

MINUTES OF THE CHURCHILL COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

155 N. Taylor St., Fallon, NV 89406

May 9, 2022

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the County Board of Health was called to order at 9:00 AM on May 9, 2022.

PRESENT:

Dr. Tedd McDonald, Chair
Commissioner H. Peter Olsen, Jr.
Commissioner Gregory Koenig
Commissioner Justin Heath
Deputy District Attorney Joseph Sanford
Social Services Director Shannon Ernst
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:

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 3rd day of May, 2022, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM 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 Gregory Koenig made a motion to approve the Agenda as submitted. 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- January 13, 2022 Special Meeting.

The Minutes of the special meeting held on January 13, 2022 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 January 13, 2022. Commissioner Justin Heath seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

B- February 14, 2022.

The Minutes of the special meeting held on February 14, 2022 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 February 14, 2022. Commissioner Justin Heath seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

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 April 26, 2022:

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.

2022

1. Completed Mission and Vision
2. Presentations to NACO Board and State Board of Health
3. Meetings conducted with State Departments to update program service and staffing levels
4. Review of funding to support CNHD
5. Start of budget

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

Shannon Ernst, Social Services Director said, the big thing has been really obtaining what details from each community the Health District should include. At this point, we are working on a

budget to bring forward to all the different boards. We have to have that out in June or July. One of the biggest pieces that held that up is obtaining a firm amount from the state on how much will be allocated after the June 2023 date. The other item is really to engage the communities. We are scheduling our rural tour, as we are calling it. We will be going around doing town hall meetings to explain what the Health Districts look like and obtain what they would like to see in their community. Here in Churchill County, we are looking at the date of June 8th. We will be putting that information out as soon as we get that confirmed. We will also have one in Pershing, Mineral, and in Eureka County. In Eureka County, we will also include Crescent Valley because it is such a different demographic and so far across there. Really, it is making sure that those budgets include everything the communities want as we develop.

When you look at the lab, we did have an issue with our first inspection. We now have had our re-inspection. It looks good. Dr. Pandori and Dr. Andrew will be here on Wednesday. They will be looking at our equipment, making sure the final certifications are complete, signing off on the application, then we will go to the state for that final certification. Once that is received, which we project will happen in the next 2-3 weeks, then we can start accepting samples. The goal of the lab here in Churchill is doing COVID and flu. Once that shows that our uploading of unique identifiers and our recording is accurate, then we will start adding on more things. We can go to STDs and RSVs and all those different things. We are working closely with the state lab to determine which hospitals specimens will come to this location and separate those out so that it relieves the lab in Reno.

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: Churchill County and community partner updates related to COVID-19.

Churchill County and community partners will provide reports regarding updated efforts related to COVID-19.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

Shannon Ernst, Social Services Director, reported that we are reporting on Mondays up to the dashboard and to the state. Based on so many changes now in the workforce and especially with the Governor announcing that the emergency order will come on or before the 20th, things are quite lax on the state side. One of the things we are really pushing here is maintaining that tracing for 65 and older and also the vaccine. Over the last 5 days we have had a total of 5 positives. As of today, we do have 2 active.

The following PowerPoint was presented:

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



Doses Administered	
Total	12489
Moderna 1 st Dose	4239
Moderna 2 nd Dose	3941
Moderna 3 rd Dose	1417
Moderna 4 th Dose	173
Janssen 1 st Dose	906
Janssen 2 nd Dose	72
Pfizer 1 st Dose	710
Pfizer 2 nd Dose	630
Pfizer 3 rd Dose	146
Pfizer 4 th Dose	11
Pfizer 5-11 Year Old 1 st Dose	134
Pfizer 5-11 Year Old 2 nd Dose	110
Pfizer 5-11 Year Old 3 rd Dose	0

