23, 2021.

The Minutes of the meeting held on June 23, 2021 are submitted for the board's consideration and approval.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Commissioner Gregory Koenig made a motion to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on June 23, 2021 as presented. Commissioner Justin Heath seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Appointments:

Consideration and possible action re: Update on COVID-19 related activities, to include but not limited to, State of Nevada criteria and county closures, surveillance testing, and CARES Act funding.

The Churchill County Leadership Team will provide an update on COVID-19 related activities, to include but not limited to, State of Nevada criteria and county closures, surveillance testing, and CARES Act funding.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

Shannon Ernst, Social Services, reported that looking, at our vaccines, we have a total of 9,011 doses that have been administered by the Public Health Department. It gives you a breakdown of each one of our vaccines that are being provided.

Total COVID-19 Vaccine Doses Administered by Churchill County Public Health (CCPH)	Doses Administered	
	Total	9011
	Moderna 1st Dose	4013
	Moderna 2nd Dose	3747
	Janssen	564
	Pfizer 1st Dose	372
	Pfizer 2nd Dose	315

It shows our trends and our upticks. In the beginning, it was down because we had a limited amount that was coming in and being provided, then you could see when we would receive vaccine and how many were obtaining. As you see it now, it is dwindling down. We are only having an average of 6 a day coming to get the vaccine, if we are lucky and we are open.

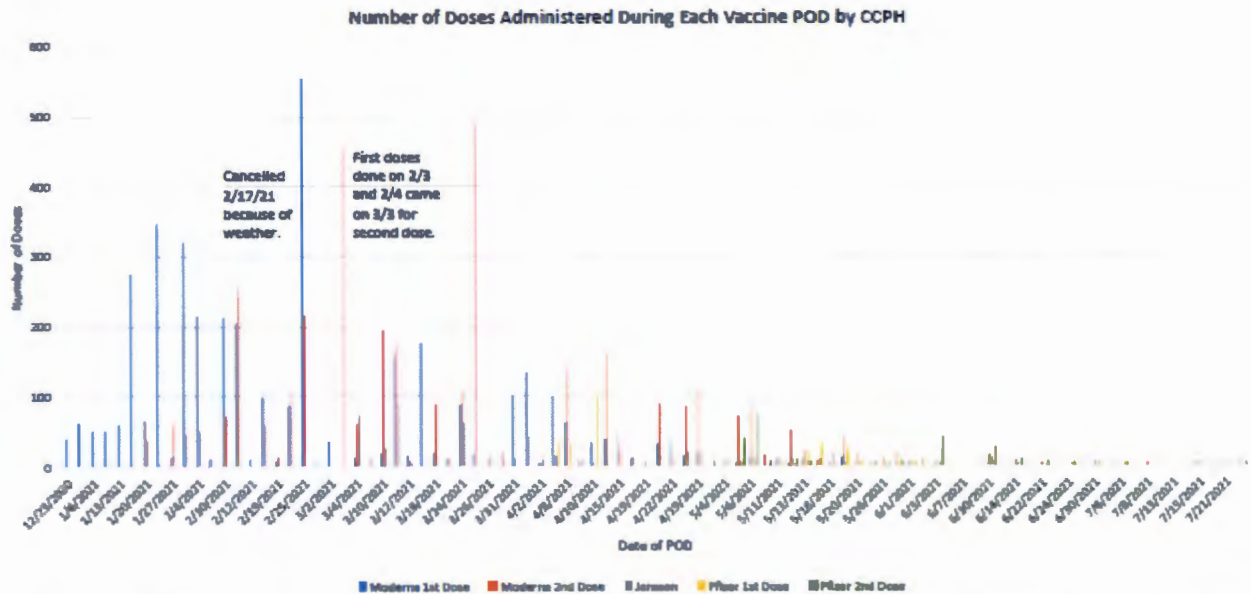


Figure 1. Number of Moderna (first and second), Janssen, and Pfizer (first and second) vaccine doses administered by Churchill County Public Health during each vaccine POD from December 23, 2020 to July 22, 2021.

