

MINUTES OF THE CHURCHILL COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

155 N. Taylor St., Fallon, NV 89406

February 14, 2022

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the County Board of Health was called to order at 9:05 AM on February 14, 2022.

PRESENT:

Dr. Tedd McDonald, Chairman
Commissioner H. Peter Olsen, Jr.
Commissioner Dr. Gregory Koenig
Sheriff Richard Hickox
Deputy District Attorney Joseph Sanford
County Manager Jim R. Barbee
Social Services Director Shannon Ernst, via
Zoom
Deputy Clerk to the Board Pamela D. Moore
Commissioner Dr. Justin Heath

ABSENT:

Pledge of Allegiance:

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

Public Comment:

Dr. 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 8th day of February, 2022, between the hours of 9:00 and 11:00 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:

Commissioner H. Peter Olsen, Jr. made a motion to approve the Agenda as submitted. Commissioner Gregory Koenig seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

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

A- November 17, 2021.

The Minutes of the meeting held on November 17, 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 H. Peter Olsen, Jr. made a motion to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on November 17, 2021 as presented. Sheriff Richard Hickox seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Appointments:

A- Consideration and possible action re: Adoption of updated contact tracing guidelines as recommended by the CDC and State of Nevada, Department of Public and Behavioral Health.

Per the State of Nevada has adopted the attached policy to reduce tracing efforts across Nevada in communities where services are being provided. Churchill County proposes to discontinue tracing, except for populations of 65 and older, conducting activity only Monday - Friday, excluding holidays and report dashboards Monday - Friday, excluding holidays.

The State of Nevada will maintain tracing with schools, long-term care facilities, group homes, day care centers, rehabilitation centers, and higher level care facilities.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Social Services Director Ernst said on February 1st we were notified by the State of Nevada that they had considered and came up with prioritization for tracing for the future related to COVID. It was determined that we could work at making revisions in Churchill County to meet the new standards. We are currently tracing Monday through Sunday, positive cases within 24 hours of notification. Churchill County completes the tracing for Churchill County and Mineral County for the general population, up to 25 cases per day. If it is over that 25, however it does go to a state contracted provider. Schools, long-term care facilities, rehabilitation and group home facilities are then submitted to the state to follow up and trace per the state guidelines. COVID PCR tests conducted by Churchill County are reported 7 days a week based on when they are received.

Director Ernst said one of the things that came about was due to the vaccine and the large spread where the state has determined that we could look at adopting prioritization that meets our community needs. We are working with Brook Morrison, our epidemiologist, and are looking at conducting tracing on vulnerable populations for the schools, long-term care facilities, rehabilitation, and group home facilities but those would be maintained by the state. We, at Churchill County, would complete tracing Monday through Friday and we would do 65 and older. That is based on our data from May forward to be our most vulnerable population. We would also look at reducing providing our test results to Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. This is the recommendation for you today.

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

Commissioner Gregory Koenig made a motion to approve the contact tracing and reporting policy as presented Commissioner H. Peter Olsen, Jr. seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

B- 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.

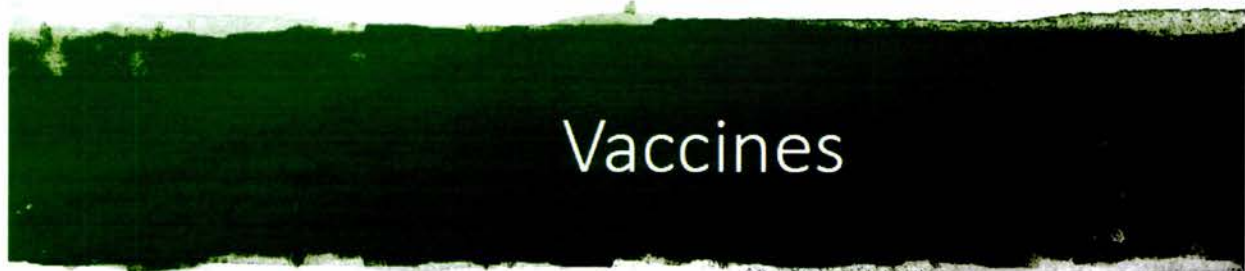
FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

Social Services Director Ernst had a PowerPoint presentation as follows.



