

MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL NEVADA HEALTH DISTRICT

**155 N. Taylor St., Fallon, NV 89406
May 11, 2023**

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the Central Nevada Health District was called to order at 1:31 PM on May 11, 2023.

PRESENT:

Ken Tedford, Chairman
Cassie Hall, Vice-Chair
Shannon Ernst, Member
Larry Rackley, Member
Dr. Justin Heath, Member
Tyson McBride, Member
Caleb Cage, Interim Transition Manager
Jeff Weed, Civil Deputy District Attorney
Dr. Tedd McDonald, Interim Health Officer
Brittany Burton, Office Specialist
Anne McMillin, PIO
Patricia Flemming
Jim Flemming
Linda Anderson
Amy Sutherland

ABSENT:

Jim Barbee, Member
Bob Erickson, Member
Denise Ferguson, Member

Pledge of Allegiance:

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

Roll Call:

Roll Call was completed for all present Board Members.

Public Comment:

Chairman Tedford asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Verification of the Posting of the Agenda:

It was verified by Brittany Burton, Office Specialist, that the Agenda for this meeting was posted on the 8th day of May 2023, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 9:00 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:

Member Justin Heath made a motion to approve the Agenda as revised with 8A removed. Member Shannon Ernst seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

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

A- April 13, 2023 Regular Board of Health Meeting.

Meeting minutes from the BOH meeting on April 13, 2023 for approval as submitted or revised.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Member Justin Heath made a motion to approve the Board of Health Minutes of April 13, 2023. Member Larry Rackley seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Appointments:

A- Consideration and possible action re: Presentation by Wendy Nelson from Frontier Community Coalition regarding programing provided in the partnering communities.

Wendy Nelson will provide an overview of programs provided in the partnering communities.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

No one showed up for the presentation.

New Business:

A- Consideration and possible action re: Adoption of Resolution 7-2023, a resolution adopting fees for Central Nevada Health District.

Caleb Cage made the presentation as outlined above.

The CNHD is authorized to establish fees for environmental health services and community health nursing fees. The Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health Department of Health and Human Services has established the fees that are provided in the packet. It is proposed that the CNHD adopt those fees, and any subsequent fees from the Nevada Division of

Public and Behavioral Health Department of Health and Human Services, with an additional 10% administrative fee, which would be accomplished through the adoption of Resolution 7-2023.

Larry Rackley had a question for Caleb that had to do with the plan renewal fee and he was worried that it would be in there with addition to the annual fee; but it is only in there if they do something like get a new owner. But your normal just year to year fee doesn't include that unless you do something different. Caleb Cage stated that in the packet pdf page 28 there is a plan review fee comes into place if your facility is doing something like a remodel, changing in ownership, establishing a new business, or adding an addition to an existing facility then the plan would have to be reviewed.

FISCAL IMPACT: Unknown at this time- evaluation of time of State revised fees are approved

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: Fees for service by community members

ACTION REQUESTED: Adopt

Member Justin Heath made a motion to approve Adoption of Resolution 7-2023, a resolution adopting fees for Central Nevada Health District. Member Larry Rackley seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

B- Consideration and possible action re: Approval of a Contract between the Central Nevada Health District and Arc Dome Strategies for the provision of administration services, retroactive to May 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, for the amount of \$8,000 per month.

Jeff Weed, DA made the above presentation as outlined above.

Churchill County previously entered into an Agreement with Arc Dome Strategies (Caleb Cage) in December 2022 for the provision of transitional management services on behalf of the CNHD. That contract pays Arc Dome Strategies \$4,000 per month and is currently set to terminate on June 30, 2023. With an open/unfilled administrator position, an interim administrator is needed. It has been reviewed in the interest of CNHD and determined that the Contract for transitional management services should be terminated early with Churchill County and a contract with Arc Dome Strategies be entered into through CNHD for an interim administrator retroactive to May 1, 2023, and terminating on December 31, 2023, unless terminated early by either party. The contract provides for payments of \$8,000 per month for interim administrative services. The payment for May would only be \$4,000 for services rendered as Arc Dome Strategies has already been paid \$4,000 through the Churchill County contract.