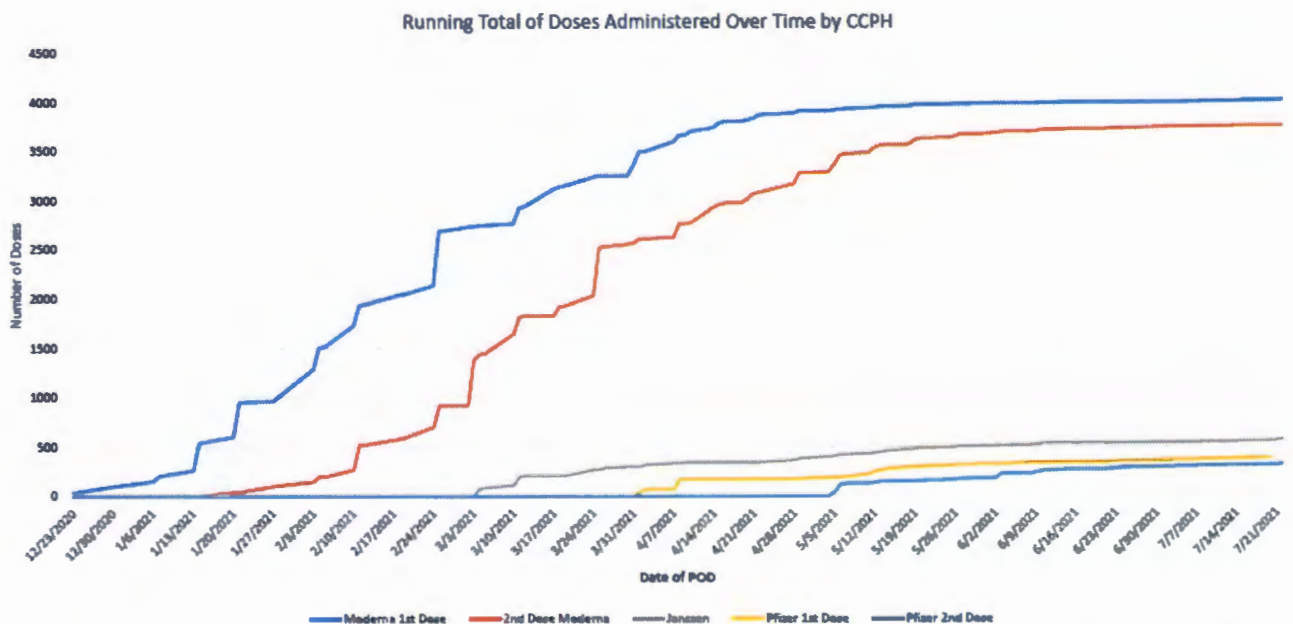


Figure 2. Running total of Moderna (first and second), Janssen, and Pfizer (first and second) vaccine doses administered by Churchill County Public Health from December 23, 2020 to July 22, 2021.

We are really looking at expanding our efforts in the community. Part of our vaccine initiative is taking the vaccine out to pop-up pods. We use the drive through just one day a week. We are providing vaccines

at the Life Center and then also going to Farmers Markets, festivals, things of that sort.

This slide shows the breakdown of total doses administered by CCPH.

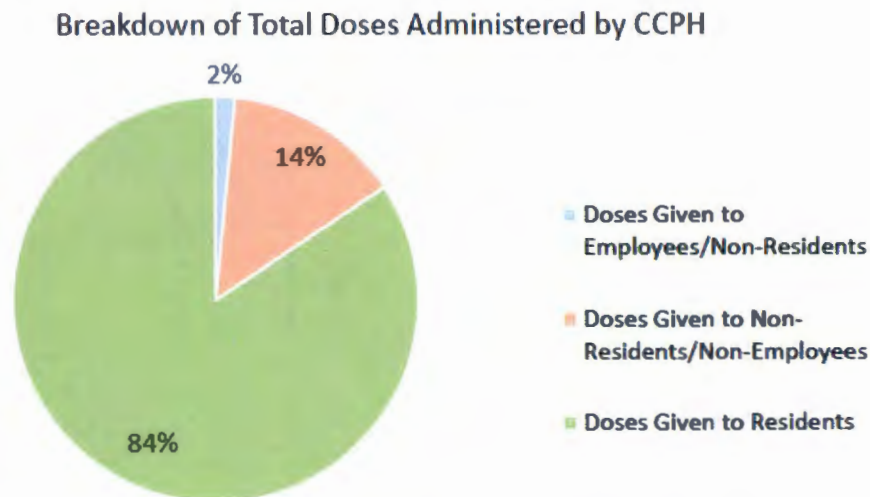


Figure 3. Breakdown of the total doses administered by Churchill County Public Health. With a total of 9,011 doses administered by Churchill County Public Health, 140 of those doses went to employees/non-residents of Churchill, 1,261 doses went to non-residents/non-employees of Churchill, and 7,610 doses went to Churchill County residents.

Doses Administered to Employees/Non-Residents of Churchill County by CCPH

Total	140
Moderna 1st Dose	58
Moderna 2nd Dose	58
Janssen	16
Pfizer 1st Dose	5
Pfizer 2nd Dose	3

Doses Administered to Non-Residents/Non-Employees of Churchill County by CCPH

Total	1261
Moderna 1st Dose	543
Moderna 2nd Dose	534
Janssen	122
Pfizer 1st Dose	37
Pfizer 2nd Dose	25

Doses Administered to Churchill County Residents by CCPH

Total	7610
Moderna 1st Dose	3412
Moderna 2nd Dose	3155
Janssen	426
Pfizer 1st Dose	330
Pfizer 2nd Dose	287

Brook, our Epidemiologist, does an amazing job of the data breakdown. The doses administered to the 12-17 years olds are shown below.

Doses of Pfizer Administered to 12-17 Year Olds by CCPH

Total	344
Churchill Residents	315
Out of County	29

This slide below shows our senior population. We did go the Senior Center and provide vaccinations on-site.

Senior Citizen Demographics

On April 7, 2021, CCPH held a vaccine POD at Pennington Life Center. A total of 7 doses of the Janssen vaccine were administered, 13 seniors declined the vaccine, and 30 seniors stated they have already been vaccinated.

Doses of Janssen Administered	7
Seniors Declined	13
Seniors Already Vaccinated	30

As of July 1, 2021, 81.9% of residents 70+ years are fully vaccinated (NV DHHS, 2021).

Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (NV DHHS). (2021, July 8). COVID-19 Statistics Dashboard.