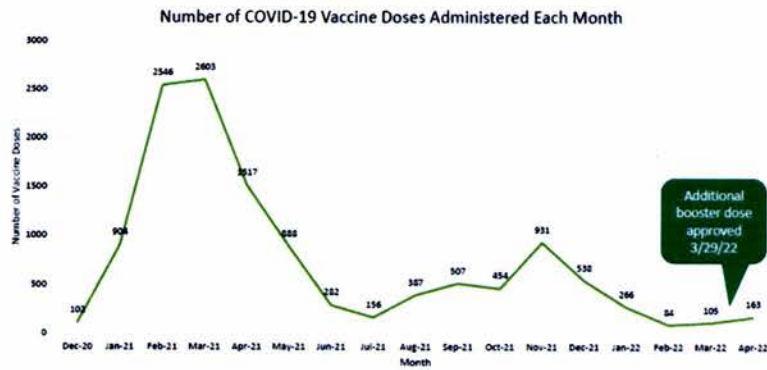


Figure 2. Number of COVID-19 vaccine doses administered by CCPH during the months of December 2020 to April 2022.

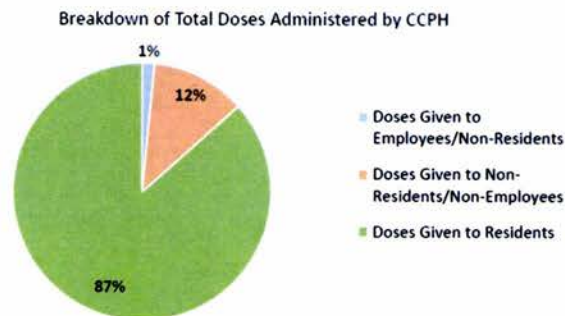


Figure 3. Breakdown of the total doses administered by Churchill County Public Health. With a total of 12,489 doses administered by Churchill County Public Health, 191 of those doses went to employees/non-residents of Churchill, 1,523 doses went to non-residents/non-employees of Churchill, and 10,775 doses went to Churchill County residents.

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

Doses Administered	
Total	191
Moderna 1 st Dose	68
Moderna 2 nd Dose	62
Moderna 3 rd Dose	10
Moderna 4 th Dose	1
Janssen 1 st Dose	26
Janssen 2 nd Dose	1
Pfizer 1 st Dose	13
Pfizer 2 nd Dose	9
Pfizer 3 rd Dose	1
Pfizer 4 th Dose	0
Pfizer 5-11 Year Old 1 st Dose	0
Pfizer 5-11 Year Old 2 nd Dose	0
Pfizer 5-11 Year Old 3 rd Dose	0

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

Doses Administered	
Total	1523
Moderna 1 st Dose	560
Moderna 2 nd Dose	545
Moderna 3 rd Dose	79
Moderna 4 th Dose	4
Janssen 1 st Dose	158
Janssen 2 nd Dose	7
Pfizer 1 st Dose	73
Pfizer 2 nd Dose	62
Pfizer 3 rd Dose	12
Pfizer 4 th Dose	2
Pfizer 5-11 Year Old 1 st Dose	14
Pfizer 5-11 Year Old 2 nd Dose	7
Pfizer 5-11 Year Old 3 rd Dose	0

Doses Administered to Churchill County Residents by CCPH

Doses Administered	
Total	10775
Moderna 1 st Dose	3609
Moderna 2 nd Dose	3339
Moderna 3 rd Dose	1316
Moderna 4 th Dose	168
Janssen 1 st Dose	724
Janssen 2 nd Dose	65
Pfizer 1 st Dose	624
Pfizer 2 nd Dose	563
Pfizer 3 rd Dose	132
Pfizer 4 th Dose	10
Pfizer 5-11 Year Old 1 st Dose	121
Pfizer 5-11 Year Old 2 nd Dose	104
Pfizer 5-11 Year Old 3 rd Dose	0

Children Aged 12-17 Years Demographics



- As of May 2, 2022:
 - **35.1%** have initiated being vaccinated
 - **31.6%** of residents aged 12-15 years are fully vaccinated
 - **5.7%** have received an additional dose

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

Total	619
Churchill Residents	569
Out of County	50



Children Aged 12-17 Years Demographics



- As of May 2, 2022:
 - **35.1%** have initiated being vaccinated
 - **31.6%** of residents aged 12-15 years are fully vaccinated
 - **5.7%** have received an additional dose

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

Total 240

Churchill Residents 224

Out of County 16

Children Aged 5-11 Years
Demographics



- As of May 2, 2022:
 - **11.9%** have initiated being vaccinated
 - **9.7%** of residents aged 5-11 years are fully vaccinated
 - **0.3%** have received an additional dose