Member Justin Heath asked Jeff if the contract could be stopped at any time with some type of notice? Jeff stated that he believes that there is a 60 day notice but he will have to go back and look there is a term to be able to amend it and end it mutually between the two parties. Again

this is drafted through the end of December with the open position with the July 1 date coming up we don't know when its going to end and when an administrator is going to be hired. It can be terminated. Member Shannon Ernst stated that this is budgeted through the CDC workforce grant, it was placed in there previously and has been amended, should this be approved today.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$8,000 per month, \$64,000 term of contract.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: Monthly contract for an interim administrator from May 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, unless terminated early.

FUNDING SOURCE: CDC Workforce Grant.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Member Justin Heath made a motion to approve a Contract between the Central Nevada Health District and Arc Dome Strategies for the provision of administration services, retroactive to May 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, for the amount of \$8,000 per month. Member Cassie Hall seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Old Business:

A- Consideration and possible action re: Review of letter of support and partnership provided on April 13, 2023 to the Nevada Public Health Institute for the Environmental Protection Grant.

Caleb Cage made the above presentation as outlined above.

During April 2023 the Board authorized the Chair to sign a letter of support for a joint letter of partnership to be submitted with the Nevada Institute of Public Health for an Environmental Protection Grant. The grant will provide funding to conduct a study on water and wastewater systems across the CNHD. After the meeting, concern was raised by a board member. It is requested to review this grant and review the possible outcomes of the reports, authorities, and the capacity to complete the evaluation, if funded.

Chairman Tedford stated that he had his legal guys at the City look at this and he was concerned. All he saw was an overview and not the actual grant and there were some places where this could go in the private system of some of the communities that are in this Health District. Not so much in the city because we don't have any private wells that were explained to us in the phone call. There's some enforcement action that can be taken under this that the citizens that are under our Health District are not aware of that we represent here and that is my primary concern. Once we get hooked up with this, there may not be a way to stop some of the people that we are supposed to be protecting and what might happen to their wells that they cannot afford to do. My concern is that these are private wells, and I understand that Mineral County has some wells that may not come under this or either City of Fallon but I don't know what the future would lead to with this. I'm not sure as we get started here this is exactly what we want to get hooked up into. The more it was explained the more concerned I became that day and all we had was a whole lot of pages as overview to read, and not the actual grant. I was not aware for the record that our incoming Director was a Board Member of the Nevada Public Health Institute, that was a direct

conflict to me; not knowing that. I have nothing but cold feet about this, I wanted this back on the agenda so that the rest of the Board was aware of at least how I felt and the City of Fallon felt for the discussion today. Member Justin Heath stated that he agreed, and there was no money in this, there was a well outside the standards and there was no money in this to help the individual get a new well or put new filters on their system at all. So the EPA could come in and shut their well down, and there would be a consequence for the homeowner; but there was no money in there to fork over \$20,000-\$30,000 to drill a new well. Caleb Cage stated that funding for capacity to build capacity within the Health District as well to do any sort of administration and collaboration associated with this is a concern also I'll note that the grant application submission deadline was April 14 of last month as well so that window is closed. Another reason to consider this as the Chair has on this agenda as well. Chairman Tedford stated that I don't think that we should as a three County and City, soon to be four County ever get involved in a something that doesn't have a way to help our people out. Not just to get them in trouble and walk away from them. I have never done that in my career, and I don't want to start now on a Board that has many different counties relying on it. I am very uncomfortable with doing that. I guess I'm going to go on record as voting no on things that don't have a way of helping people once they have a problem. So the motion that I would like entertain to withdraw this letter of support for this grant or EPA request even if it came up again at a later date without a whole lot more research and some way to help people, if we damage them by investigating that their well was bad.

FISCAL IMPACT: Up to \$1,000,000 for the grant period

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: Funding to complete the study

FUNDING SOURCE: EPA

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Member Shannon Ernst made a motion to withdraw the letter of support and partnership provided on April 13, 2023 to the Nevada Public Health Institute for the Environmental Protection Grant. a Member Justin Heath seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

B- Consideration and possible action re: Review and update of operational plan and timelines.