As of July 1, 2021, CCPH is at the Life Center on Wednesdays and Thursdays to administer vaccines to those interested.

Percentage of Residents Fully Vaccinated by CCPH

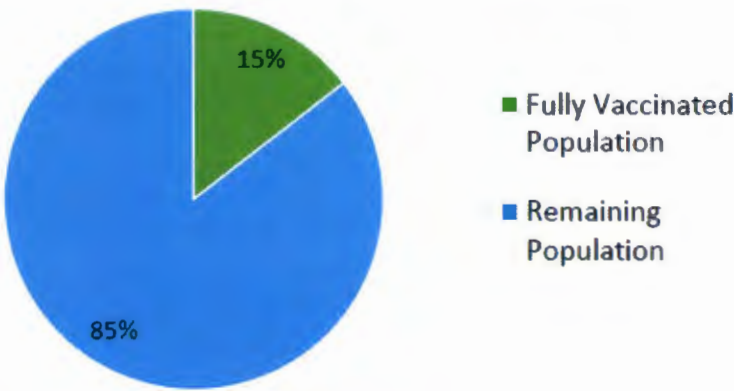


Figure 4. Population of Churchill County that has been fully vaccinated by Churchill County Public Health. Combining the number of residents that received Moderna/Pfizer second doses and Janssen single doses gives a total of 3,868 fully vaccinated residents.

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Churchill as a Whole



- **8,379** total residents are fully vaccinated (NV DHHS, 2021)
- **38.29%** of population 12 years and older fully vaccinated (NV DHHS, 2021)



Nevada Department of Health and Human Services [NV DHHS]. (2021, July 23). COVID-19 Statistics Dashboard.

This next slide shows the total vaccinated in each county. In Churchill County, we are not the lowest and we are not the highest either.

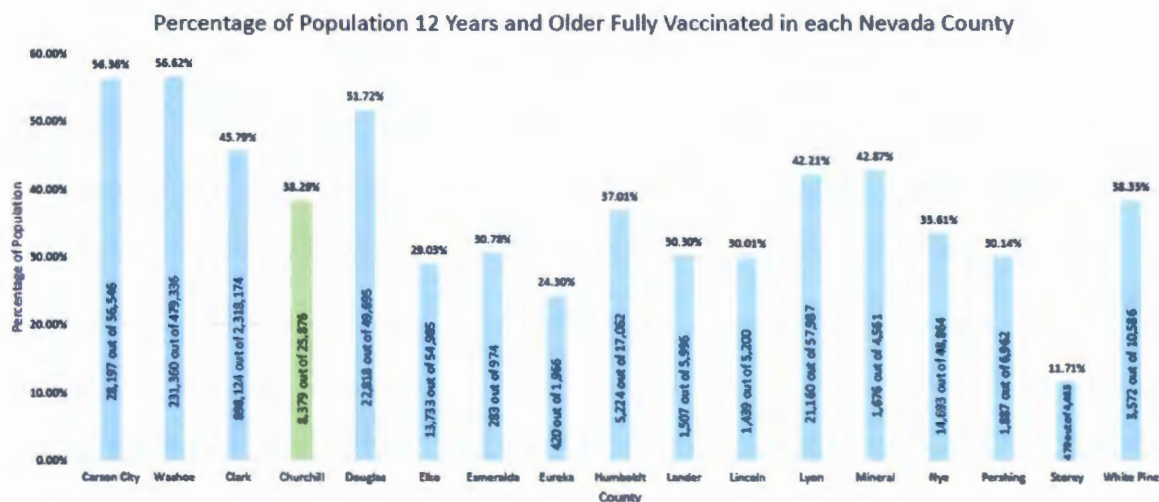
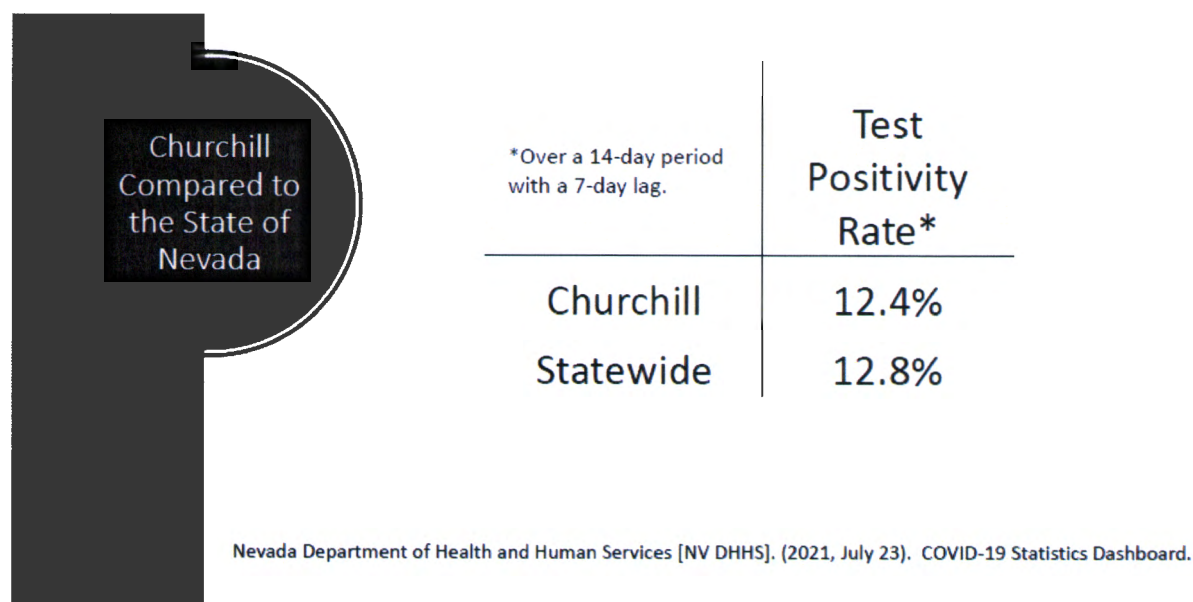