Senior Citizen
Demographics



- As of May 2, 2022:
 - **97.4%** have initiated being vaccinated
 - **91.5%** of residents 70+ years are fully vaccinated
 - **73.3%** have received an additional dose

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Churchill County Vaccination Status As of May 2, 2022



- **11,916** residents are fully vaccinated (NV DHHS, 2022).
 - **48.54%** of the population 5 years and older (NV DHHS, 2022).
 - Up 266 residents since last meeting
- **13,202** have initiated their vaccination (NV DHHS, 2022).
 - **53.78%** of the population 5 years and older (NV DHHS, 2022).
 - Up 239 residents since last meeting
- **5,717** follow up doses have been administered (NV DHHS, 2022).
 - Up 1,063 doses since last meeting

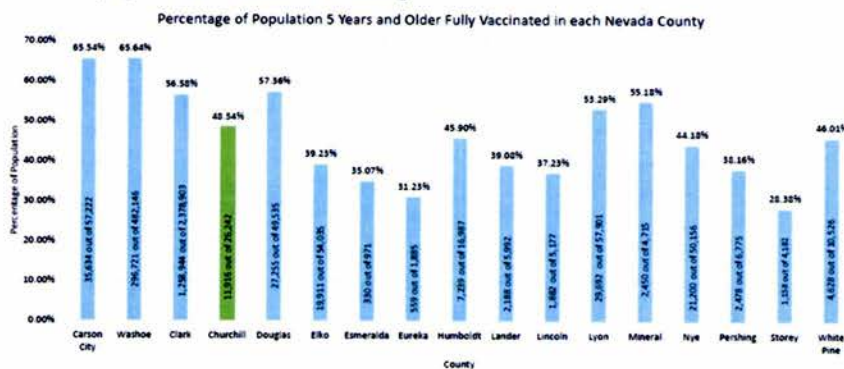
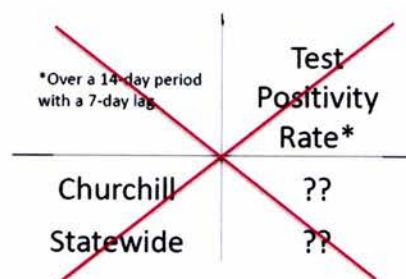
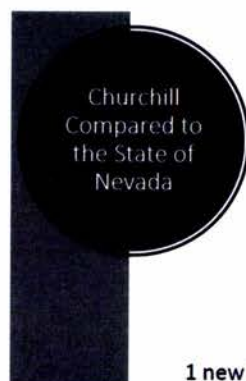


Figure 4. Out of the rural counties in Nevada, Churchill is currently ranked 4th out of 14 for the highest percentage of fully vaccinated residents 5 years and older, with 48.54% of Churchill County residents 5+ years fully vaccinated (NV DHHS, 2022).

Testing

Updated May 6, 2022



Test positivity rate no longer reported by the State or CDC!

Looking at hospitalization & death rates instead.

However, hospitalizations and deaths are extremely low.
1 new hospitalization in the last month (now recovered) and 0 deaths.

Testing Completed by CCPH from May 2020 through April 2022

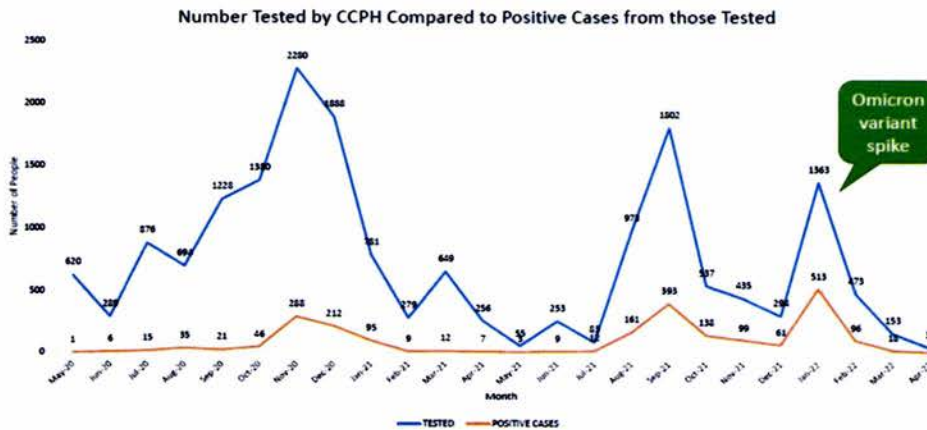
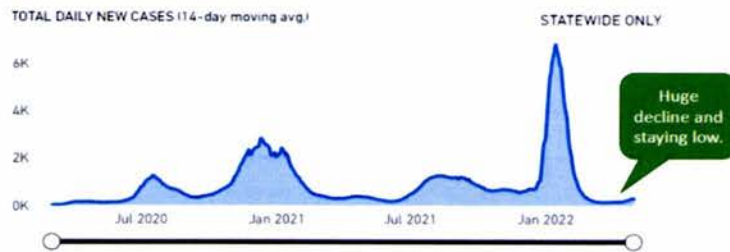
17,784 Total New Tests