Caleb Cage made the presentation as outlined above.

Central Nevada Health District – Operational Plan 5/9/2023

Administrative and Support Services Operational Plan

Item	Due date	Lead	Status	Notes
Personnel (hiring/training)				
Hire administrator	1/23			Identified funding – CNHD approved. PENDING BOARD DIRECTION
Temporary HO – DR MCDONALD	12/22	SE	PENDING	Approved until 6.30.23 by CNHD Termination 6.30.23 BOH Approval 4.13.23
Hire Health Officer	RFQ to be approved 2.23 CNHDBOH		Pending	Review the RFQ to release no later than March 2023 Temporary to be approved Released 4/21/23 – as of 4/27 1 received. Contracting by 6/1
Grants and Accounting Specialist	2.23		Pending	CNHD Board approval Feb Interviews 5.8.23 and 5.11.23
Each county needs to appoint their BOH members	12/22	County BOCC	COMPLETE	COMPLETE
Facilities/Equipment/ Supplies				
Identify office space in: Churchill	3/23		Complete	485 West B Street Suite 101 and 104 Fallon
Eureka	3/23		Pending	Space pending
Pershing	3/23		Complete	535 Western Avenue Lovelock
Mineral	3/23		Complete	331 1 st Street, Hawthorne
Furnish office space / Asset Transfers	3/23			List of inventories to be provided by Tammy Ritter – transfer effective 7/1/23
Churchill	6/23			
Eureka	6/23			
Pershing	6/23			
Mineral	6/23			
Identify pharmacy space	3/23			
Churchill	1/23			Completed – Set up 7/1/23
Eureka	1/23			
Pershing	1/23			
Mineral	1/23			
Vehicles	3/23 & 6/23			
Churchill	DONE	Fiscal	Completed	1 van and 1 car Transfer list 6/1
Eureka	DONE	Fiscal	Completed	1 SUV transfer from CC to CNHD 6/1
Pershing	3/23		Pending	?
Mineral	3/23		Pending	? – possible one UTV and one car
Computers	3/23 & 6/23			
Churchill	3/23			6 computers, 4 surface tablets, 5 check in tablets, OPI contract for copier (need to revise contract to CNHD by 6/1 effective 7/1/23)
Eureka	3/23			1 computer, 1 surface tablet, 2 check in tablets, 1 all in one print/fax/scan

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Pershing	3/23			1 Computer and 1 all in one print/fax/scan
Mineral	3/23			1 computer, 1 surface tablet, 1 check in tablet 1 all in one print/fax/scan
Item	Due date	Lead	Status	Notes
Purchase all supplies (non-clinical)	3/23			Evaluate needs to identify if additional is needed prior to 6/23
CNHD Logo	12/22		Complete	Approved by Committee prior to 12/22 – Pending BOH approval 12.9.22
Marketing Materials	6/2023		Pending	
Signage	6/2023		Pending	All outdoor signage identifying the CNHD is in place. The indoor signage for client navigation is temporary until permanent signage is purchased for installment. Prior to July 1, 2023
SOPs/Forms/Policies				
Format all written material with PHAB	3/23		Pending	Approval by BOH
Procurement	3/23		Pending	
Personnel actions	3/23		Pending	
Administrative Code	3/23		Pending	
County Codes in Place	3/23	Complete	Complete	COMPLETED
Comprehensive organizational policies and procedures	3/23		Complete	Agreement Approval by BOH 12.8.22 – Interim approved – Updated approved by CNHD BOH by 6/30/23
Grants				
Pending				
ARPA Family Planning	10/20		Pending agreement	IFC – Approved 10/22 – submitted revisions 5/1/23
ELC Investigation	3/23		Pending Agreement	OPHE – pending
HRSA – Capacity			Pending	DUE 11/20 – Submitted
Public Health Preparedness			Pending	Submitted FY23 Submitted FY24
HRSA – Planning			Pending	Submitted 1/2025
Contracts and Certifications				
Operational Structure				
Medicaid Approval	12/22		Not started	Need CNHD Board Members information with SS Card Copies and ID's –
FIN	12/22		COMPLETE	Approved Fin
DUNS /SAMS	12/22		COMPLETE	Approved
ELJI	12/22		Complete	Approved