Figure 6. Out of the rural counties in Nevada, Churchill is currently ranked 5th out of 14 for the highest percentage of fully vaccinated residents 12 years and older, with 38.29% of Churchill County residents 12+ years fully vaccinated (NV DHHS, 2021).

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This next slide shows testing rates. We are not seeing people testing. Eligibility to test is if you are vaccinated, you have to be symptomatic. If you are asymptomatic, unvaccinated, we urge you to test

so that we can keep those numbers down. We are not seeing people test. We are only having the asymptomatic, which is driving those numbers up.



This next slide shows how many we have tested as of July 22, 2021.

Testing Completed by CCPH from May 4, 2020 to July 22, 2021

11,567 TOTAL NEW TESTS

10,790 NEGATIVES
764 POSITIVES

This next slide shows our trends and you see that, in July, we had that uptick with the positives but we are not having anyone test. We provide free testing 3 days a week at a drop-in site and then we have appointments available on Mondays and Fridays. We are just not having people come in unless they are symptomatic. The hospital is doing the symptomatic testing and CVS is doing the rapid testing.

DAILY NEW CASES (14-day moving avg.)

STATEWIDE ONLY

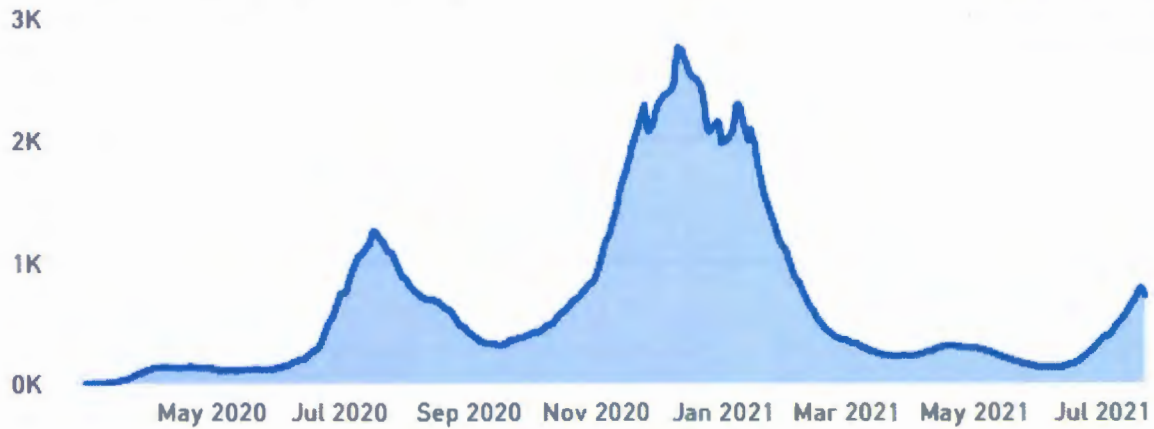


Figure 7. Statewide daily new COVID-19 cases from May 2020 to July 23, 2021 (NV DHHS, 2021). Nevada Department of Health and Human Services [NV DHHS]. (2021, July 23). COVID-19 Statistics Dashboard.

Number Tested by CCPH Compared to Positive Cases from those Tested



Figure 8. Number of people who tested with Churchill County Public Health compared to the positive cases from those tested between May 2020 to June 2021.

This next slide shows the positive overview but I would like to update that total number to 2,188, as of today. I want to note that we have populations within Churchill County that we have no authority over. One of those being the Fallon Tribe and the other is NAS Fallon. Out of our active cases, as of this morning, 6 of those cases were Tribal. We have only had 3 positives reported and those

are all from NAS Fallon.

COVID-19 Positive Case Overview As of July 23, 2021

2180 Total County Positives

2112 Total Recovered

19 Active

49 Deaths

182 Long Term Care Facilities

160 NAS Fallon

216 Fallon Tribal

We are looking at where our positives are going and how to respond here in the county. Previously, we have gone to a 5-day tracing, so when something would come in we did not trace those on the weekend. Providers were letting them know they were positive and they need to isolate and tell anyone they came in contact with. Effective this week, we are going to a 7-day tracing and reporting. We are really doing that urging, if you have come in contact, you do need to get tested and you do need to stay home. We need to stop the spread and isolate. You need to stay home and isolate. We are really pushing the message like we have for the past year and a half, but driving back into that tracing.

County Manager Barbee said if we are at 21 positives over a 2-week period and then some of those were outside the control of the county and that even deducted it more and no one that is vaccinated qualifies to test and all the decisions are made on test positivity rate, so we are pretty much in a situation where we are going to be deemed as a high positivity rate irregardless of the actions we take, which will trigger all the things that the federal and the state government is mandating or trying to mandate on to us, so we are kind of painted into a corner, in a fashion.