15,295 Negatives

2,252 Churchill County Positives



Total Daily New Cases Graph for the State



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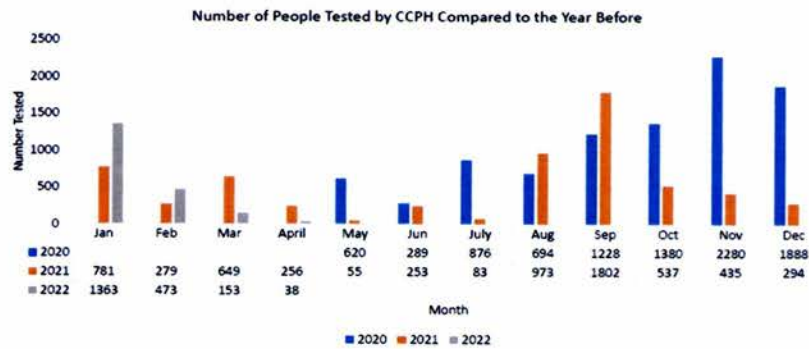


Figure 8. Number of people who tested with Churchill County Public Health compared to the people tested the previous year.

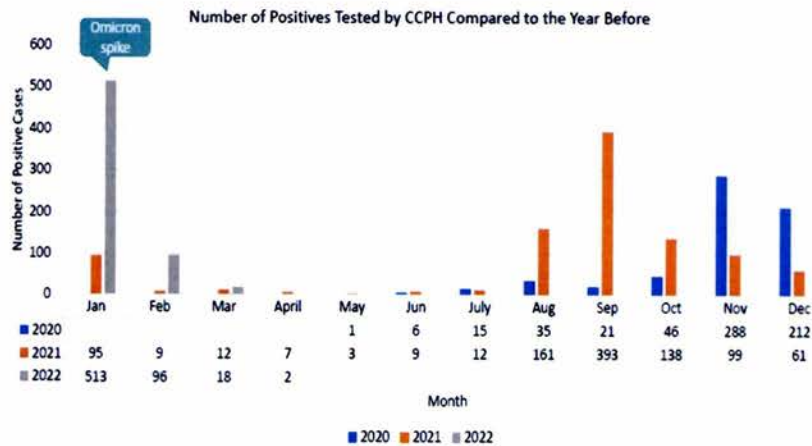


Figure 9. Number of people who tested positive with Churchill County Public Health compared to the year before.

COVID-19 Positive Case Overview As of May 6, 2022

6460 Total County Positives
6345 Total Recovered
5 Active
110 Deaths

308 Long Term Care Facilities
342 NAS Fallon
383 Fallon Tribal

COVID Therapeutics

Therapeutics

- Churchill County has partnered with State and CSAA to perform therapeutic outreach
- CSAA Specialized Services calls all positive cases to inform them of their therapeutic options
- If the positive case is willing and eligible, CSAA links them with a telehealth provider to prescribe the treatment



We joined into a state contract, so there is a call center. With anybody that comes up positive, the call center reaches out to the individual and evaluates their symptoms. They offer them map access that are free locations and they evaluate if it should be oral or if they do need to do IV treatment. That is in a contract that 100% of the people do receive a phone call and get access to those maps as seen fit by the call center and also the patient. In your packet, you have the call center log that shows how many people have accepted and received that for all of our communities.