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Tac Exemption – Federal and State	6/30/23			Mailed 4.7.23
Interlocal CNHD and CC	12/22	DA	Complete	CHND Approved 12.8.22 – pending CCBOCC 12.21.22 – Revised 3/23
Interlocal all counties	12/22	DA	Complete – missing Eureka pending SB118	MUST COMPLETE EUREKA'S termination by June 1 with new agreement at member or <u>contracted</u>
IT				
Item	Due date	Lead	Status	Notes
Establish CNHD center in Churchill County accounting system	11/22	Grant and Accounting Specialist	Complete – Special revenue fund	Work with comptroller's office – Comptroller taking to BOCC <u>12/21/22</u> NEED ACCOUNT SET-UP and functions with Comptroller 6/2023
Embed staff training on all IT-related confidentiality policies and procedures into onboarding process	3/23 & 6/23	Division leads		NEED
Launch CNHD website	1/23			Canyon Creation – Goal is 5/15/23 – revised 6.15.23
Website with links internet for all locations	6/30 NOW 6/30 Completed			CC COMM – Fallon – application submitted <u>5.9.23</u> ATT – Lovelock – pending application CCCOMM – Hawthorne - application submitted <u>5.9.23</u> Eureka providing – in review
Landlines – all locations	6/15/23		Pending equipment	Pending equipment from CC Comm, ordered and authorized 3/22/23
OPHI Contract	6/15/23			
Cell Phones – transfer to CNHD account with Verizon	6/12/23		Process aligned	Call on with Orlando 6/12/23 to complete

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Public Health Nursing Operational Plan

Item	Due Date	Lead	Status	Notes
Personnel (hiring/training)				
Hire Nursing Manager	3/23			Posted March – Debi Reeves 5/22/23 start
Hire and onboard additional staff	6/23			Posted April
Train staff according to program requirements:				New Clinical Manager start 5/22/23
As hired		Managers		
HIV Prevention		Administrator		
STDs		Administrator		
TB		Administrator		
Epidemiology		Administrator		
Animal bites	3/23	Administrator		Need transition plan from Sheriff's – sent meeting invite 5/8 to Sheriff
Immunizations				
VFC & 317 compliance	3/23	Manager / Administrator		Current nursing staff have been trained, and additional nurses will be trained as they are hired. Prior to 6/30/23 and as onboarded
Perinatal Hepatitis B				Current nursing staff have been trained, and additional nurses will be trained as they are hired. Prior to 6/30/23 and as onboarded
SOPs/Forms/Policies				
Establish policies, procedures, standing orders and forms for communicable disease clinics (including lab procedures)	1/23	Clinical Manager prior to 6/15		Clinical Manager prior to 6/15/23, sign off by Health Officer
Establish SOPs and forms for other activities:	6/23	Manager		Clinical Manager prior to 6/15/23, sign off by Health Officer
Immunizations	6/23	Clinical Manager / Administrator		Clinical Manager prior to 6/15/23, sign off by Health Officer
VFC compliance and 317	1/23 & 6/23	Clinical Manager / Administrator		Clinical Manager prior to 6/15/23, sign off by Health Officer
Perinatal Hepatitis B				