Ms. Ernst said we are working with all our partners to really try and understand what is going on in the community. One of those things is looking at how many are in the hospital. We have 2 active cases at Banner but that goes up and down. When you look at Tribal, you have to realize we have no authority. They only report positives; they do not report the negatives they test, so we are getting 100% positivity rate from them.

County Manager Barbee said, even under the worst of circumstances, we are talking 21 positives over a 2-week period in a population of 26,000. They can label it however they want to and use whatever words they want to but I would not suggest that we are in the depths of a, and I would refer to those on the Health Board, and we have a couple of doctors, which is kind of nice, I guess what am I missing. We are not in a horrific situation, especially as we compare and look at the actual positions the county has been in, in October, November, and December of 2020. With the

numbers that we were pulling at that point, in which case, I think at some points we were pulling 20 a day. Ms. Ernst said my highest was 75 in one day. County Manager Barbee said I just think we are wallowing in the unreasonable or the crazy, just in terms of how we measure this data and a determination is made that affects the community.

Rachel Dahl said, in terms of the Governor's Friday requirement of masks, is that going to require us to go there or is that kind of what you are talking about? What is going to happen Friday here? County Manager Barbee said I will beat counsel to the punch but we don't have that specifically agendaized so the Board of Health can't take action today on that item but that is basically a trigger point that was pre-existing that they were going to follow CDC recommendations and we were flagged based on test positivity rate, but I think we are talking about the unreasonable realities of that percentage rate. Deputy District Attorney Joseph Sanford said, as far as the Agenda goes, it is agendaized fine to give an update of information as it is presented. There has been some movement from the CDC in the last day or two and so, with giving that type of information, he is well within the scope of the Agenda but, if the board wants to take any action to weigh in specifically down to policy, that would be something you would want to set an emergency meeting for.

Ms. Ernst said that would be in the report. I would just like to note we are continuing to push not only the COVID vaccine, but other immunizations and we are opening up for some special ones in August. We will start doing Shingles also, so we are just adding on and then the 14th we are working on kids vaccinations for Community Day and then on the 18th also.

Commissioner Koenig said we can't make any decisions or take any action on this new mask mandate but we could discuss it under the COVID-related activities. It would fall under that? Deputy DA Sanford said you can discuss it. Commissioner Koenig said they turned the power over to the county but when we hit that trigger point, then it goes back to the state, is that what is happening? Deputy DA Sanford said we will have to do more research and give you a full update. At present when the return of power was presented to the counties, the power over mask mandates was reserved by the state, which you may recall, at the time, was reserved and the state maintained its right to make any mask mandates that it wanted. That directive included a specific piece of language that said it is going to mirror whatever guidance the CDC put forward. The position that the state has taken with this new directive is because the CDC has issued new guidance recommending masks be worn by vaccinated and unvaccinated persons. That prior directive has always stayed in effect and now that the guidance has changed, the mask mandate would automatically trigger. The directive was just to delay it until Friday instead of imposing it again. The idea has been that the counties have never had the ability to control masks. Commissioner Koenig said enforcement was turned over to the county so, is enforcement still at the county level or is it going back to the state level? Deputy DA Sanford said they have not provided any information about how they want to resolve enforcement, so that will probably be evolving very quickly. The state and the counties have always had the ability to enforce it, it is just whether they will take any of those actions. The decision to have enforcement provided by county officials was essentially the state saying they are not going to do it even if they have the power to. Whether they choose to do it, moving forward or not will be something the state will eventually decide. Commissioner Koenig said that is the most important piece. If the state takes over enforcement, then businesses in town could be fined again, so that is what we need to find out.

County Manager Barbee said looking at the list of the folks that are on here, I don't want to put her on

the spot but I will ask Dr. Stephens if she has any other insight in terms of communications that you have had with the state on any of this. Dr. Stephens said the state Superintendents have also been working with the Governor's Office and all the Regional County Health Departments and the Department of Education. That conversation had been in the works and so yesterday's announcement was a little bit of a shock to all of us as school leaders. The news releases that came out yesterday does state that all of the entities are going to continue to work with school districts on what the mandate would mean for schools. My opinion on that is we used the language from the spring from Directive 45 and our counsel and our interpretation was that vaccinated people and children 9 and under did not have to wear masks in school and it was recommended for anyone who was unvaccinated. That is still what our statement says. All of you that have read the CDC guidelines, and again, Joe you are an attorney so you would obviously guide the group here today, but it still does not say it is required. It says it is recommended and that it should be done. I am an English teacher and I am interpreting those words, as is our counsel, so we are not changing anything, at this time. We are going to wait and see if we can continue to have a conversation. I would say that many districts are in a place that reinstating mask mandates for all is a challenge and I am sure I am on the Agenda to give an update. We also have increased stress and frustration inside about being asked to prove that we are vaccinated. That is the only update I have gotten on it. It says they are still working on it for schools. I don't know if that might mean we get more latitude than the general public but we are not discussing it and some of us have schools opening, not us, but some districts are opening by the 9th of August. We want to have this resolved before then. We want to have kids in school and, first and foremost, we want to make sure everyone is safe.