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 January 29, 2022 to April 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:

- Churchill County Working in Partnership with Eureka County for COVID Vaccine, Testing Opportunities in March.
- Eureka County COVID Vaccine, Testing Opportunities in March.
- Churchill County Working Partnership with Mineral County for COVID Vaccine, Testing Opportunities in March.
- Mineral County COVID Vaccine, Testing Opportunities in March.
- Eureka County COVID Vaccine, Testing Opportunities Next Week.
- Churchill County's Vaccine, Testing Schedule for April 2022.
- Churchill County Now Offering Second COVID Booster Doses to Eligible Groups.
- Churchill County Working in Partnership with Eureka County for COVID Vaccine, Testing Opportunities in April.
- Churchill County Working in Partnership with Mineral County for COVID Vaccine, Testing Opportunities in May.
- Churchill County's Vaccine, Testing Schedule for May 2022.

- Churchill County Working in Partnership with Eureka County for Vaccine Schedule for May 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

The media releases for the period since our last meeting were presented as outlined above for the board's approval.

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

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

C- Consideration and possible action re: FY22 Third 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 HEALTH - INDIGENT	AGENCY TOTALS
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

Social Services Director Shannon Ernst said, each year, the Board of Health takes a look at the priorities and we actually prioritize funding that is distributed through the marijuana tax revenue received. This last year, it was approved for UNR School of Medicine as a pass-through to the Churchill County School District to provide counseling onsite. We had a total of 19 that were served. They have had a total year-to-date of 3,000 kids that have had one service or more. Really, it is building those strategies within the school district that are entering into a crisis. How do we get them into a counselor? They work with them and then find them a provider within the community so that their services are maintained without gaps. This is an amazing program. This is a hard time of year because these are graduate students in school for social work and are graduating out and so, now, we will have a whole new sector rotating in to work within the schools. They provide this service, not only at the middle school but also in the elementary and the high school.

The next thing is the Churchill Community Coalition. We have 2 projects that were funded. One was really that education for mental health awareness. I provided stickers to you so you can see what the Coalition has done to really bring awareness and develop strategies for good mental health. This is not just for our youth; this is for adults also. They are working also on murals. You will see one at the museum to get this awareness out. The other one is Too Good for Drugs school program and community program.

Kadie Zeller, Churchill Community Coalition, said we are working on the murals. The sticker campaigns are really popular, so we are kind of turning new ones out as the year goes. I submitted a request to amend where those funds are going because we finally have a youth group again, which is so exciting, but they are sharing with us that the social media ads work less than the student's word of mouth. They would like to start their own anti-bullying/mental

health wellness campaign at the middle school and the high school. The kids want to create this. They are going to have a submittal for artwork for t-shirts and then once the school gets to vote on the artwork, the

t-shirts are going to be handed out to kids that sign a pledge promoting mental health wellness and the prevention of bullying. The rest of the funds I submitted to kind of support that campaign because, as our year is closing in, there are not as many murals as we would have liked to have had this year. We are supporting the museum but that is only going to be a fraction of the funds. Our request is just to approve that proposal so that we can spend the rest of the funds in a more effective way. We are going to sit down with the kids and review the proposals for next year to create something that is more enveloping and useful for our funds.

Social Services Director Shannon Ernst said the last funding goes to New Frontier. This is also providing education. They were supposed to be developing more strategies. It was really hard during COVID to get the training necessary to implement new programs but they are starting to expend. They served 942 kids. Theirs is mainly within the Fallon Youth Club. That is their main focus. I think they are going to be working with the Coalition within the schools so that they can kind of mirror programs.

Dr. McDonald asked if there was any public comment. He asked when will the request for the transfer of funding be brought to us? Director Ernst said we will release applications and then the requests for funding will come up at the next Board of Health meeting. The applications are going to go out this week to all the agencies to reapply and then they will come to the next meeting. The allocation comes in January and is placed at a little over \$88,000.