Updated February 9, 2022

Total COVID-19 Vaccine Doses Administered by Churchill County Public Health (CCPH) from December 2020 through February 8, 2022

Doses Administered	
Total	12155
Moderna 1st Dose	4238
Moderna 2nd Dose	3930
Moderna 3rd Dose	1341
Janssen	898
Janssen 2nd Dose	70
Pfizer 1st Dose	749
Pfizer 2nd Dose	600
Pfizer 3rd Dose	90
Pfizer 5-11 Year Old 1st Dose	120
Pfizer 5-11 Year Old 2nd Dose	119
Pfizer 5-11 Year Old 3rd Dose	0

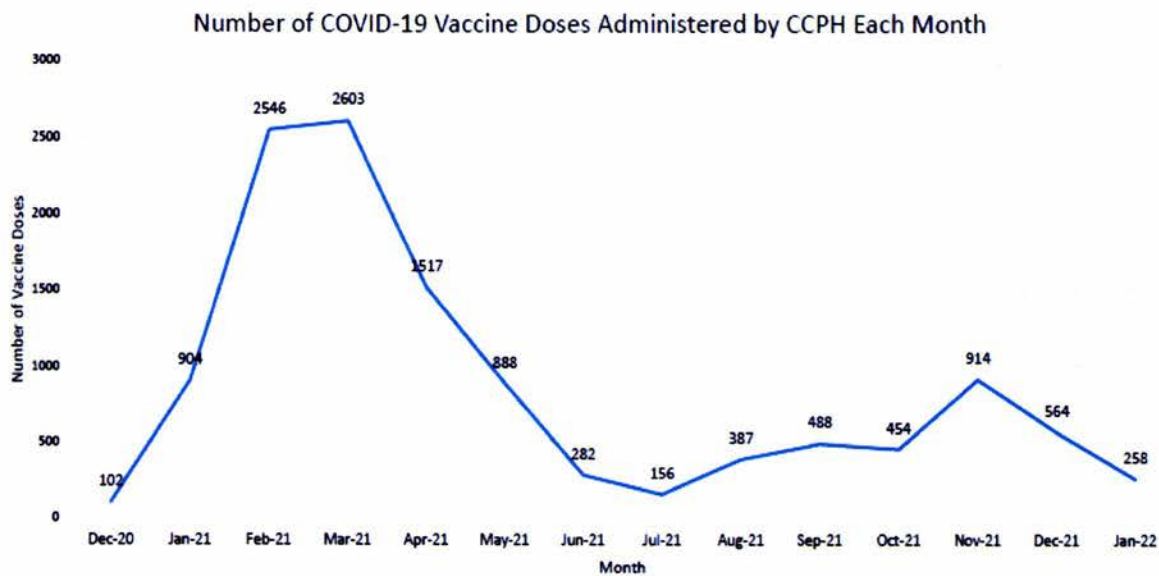


Figure 2. Number of COVID-19 vaccine doses administered by CCPH during the months of December 2020 to January 2022.