Chairman Olsen, via telephone, said due to technical difficulties I missed some of the conversation but I did get the beginning of what Jim was saying about the numbers and the lack of consistency and the differences now about calling Churchill a hotspot when our numbers are actually very low and we get sucked into this mask mandate and everything because of it. I think there needs to be a conversation about who is developing these numbers. I know we were worried about lots of testing in the winter and spring to keep our rates down and we were attempting to massage the numbers because it is not a good number to use. That was pointed out when Jim was speaking earlier. I would be curious what others think.

Chairman McDonald said one of the things I am concerned about is our potential risk in Churchill County. We have a 32.8% vaccination rate for 12 and up. That leaves us susceptible. We can hope that our partners out there, with our testing rates, are responsible and are maintaining good control over their populations that have tested positive and are included in our numbers. They are living in Churchill County, so if there is a potential nidus of infection if they are not controlled, they can get into our community, so we need to balance things out a little bit. The masking is, for me, I don't really, I see the benefit of it, I see what they are moving towards, but I am more concerned about our 32.8% vaccination rate. If we have a variant of the virus that comes in or we have a mass event where a lot of people are together and unvaccinated, then we do have a potential risk. That is where I would like to see a focus of how we maintain our vigilance and stay on top of things so there is less chance of that happening. I think that Churchill County is doing a good job of that. They are making sure that vaccinations and testing are available and people are educated. We are giving them every opportunity but that point for me, the one that is worrisome, is that we are potentially vulnerable. County Manager Barbee said, in response to that, I just wanted to say I could not agree more. I think you are absolutely right that such a low percentage, that is really the frustrating part, as far as mandates, because this just hardens the political ideology line that deters people from getting vaccinated. We work very diligently in promoting and trying to do things to get folks to reasonably evaluate the

vaccination for themselves and, hopefully, step forward and increase the vaccination rate in our community. Anytime you are going to force folks, their natural response is to resist and I just feel from the staff point of view, in managing this, this just compounds the difficulties in continuing to increase our percentage of those that are vaccinated because there is no incentive. If the push is, whether it is recommended or mandated, and I appreciate Dr. Stephen's comment on that, but whether it is recommended or mandated, if there is no benefit that they are seeing and they don't see the health benefit themselves, we have not been able to convince them of that, then we are painting ourselves in a corner. It is a struggle, but I agree with your comments. Commissioner Heath said I agree with Mr. Barbee 100%. What we are trying to do is convince Banner to give the vaccine here because I can talk people into it but, as soon as they walk out the door they go home and wait a couple of days and then they are not doing it, so I am trying to pressure Banner to allow us to vaccinate here in the clinic.

Chairman McDonald said when we are presented with more information, I think we should be open to having an emergency meeting if we need to so we can address this more specifically. County Manager Barbee said, if we came up with a specific topic and an action or a list of actions, then we can pull together a special meeting. I think that is going to be the struggle though, is identifying what the specific action would be that we would take because, even in this conversation, all the tools in the toolbox that we have we are implementing and will continue to do so. If this is mandated or directed outside of our local authority, because even the Board of Health would not, if it were an issue with enforcement, it would not come from the Board of Health, it would come from the Board of County Commissioners. I guess I would just open it up to members if you think that we would want to do something like that, what would be the actions that should be considered? I am not sure what those would be. Ms. Ernst said I would actually suggest that we not schedule a special meeting right now. At the time that something came up, we could reach out and schedule that where we would have action to take. We could continue to provide updates coming from the state and any mandates until something is addressed and we need to implement and take action. Commissioner Heath said I agree with that also. Chairman McDonald said that makes sense to me. I just wanted it out there so that we had it available for our deliberations and on the record that we are ready and available for whatever is needed. Ms. Ernst said I appreciate that. All through this, everyone has been very responsive and we have had several special meetings even with the Board of County Commissioners. Thank you and, as we obtain more information, then we would look at that in the future if necessary.

Chairman McDonald asked if there was any public comment but there was none. This item was presented for informational purposes only and no action was taken.

Update on Health District Development:

A- Consideration and possible action re: Update on Health District development.

Staff will provide an update on the development of a Health District.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED:

Shannon Ernst said we have Dr. Gerald Ackerman and Dr. John Packham on the line. I will just give a quick update from the county side. As for the development, we have received notification from the state they will be funding us. We do not yet have the funding agreements. We are working on the contracting so we are waiting for the proposed contract from the UNR School of Medicine on how we could implement the strategies to move forward with the development of the District.

Dr. John Packham, UNR School of Medicine, said we are in that holding pattern ready when we get those approvals and looking forward to working with you and the board.

Dr. Gerald Ackerman, UNR School of Medicine, said regarding the ECHO Program that the school is putting on this Friday on the antibody update, the state reached out to us, along with the Board of Pharmacy, so if you could share that with the public health folks and physicians in your community, that would be great because there are some advances they have made and I want to get that information out.

There is also an update about the consultant we are using, Reno Works, outlines that we have to do a hiring exception memorandum. That went in yesterday. We finally got everything lined out so, Shannon, my guess is, once we get that approval going, we will get those parameters of that contract, which I think we basically have as soon as we get that approval. We are just waiting for that approval. I don't think it will be a long period of time but very quickly.