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HIV comprehensive services				
Animal bites				
Establish procedures as per state lab	1/23	Clinical Manager / Administrator		Clinical Manager prior to 6/15/23, sign off by Health Officer
Item	Due Date	Lead	Status	Notes
Contracts and Certifications				
Obtain VFC certification	12/22	Health Team	Completed	Need to complete name change application – 60 days prior – Health team started 12.13.22
Obtain CLIA waiver for each clinic site	12/22	Health Team	Completed – other sites 6/1	Need to complete name change application – 60 days prior - Health team started 12.13.22
Establish contract with pharmacies	2/23	Clinical		Researching – Dr. McDonald
Obtain Pharmacy Board Certification	6/23			5/2/23 Dave Weiss – Pharmacy Board provided application, requirements
Establish contract with lab	6/23	Clinical		Name change completed need agreement
Apply for 340B drug pricing	5/23	Clinical		Dr. McDonald researching
New Frontier Treatment Center / Aurora TB Contract	9/23	Clinical / Administrator		Dr. McDonald researching- contract with State until 10/1/23
Fee Schedule				
Develop Clinic Draft Fee Schedule	1/2023	Administrator		Pending States updated fees – Goal proposal from Marena by 1/23 – Resolution to be presented 5/11/23
Present fee schedule to State BOM for approval	3/2023	Administrator		Need to obtain 3/2023 June 2023 – SE emailed coordinator 5.1.23
IT				
Ensure staff access/provide training for the various software applications	As hired	ALL		
Install and train staff on scheduling software	As hired	Managers		

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Environmental Health Operational Plan

Item	Due date	Lead	Status	Notes
Personnel (hiring/training)				
Hire Manager	2/2023- ASAP	Administrator		Interviews 5/8/23 week
Hire and onboard additional staff-Inspector	6/2023	Manager		
Train staff according to NRS/NAC requirements	As hired	Manager		
Train staff on CDP EH software	As hired	Manager		Kick Off 5.19.23
Receive Environmental Health records from DPBH	6/23	Manager-Admin		Need data transfer to EMR / CDP by 7/1/23 – letter of notification of new process 5.23.23
Develop familiarity of district health code	6/23	Manager		
SOPs/Forms/Policies				
Establish district EH code	3/2023	Admin		Drafts by Feb Resolution 5/4/23 Hearing 5.30.23 June 2023
Present EH code to the State BOH for approval	3/2023	Admin		
Establish SOPs and inspection forms	6/2023	Manager		
Inventory inspected entities	3/2023	Manager		Transfer from State 6/15/23
Develop zone plan for each inspector	6/2023	Manager		
Burning Man – Interlocal	12/22	Admin		Completed – maintained by State for 2023** Need interlocal agreement with State prior to 6/23
Contracts and certifications				
Fee Schedule				
Develop Clinic Draft Fee Schedule	2/2023	Admin	RESOLUTION presented 5/11	approval by DBOH by March
Present Fee schedule to DBOH for approval	3/2023	Admin	June 2023	
IT				
Establish online application	6/23			Get some draft applications that we like to be developed for our use. All applications are available electronically and will be posted on the website when the CNHD is approved for operations.

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DATA System	1/2023	Administrator / Manager		Onboarded – need process and billing
Item	Due Date	Status	Lead	Notes
Establish online payment form	3/23		Administrator / Manager	A complete database of facilities has been created and is available to all environmental staff. All environmental staff have been assigned <u>zone</u> territories. An electronic inspection management system is being purchased and will be operational within six months of purchase contract.
Transition Strategy				
Implement marketing / communications plan for municipalities and business owners	3/23		Admin	Will need prior to June 2023

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Population Health Services Operational Plan

Item	Due Date	Lead	Status	Notes
Personnel (hiring/training)				
Hire manager – Evaluate use EPI	N/A	Manager		Interviews 5.9.23
Hire and onboard additional staff	N/A	Manager		
Train staff according to CNHD program requirements				
SOPs/Forms/Policies				
Establish SOPs and forms health assessment activities	3/2023	Admin		
Develop informational flyers in different languages for distribution in the community re: location of new clinic space and COVID information.	6/23	Staff		
Contracts and Certifications				
IT				
Ensure staff access to EPI info	As hired			

Member Justin Heath asked if we have started the medicaid approval yet? Caleb stated that he might refer to Board Member Ernst because she has been the one working on it recently, but he believes that we have all the information. It is my understanding that we have not, just this week found out we have not officially started it and that it had not been done. We are working on it eagerly and aggressively now.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

None; Informational Only

Health Officer Update:

A- Consideration and possible action re: Monthly Health Officer report by Dr. Tedd McDonald.

Dr. Tedd McDonald will provide a monthly update.