Breakdown of Total Doses Administered by CCPH

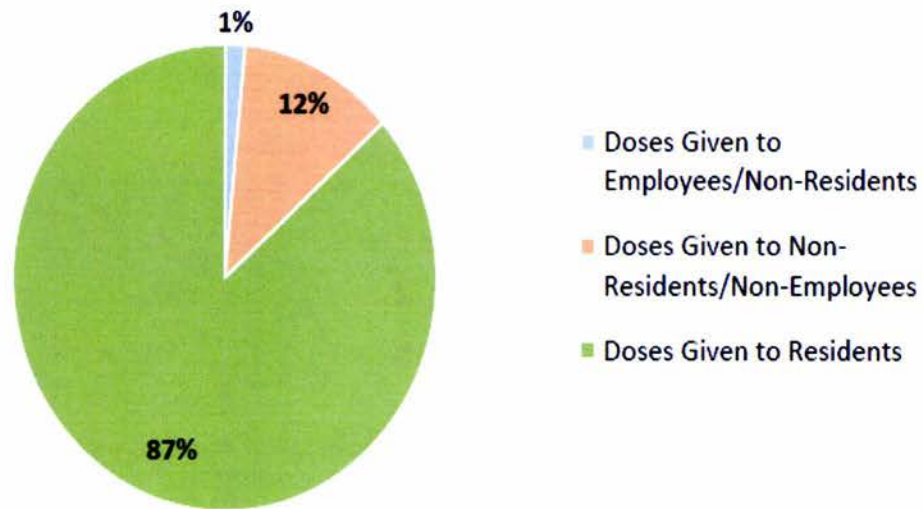


Figure 3. Breakdown of the total doses administered by Churchill County Public Health. With a total of 12,155 doses administered by Churchill County Public Health, 183 of those doses went to employees/non-residents of Churchill, 1,444 doses went to non-residents/non-employees of Churchill, and 10,528 doses went to Churchill County residents.

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

Total	183
Moderna 1st Dose	67
Moderna 2nd Dose	61
Moderna 3rd Dose	6
Janssen	26
Janssen 2nd Dose	0
Pfizer 1st Dose	13
Pfizer 2nd Dose	9
Pfizer 3rd Dose	1

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

Total	1444
Moderna 1st Dose	558
Moderna 2nd Dose	541
Moderna 3rd Dose	40
Janssen	153
Janssen 2nd Dose	2
Pfizer 1st Dose	76
Pfizer 2nd Dose	59
Pfizer 3rd Dose	8
Pfizer 5-11 Year Old 1st Dose	4
Pfizer 5-11 Year Old 2nd Dose	3
Pfizer 5-11 Year Old 3rd Dose	0

Doses Administered to Churchill County Residents by CCPH

Total	10528
Moderna 1st Dose	3613
Moderna 2nd Dose	3328
Moderna 3rd Dose	1293
Janssen	720
Janssen 2nd Dose	68
Pfizer 1st Dose	657
Pfizer 2nd Dose	531
Pfizer 3rd Dose	79
Pfizer 5-11 Year Old 1st Dose	129
Pfizer 5-11 Year Old 2nd Dose	110
Pfizer 5-11 Year Old 3rd Dose	0

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

Total 601

Churchill Residents 554

Out of County 47



Children Aged 12-17 Years Demographics

- As of January 24, 2022:
 - **30.5%** of residents aged 12-15 years are fully vaccinated (NV DHHS, 2022).
 - **33.9%** have initiated being vaccinated (NV DHHS, 2022).

Doses of Pfizer Administered to 5-11 Year Olds by CCPH:
First Initiated on November 4, 2021

Total 239

Churchill Residents 224

Out of County 15



Children Aged 5-11 Years Demographics

- As of January 24, 2022:
 - **6.9%** of residents aged 5-11 years are fully vaccinated (NV DHHS, 2022).
 - **10.2%** have initiated being vaccinated (NV DHHS, 2022).

Senior Citizen Demographics



- As of January 24, 2022:
 - **90.2%** of residents 70+ years are fully vaccinated (NV DHHS, 2022)
 - **96.8%** have initiated being vaccinated (NV DHHS, 2022).
 - **57.7%** have received a booster dose (NV DHHS, 2022)

Churchill County as a Whole



- **11,650** residents are fully vaccinated (NV DHHS, 2022).
 - **47.46%** of the population 5 years and older (NV DHHS, 2022).
- **12,963** have initiated their vaccination (NV DHHS, 2022).
 - **52.8%** of the population 5 years and older (NV DHHS, 2022).
- **4,652** follow up doses have been administered (NV DHHS, 2022).