Ms. Ernst said thank you, that is wonderful. Morena has been crucial across rural Nevada in implementing health programs. She worked on the Carson City one and it will be exciting to have her on this project, so I am glad that has been finalized. We look forward to that contract.

As for the ECHO Program, I will send that out not only to our board but also additional partners. I really urge them to take advantage of the ECHO lessons because it is amazing how they put these on and the opportunities you have in things we don't see in rural Nevada. Dr. John Packham said I would urge getting that out to every person in your family. It is specifically focused on antibodies and an update of the state of the art about COVID therapeutic strategies that I think everyone would find beneficial. Chairman McDonald said I will put it on my list. Dr. Gerald Ackerman said we have also been in contact with the state to put an ongoing series together to address COVID and other infectious diseases, related issues and topics and will be doing a monthly series looking at impacts in rural areas. We are putting a team together and, once a quarter, we will be doing something based on public health and the other will be clinical.

We would like to approach Shannon and Chairman McDonald of maybe using Churchill County as a study for the rest of the rural counties of how your board has reacted and responded and the development of a Public Health Lab. ECHO is built around cases and we would like to work with you on that. We are still working on a date in September but wondering if the two of you and anybody else from Churchill County might be willing to share what you have done.

Chairman McDonald said we are open to cooperation and discussion and I can tell you that, as a county, we are open to sharing our knowledge and our experience with the entire State of Nevada. Please keep us on the list. Dr. Gerald Ackerman said I will get the details to Shannon.

Chairman Dr. Tedd McDonald asked if there was any public comment but there was none. This item was presented for informational purposes only and no action was taken.

- Consideration and possible action re: Update from community partners related to COVID-19 and services related to Board of Health Strategies.

Community partners will provide reports regarding updated efforts related to COVID-19 and Board of Health priorities.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

Dr. Stephens said at this time we are leaving our plan as it is written and we will provide everyone with more updates as we have them regarding mask mandates.

At this time, we only have a record of 35% of our staff being vaccinated. I would think you guys would Also, having being part of our immunization project, I think it is higher than that but in terms of people's willingness to share with us their cards, we are only at 35%. We have been working with the state and, just like all of you, we have multiple mitigation strategies in place for our reopening plan that was required by federal funding rules. Just like last year, although we didn't use it last year, that we would have random screening, random testing and we don't have all the details worked out but our intention is that everyone who did not want to participate, if in fact their child's name was pulled for a random test, would have the ability to have a waiver. If the state puts something else in place of that in terms of testing, then we would have to take that back to our board and have a conversation. We think the waiver option is necessary for those that want to decline the testing and we think we may be able to still get enough unvaccinated people in the random testing at each site. We don't have the numbers developed yet but we are working on it. The state is helping school districts do that and stand that up without actually utilizing school staff. We just continue to wait on that front. I wanted to thank Shannon on the 4th and on the 19th. I know for sure that we have pushed some vaccination clinics for all kinds of immunizations. This year they are not giving a waiver. Last year we had a 30-day waiver for students to get their vaccinations. That is not in place right now, so we need all of our folks who have students, there are certain things that are required for them before the first day of school. We would love to make sure everyone can be at school on the first day.

In terms of COVID vaccinations, again, it is just reiterating what you all have said; it is not required but it is something that, especially in our athletics programs, they may have some different requirements on and we are still using our health protocols from last year. If you are unvaccinated and exposed, you are going to be required to be out of school longer than someone who is vaccinated and that has not changed.

Shannon had mentioned that she was still working on the vaccinations for the 14th, I know there was some staff that could not be there, so that is why we didn't push that date out but please communicate with us so we can get that pushed out because we want everyone first to take advantage of Community Day. No one can be forced to test or vaccinate but for us in schools, and the community wants schools to be open and wants us to be as viable as possible, help me help you and help our kids to ensure that we

don't have to have these mandates in place by going out to get tested if you are unvaccinated because that is a number that could be used for us as one of our indicators is the community number of positivity rate, not just in school. The testing is simple. I have taken it multiple times. It is not necessarily fun to do but it helps all of us in our county and we want kids in school and we want them to be masked if they choose, not mandated, but we have to do it and we want to make sure that we can get back to learning. Keep encouraging everyone to get vaccinated and get tested and continue to share your own experience with vaccination. Sometimes that is what it takes to get people to get it is just hearing experience from others.

Shannon Ernst said on behalf of the Public Health Office we are continuing to do our testing and our vaccines. We have released our August calendar and with that we are looking at immunizations. We will be holding those at the Life Center on Wednesday the 4th from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM and directly after that they do go to The Grid and provide vaccines there also. We will also be doing the vaccines and immunizations on the 14th, which is Community Day. Annually, Social Services puts together with community partners the Back-to-School community event. It is really to assist our residents on knowing what resources are available and how to access those. We do this with a scavenger hunt where kids get school supplies. We serve about 400 kids. We thought it was natural to have immunizations at that event, so we will have those there and that is confirmed Dr. Stephens.