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

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

The Behavioral Health Task Force will provide updates on priorities and identify interventions for the past quarter related to youth, adults, and education pertaining to mental illness.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Shannon Ernst, Social Services Director, said the Behavioral Health Task Force came together and really, there is the one overarching Behavioral Health Task Force evaluating our behavioral health needs. Everyone came together because there was not a lot of activity in the last 3 years, so they really restructured: what are their goals, what are the identified issues within the community, and how can we bring this back together? Through that main group, it was identified that we have our youth as a prime area, our adults, and then education. Within your packet, you do have an overview from each one of these sub-committees on the work they have done. You have the youth sub-committee, which really is evaluating our school and community needs related to those youth and those outcomes that they are looking at producing. The Churchill Community Coalition actually leads that group so that they can keep it moving. If they

have recommendations that they identify, they do take those to the overall arching Behavioral Health Task Force to bring forward to you. There has not been a lot of movement or any activity coming forward since November. Our goal is to keep everyone engaged. We will talk about the 988 system and I think that is will play a huge role with these 2 groups.

The adult sub-committee is really focusing on adult behavioral health. One of the strategies is looking at how we get those that are in crisis to the treatment they need. It is an ongoing issue with transportation. They continue to develop strategies; how can we make things work? There is more being developed for ACT, which is really these teens that are actively working with individuals.

We had the Crisis Intervention Training that was supposed to start today. I am sad to say we had to cancel it. We only had 9 people registered. It is a 40-hour intensive training that takes place. The Sheriff and I put that together. We have 36 presenters that come in, so for 11 participants, I could not actually move that forward. It was way too costly. We are looking at the next one, which is an education sub-committee, which Social Services oversees. We are looking at something in October. We used to have a big speaker that would come in and really talk about crisis and how they came through it, how they worked through it, and what were the supports that made it successful for them. October 4th is National Mental Illness Awareness day, so we are looking at different speakers and maybe doing a Behavioral Health 101.

Jessica Flood is our Regional Behavioral Health Coordinator. She has announced her resignation. She is going to be leaving our region. She is usually the one that puts on the Behavioral Health 101, so, hopefully, I will be able to find somebody else for that. Overall, in education, it is looking at crisis intervention and building strategies so those people know where our resources are and how to access them.

Jessica Flood is sorry she could not be present today but new legislation has been pushed so that we will have a 988 call center. This differed from the fact of rather than crisis for mental illness going to 911, there is the new 988 number. The strategies of this is so the individuals can access Crisis Intervention 24-7 and it is not going through law enforcement. The challenging part with this is the crisis support we have in rural areas. It is really building those strategies of these teams. They will be working with law enforcement so that they can access services if they have to via the computers, really using the Tele-health model until more strategies develop. They are really pushing to redevelop our Mobile Outreach Safety Teams. This is something we evaluated 7 years ago. We had a team put together and the Sheriff felt, at that time, that it was really not a good fit for our community, so as an alternate, we built the Resource Liaison Program so that at least law enforcement had somebody they could call and we could send a community health worker out and really evaluate the situation and get them the support they needed and just wrap those services around them so that their crisis has that intervention or get them actually to a treatment facility. There was \$15M awarded to 4 different areas to help build Crisis Intervention, especially to our youth. Renown, Carson Tahoe, Desert Parkway, and another one in Las Vegas received funding for the youth in crisis. This is something we will be reporting on. This is supposed to launch July 16th. There are still a lot of unknowns with 988.

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

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

Consideration of Future Agenda Items:

There were no future Agenda items suggested.

Consider and schedule future meeting date and location:

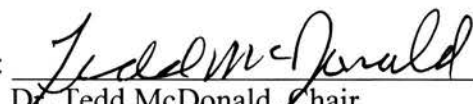
The next meeting is scheduled for August 9, 2022 at 9:00 AM in the Chambers.

Public Comment:

Dr. McDonald asked if there was any public comment but there was none. He reported that he has been informed that Mineral County will be opening up a Youth Center for mental health treatment, which will have 100 beds.

Adjournment:

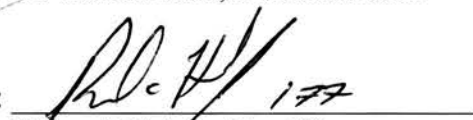
The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 AM.

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:

Linda Rothery, Clerk/Treasurer

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Renae Paholke". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Renae Paholke, Deputy Clerk