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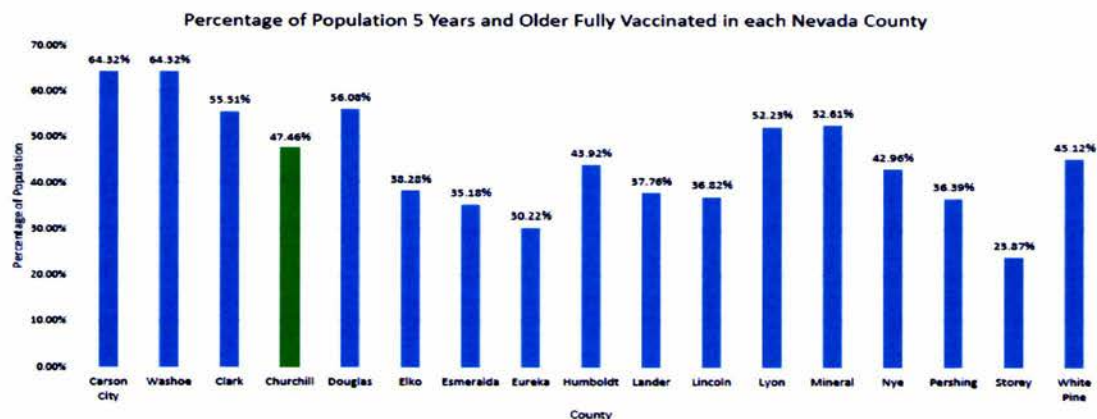


Figure 4. Out of the rural counties in Nevada, Churchill is currently ranked 4th out of 14 for the highest percentage of fully vaccinated residents 5 years and older, with 47.46% of Churchill County residents 5+ years fully vaccinated (NV DHHS, 2022).

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Testing

Updated February 9, 2022

Churchill
Compared to
the State of
Nevada

*Over a 14-day period
with a 7-day lag.

Test
Positivity
Rate*

Churchill

31.8%

Statewide

24.7%

Nevada Department of Health and Human Services [NV DHHS]. (2022, February 10). COVID-19 Statistics Dashboard.

Testing Completed by CCPH
from May 4, 2020 to February 7, 2022

17,235 Total New Tests

14,855 Negatives

2,180 Churchill County Positives

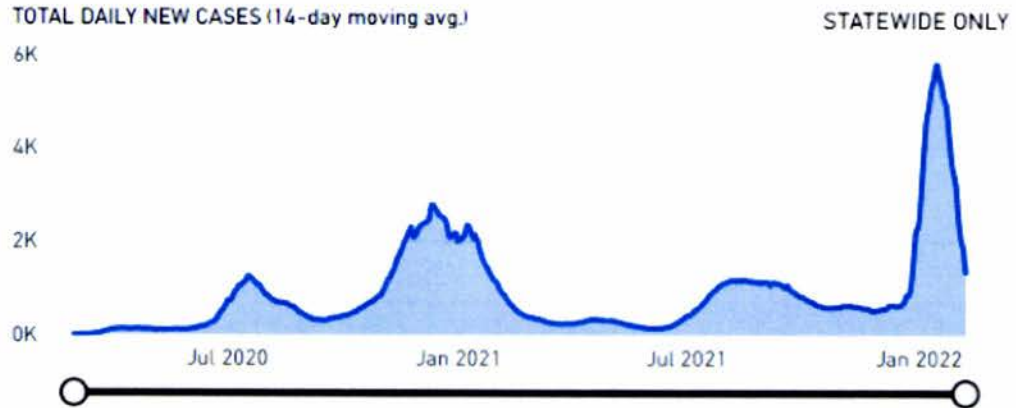


Figure 5. Statewide daily new COVID-19 cases from May 2020 to February 8, 2022 (NV DHHS, 2022).

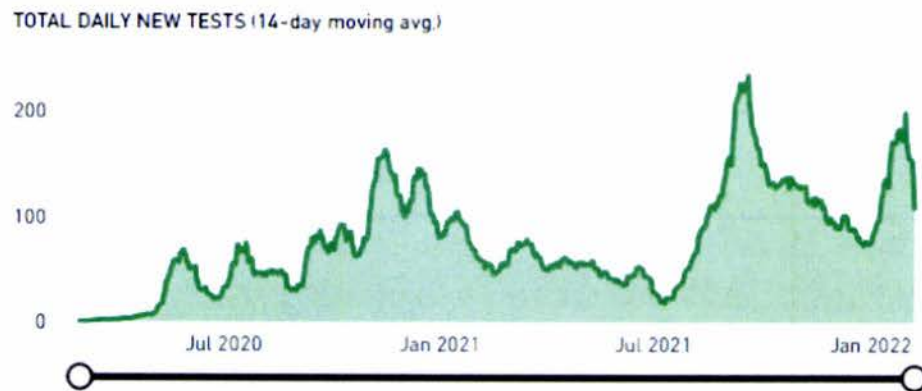


Figure 6. Churchill County daily new COVID-19 tests from May 2020 to February 8, 2022 (NV DHHS, 2022).