We are also adding additional resources to that event this year. We are really looking at highlighting the bingocize and how to garden items that we have at the Life Center. That is in partner with UNR and the funding that we have received. We hope to see everyone there. We will also be doing COVID vaccines at the Cantaloupe Festival. As part of that we are doing our drawing, so we have a total of \$20,000 up for grabs. What people need to do is take a picture of the front and back of their card and email it along with their contact information to churchillcovid@churchillcounty.org. That drawing will be on Saturday before the main event. There has been some confusion on who is eligible for that. It is anyone that has been vaccinated that resides in Churchill County but is not an elected appointed official for the city and county or the Public Health Office or Social Services. We will take entries up to 3:00 PM that day, which is the 28th to allow for more people to be vaccinated. We want to make sure everyone is aware of those events.

When we look at additional items with the Public Health Office, we are working on the lab, the walls have gone up. They are in there painting today. We are working on obtaining additional equipment that is needed to start the lab up. We have received support from the CDC to hire a laboratory scientist. One on the things they have launched is how to get individuals that are qualified into rural communities.

Last week the board approved the additional physician so that we can launch in looking at working in three additional counties under the agreement with the state and the UNR School of Medicine Project, so those are being posted this week, so, hopefully we will have additional staffing.

Tammie Shemenski, Deputy Director, Churchill Community Coalitionm said we have great partnership with the Churchill County School District (CCSD). We had a really good response with the kids on the 'Too Good For Drugs' and we are looking to continue the program in the schools. We are hoping to be able to go into the classrooms, as it is more effective. Currently, they do it in a Google classroom, which was provided by the CCSD to us. We had a really good response with the kids. We had incentive items for kids

who completed lessons and then we also had incentive items for those who completed the program. We had a significant number of kids complete lessons but that was lower than what I would like to see, of course, as I want all of the kids to complete the entire program. This is all voluntary, so in terms of the pressure on the teachers to get things done in a certain specific time plus the kids had to do that and we did our program, as well.

It is pretty exciting. This year we are excited to try to get into the schools.

On our mural project, we are super excited about this, our artist is in the midst of putting up the mural at the Juvenile Probation Office. It is in their entryway and it is in conjunction with their Wilderness Program and we have somebody on the roads course and the trees and the lakes are involved and then the message of 'Rise Above'. Pretty cool but it is going out of the JPO and we are going to be doing some other mural projects here. We are partnering with Social Services as they have some funding to put up other murals in the county. We are working with the library to do an entire side of the wall.

Our Karma Boxes are really taking off. Kacie Zeller has been instrumental in that. We have one at the Sheriff's Office, one at Epworth Church, one in front of CEDA in the Chamber and Kacie at the Public Health Office, I believe, has called and wants to do one for the Life Center. We are in the midst of doing some more Karma Boxes. They are for anybody that has community needs. We put in unperishable items, some clothes items, etc. It may just be a kid walking down the road and is hungry and needs a granola bar so he can stop at the boxes, pick one up and carry it on home. We are doing a lot with that. We are going to carry on those projects. We want to thank our partnership with CCSD and Social Services in providing the funding to get that done and allowing us into their spaces.

Chairman McDonald asked if there was any public comment but there was none. This item was presented for informational purposes only and no action was taken.

- Consideration and possible action re: Review and approval of media approved and released in regarding to COVID-19 and other County Board of Health related priorities.

Provided to the board are all media releases for the period of June 12, 2021 to July 23, 2021 related to COVID-19 on behalf of the County Board of Health. The press releases have the county's logo on them and the web stories do not. The releases include the following:

- Vaccination Incentive Program for a Chance at Cash Prizes.
- Vaccination Testing Schedule for July.

For current information on the number of cases, please go to the county's website:

www.churchillcountynv.gov/covid-19. On this page, the county posts all COVID-19 related information, including releases, stories, test numbers, and health resources (links to CDC, NVHealthResponse websites, etc.).

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Chairman Dr. Tedd McDonald asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Commissioner Gregory Koenig made a motion to approve the submitted media releases on behalf of the Board of Health as related to COVID-19. Commissioner Justin Heath seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Consent Items:

There were no Consent items.

Consideration of Future Agenda Items:

There were no future Agenda items suggested.

Consider and schedule future meeting date and location:

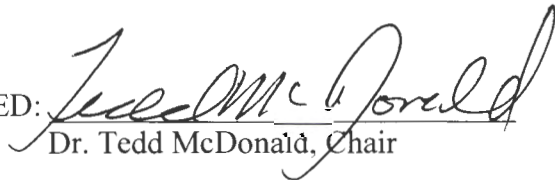
The next meeting will be held on September 22, 2021 at 9:00 AM.

Public Comment:

Chairman Dr. Tedd McDonald asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

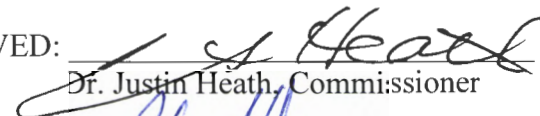
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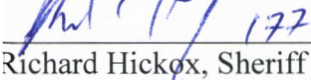
The meeting was adjourned at 9:56 AM.

APPROVED: 
Dr. Tedd McDonald, Chair

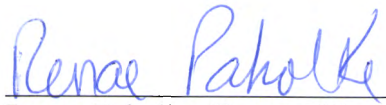
APPROVED: 
Dr. Gregory Koenig, Commissioner

APPROVED: 
H. Peter Olsen, Jr., Commissioner

APPROVED: 
Dr. Justin Heath, Commissioner

APPROVED: 
Richard Hickox, Sheriff

ATTEST:



Renae Paholke, Deputy Clerk