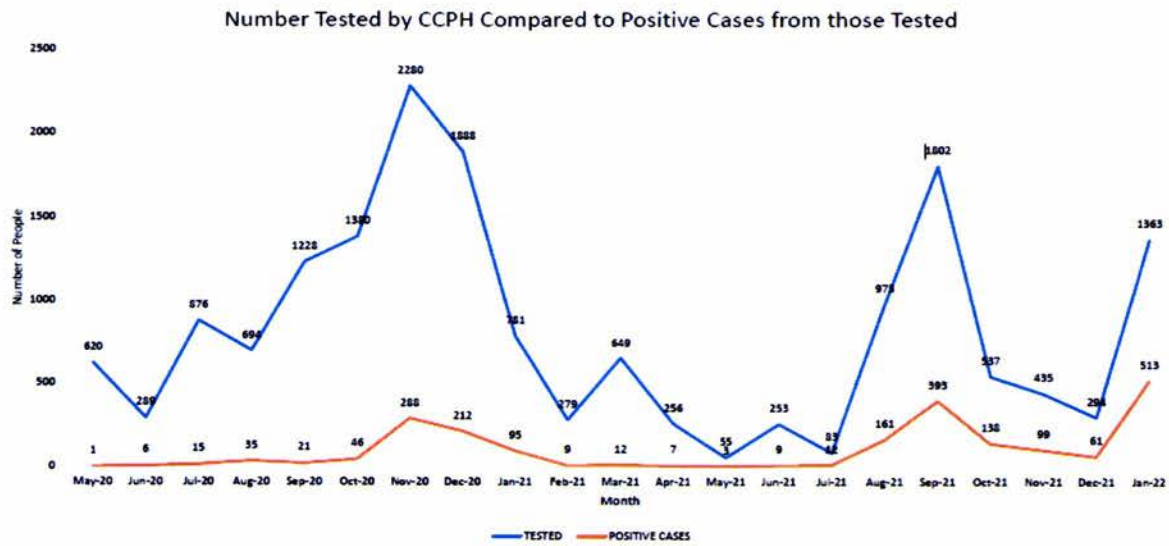
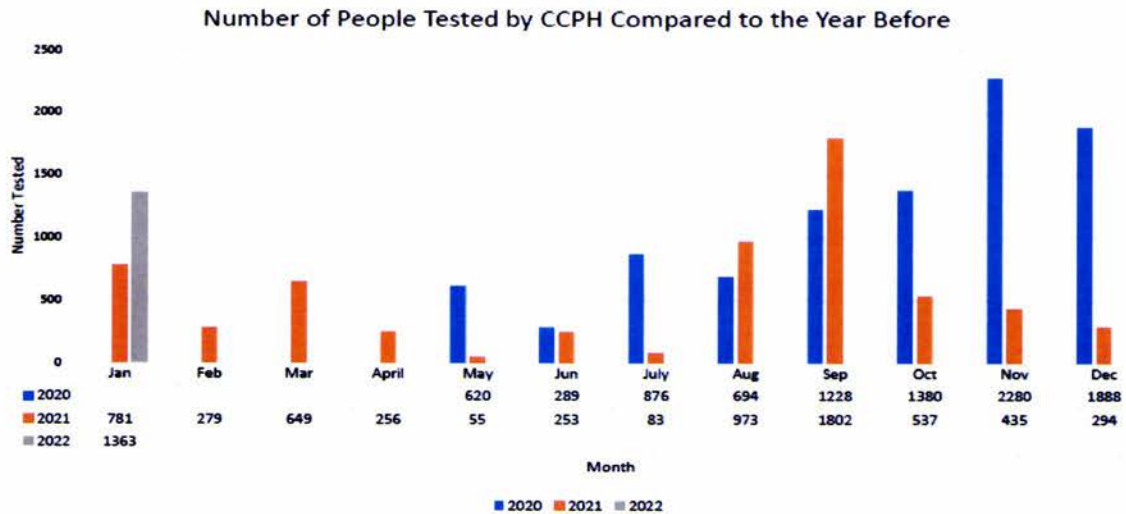
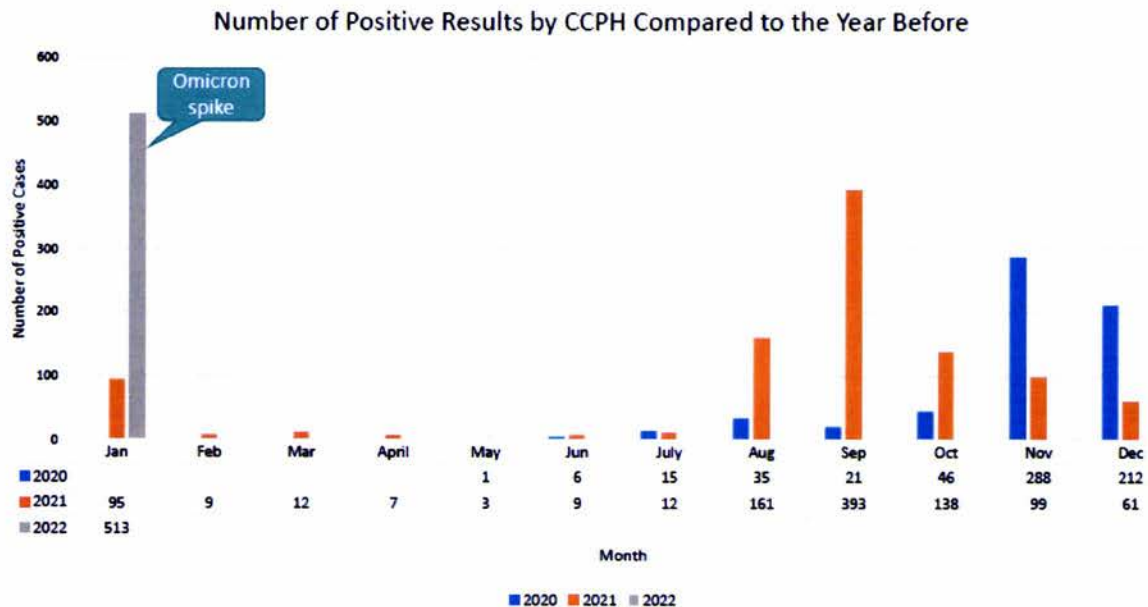


Figure 7. Number of people who tested with Churchill County Public Health compared to the positive cases from those tested between May 2020 to January 2022.





COVID-19 Positive Case Overview As of February 9, 2022

6168 Total County Positives
5980 Total Recovered
90 Active
98 Deaths

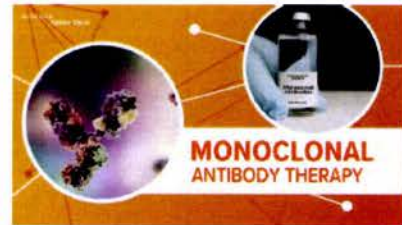
276 Long Term Care Facilities
328 NAS Fallon
374 Fallon Tribal

Monoclonal Antibody (mAb) Treatment

Nov 2021 – Jan 2022

COVID-19 mAb Treatment

- Treatment began on November 5, 2021
- Treatment ceased on January 21, 2022
 - Regeneron treatment found to be less effective against Omicron
- Number of treatments administered:
 - Nov 2021 – 23
 - Dec 2021 – 34
 - Jan 2022 – 48



Dr. McDonald asked if there was any public comment. Commissioner Olsen said I believe there are other monoclonals that are effective against Omicron. I think I heard that Nevada, or at least Churchill County, did not get any of those. Is there any change on the horizon for that? Director Ernst said we do have the medication on hand and also, they are working on getting us the oral medications. It has been reported that Banner does have the oral meds, plus they have the proper medication. We just don't have the proper equipment to do infusion.

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 the development of a Health District.

Development Staff will provide an update on the development of a Health District. As of October 5, 2021:

1. Contract executed with Eureka County to provide testing, tracing, and treatment support.
2. Approval requested from the Board of County Commissioners to enter into a Contract with Mineral County for testing, tracing, vaccine, and treatment support.
3. Meeting scheduled with the Pershing County Board of Health to review the project and outline the process.
4. Lab software identified, contract reviewed, pending funding.
5. Health Software identified, pending Contract details, funding allocated by grants.
6. NRS review related to health districts, pending meeting with UNR, Strategies 365, and District Attorney's Office.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

Social Services Director Ernst said, as of January, we have developed a committee that meets monthly. It is people from Pershing, Mineral, Eureka, and Churchill County. It is a roundtable deciding what are the services that we want to see in the community as we move forward with this creation. We need to identify what is the different legal access that needs to be changed in the Legislature and how do we obtain the cost structure from the state so we know how much revenue will be coming in and how much additional funds we would need from each community to obtain from grants. This is moving forward and will continue monthly. We are very excited. Last week, we met with a group from the state and talked about environmental health, community health nursing, and getting the breakdown of those assessments for each community and how many inspections people are doing. We will be presenting at the state to get an overview of this project, the timelines, and the goals. I would like to also bring a presentation to you at the next meeting with that outline.

Dr. 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.

Reports/Notification of Items Received:

A- Consideration and possible action re: Update from community partners related to COVID-19 and general in nature pertaining to Board of Health activity.

Community partners will provide reports regarding updated efforts related COVID-19 and general in nature pertaining to Board of Health activity.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

Kadie Zeller, Churchill Coalition, said I don't know how many kids we reached this last quarter but I know that we have been in every single school except Lahontan and we are working with them to be able to do Mindfulness over the PA system during the day.

Our first mural is finally finished at the Juvenile Probation Office. We had to work with our artist because he is in college, so it took a little more time for that. We are working with the museum to do a part of their "Our Community Our Stories" mural. We have also been handing out a significant amount of stickers and have been working getting the cruising caps that say 'you matter' to hand out at the coffee shops. We have gotten a lot of great feedback about Mindfulness in the schools, so we are working to, hopefully, train some teachers to be able to sustain that in the schools.

Dr. 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.

B- 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 November 10, 2021 to January 28, 2022 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:

- County Offering Monoclonal Antibody Treatment for COVID-19.
- Pennington Life Center closed Nov. 19-Dec. 5 Due to COVID Outbreak.
- County's Vaccine, Testing Schedule for December.
- County's Vaccine, Testing Schedule for January 2022.
- COVID Vaccine, Testing Opportunities in January.
- COVID Vaccine, Testing Opportunities in February.
- Churchill County's Vaccine, Testing Schedule for February 2022.

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

Social Services Director Ernst said this is the approval of all the COVID-19 that has been released since the previous meeting. Commissioner Koenig said so we are approving things that have already happened? Director Ernst said, correct. This is setup at the beginning of COVID because it does change so quickly and you guys were not meeting every single week. Per the policy of the Board of Health, you do review and approve it and we will look at and make revisions. Commissioner Koenig said it just seem kind of backwards that we are approving something that has already been released. If we didn't approve it, it has already been released anyway and would not matter. Chairman McDonald said this was setup and things were changing rapidly and I agree with you. At this point I think if we didn't approve of it, we would not do it again.

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 H. Peter Olsen, Jr. seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

C- Consideration and possible action re: FY22 Second Quarter Program Reports for projects funded to support Board of Health and community priorities.

Churchill County Board of Health approved the following partners for funding:

ALLOCATION RECOMMENDATIONS - BOH 6/23/2021 APPROVED 6/23/2021

AGENCY	REQ	REC'D	APPR	APPROVED SS MENTAL	AGENCY TOTALS

				HEALTH - INDIGENT	
NFTC	\$6,472	\$6,472	\$6,472		\$6,472
CCC Mental Health Project	\$3,100	\$0	\$0	\$3,100	\$22,600
CCC Too Good for Drugs	\$20,500	\$4,528	\$4,528	\$14,972	
RLs- County Match	\$76,000	\$66,728	\$66,728	\$0	\$66,728
CCSD Mental Health	\$25,200	\$10,272	\$10,272	\$14,928	\$25,200
TOTAL	\$131,272	\$88,000	\$88,000	\$33,000	\$121,00

As part of the funding agreements executed with each agency, a quarterly program/expenditure report is required to be submitted by the 10th day of the month after the quarter-end.

The reports are submitted for review.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$88,000 allocated to partnering agencies from marijuana tax revenue; \$33,000 allocated from Churchill County Social Services mental health budget.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: Funding allocated by the Board of County Commissioners to partner with agencies and funders to increase outcomes pertaining to identified health priorities.

FUNDING SOURCE: \$88,000 allocated to partnering agencies from marijuana tax revenue; \$33,000 allocated from Churchill County Social Services mental health budget - Indigent tax revenue.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Director Ernst made this presentation as outlined in the Agenda Report and stated above.

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

Commissioner H. Peter Olsen, Jr. made a motion to approve the reports as submitted. Sheriff Richard Hickox seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

D- Consideration and possible action re: Behavioral Health Task Force update.

Churchill County held a Behavioral Health Task Force meeting on 12/16/2021 to discuss

Adult Committee 3rd Tuesday of the month - 1:30 pm Churchill County
Annex Conference Room
Lead: Jackee Stewart Priorities: MOST, Legal 2000 transportation, Mental
Health Evaluations, Parenting Classes, 988

Education Committee	3rd Tuesday of the month - 8:30 am Churchill County
Annex Conference Room	
Lead: Shannon Ernst	Priorities: Crisis Intervention Training, Resource
Directory, and Mental Health Awareness Month - May, CIT, Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness April 2022	
FISCAL IMPACT: None.	
EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A	
FUNDING SOURCE: N/A	
ACTION REQUESTED: Accept	

Kadie Zeller, Churchill Coalition, said the Youth Committee is working on creating a 3-tiered model to address youth substance abuse in the schools. There is already a model in place, where, at the high school, they get suspended for a few days and have to take a prevention education course and then there are a few other things. What we are wanting to do is create a formalized system and present it to the Board of Health and then take it to the school district so that there is a more formalized protocol when a student has been identified as using illegal substances. The first tier is a student, in the rare chance they just started using substances and just need prevention education and then goes back to school the second tier is the student has been identified and has been using for a while and needs some form of evaluation and the third tier is having been identified as having some form of addiction and from there each of those categories would address the level of support and classes the students would need. That is our main goal for now. The next goal is working to create some funding or finding the ability to turn the "Handle with Care", which is just a paper service, so we are looking at finding funding to do an app where either law enforcement can put in a notification where a student has just been through a traumatic event or are going through issues at home and the school is notified so there is a more formalized system that everyone has access to and limits paperwork.

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

Commissioner Gregory Koenig made a motion to approve an update as presented. Sheriff Richard Hickox seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Consideration of Future Agenda Items:

There were no future Agenda items suggested.

Consider and schedule a future meeting date and location:

May 9, 2022 @ 9:00 AM in the Commission Chambers.

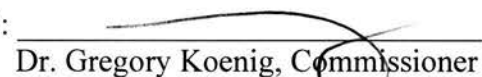
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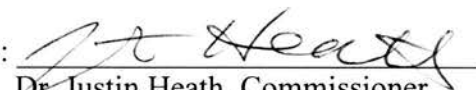
Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 AM.

APPROVED: 
Dr. Tedd McDonald, Chair

APPROVED: 
Dr. Gregory Koenig, Commissioner

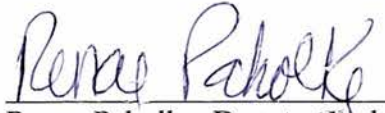
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H. Peter Olsen, Jr., Commissioner

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Dr. Justin Heath, Commissioner

APPROVED:  177
Richard Hickox, Sheriff

ATTEST:

Linda Rothery, Clerk/Treasurer

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Renae Paholke", is written over a horizontal line.

Renae Paholke, Deputy Clerk