Central Nevada Health District Health Officer's Report

May 11, 2023

Tedd McDonald M.D.

Submitted May 5, 2023

Two attachments are available. Both address what will and what will not change once the federal emergency declaration ends May 11, 2023. On April 14, 2023 Xavier Becerra, The Secretary of Health and Human Services, issued a letter to the governors of all states explaining that Health and Human Services will extend their emergency declaration until October 1, 2024. This will extend liability protections related to COVID-19 mitigation activities.

Agenda County Health Officers meeting (May 8, 2023)

Verbal updates to be provided at May 11, CNHD meeting

Updates:

Immunization State of Nevada

Community Health Network

Epidemiology

Candida Auris (Background information to follow)

Other: Shigella update.

Lander County event: Addressing the Substance Abuse Epidemic in Rural Nevada, The Living Undeterred Project

<https://www.livingundeterred.org>

May 22, 2023 6-8 PM, Battle Mountain Civic Center

On Line: [https://www.youtube.com/Watch?](https://www.youtube.com/Watch?V=97DTISLOynk)

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Leadership Changes NDPBH Introductions and updates

Legislature Updates

AB37-Establish Behavioral Health Work Force Center of Nevada

AB53-Increase penalties and violation structures for underage tobacco sales

SB35&SB128-Establish three levels of fentanyl trafficking based on quantities sold

SB92-Regulation to reduce barriers for street food and merchandise vendors

SB118-Creates Health Improvement Fund (30 million/biennium to DPBH)

SB118—Removes requirement for counties in a health district are adjacent

SB119-Repeals expiration of telehealth coverage at end of Emergency Declaration

Nevada State Board of Health special meeting April 28, 2023

At the beginning of 2023 Governor Lombardi issued an executive order requesting to streamline Nevada regulations. The request was to remove or streamline regulations that are burdensome, difficult to enforce, or are unclear.

The meeting focused primarily on NRS for 449.103 and 449.104. The statutes discussed the provision of cultural competency training within the health system.

DPBH reported the process for reviewing. Surveys, stakeholder meetings, small business impact survey, public workshops we're performed prior to the Board of Health meeting. The Board of Health was asked to authorize sending the report to the Governor with suggested modifications and changes that would make cultural competency training is easier to access, less burdensome, appropriate for the entities involved, and affordable.

Candida Auris (Fungus)

In August of 2021 cases of Candida Auris were found in 30 healthcare centers in three states Nevada, Florida, California. Nevada has had the highest level of these cases. In 2021 and there was 24 individual cases and in 2022, 400 cases were reported.

It was reported on April 7, 2023 that University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV) researchers reported that they found positive samples of Candida Auris in seven sewer sheds in the Vegas Valley

Candida can impair the blood, brain, and heart of immunocompromised individuals and other people in long-term healthcare settings. It is difficult to treat and more than one in three infected die. The reason it is so deadly is that the cases that occur, are people who are already hospitalized with serious health problems.

UNLV researchers continue to study the problem. The UNLV study has prompted expanded Candida Auris screenings in local healthcare facilities in effort to prevent larger outbreaks.

Researchers did find that there was no risk to the drinking water. The fungus is filtered out at the water treatment plant

CDC

The CDC has issued new guidelines and recommendations for immunizations. Monovalent vaccines are no longer available. Schedules for the use of bivalent vaccines and recommended booster immunization schedules have been released. The CDC has released educational presentations on their website for education regarding the changes proposed.

Health and Human Services

As mentioned above in the description of the attached articles, the secretary of Health and Human Services, and Xavier Becerra, has send to the governors of the states the schedule that he has proposed to extend liability protections related to COVID-19 countermeasures. The projected end of the emergency declaration will be October 1 2024. (Please see attached article and checklist for those items that will and will not change after May 11 2023).

Federal Termination of Emergency (05/11/2023)

The most notable changes that will occur with termination is that mandatory vaccine requirements for federal employees, contractors, international travelers, Head Start educators and CMS certified facilities will be lifted. The vaccine mandate for healthcare workers will end.

Local

The Central Nevada health District continues to provide vaccines, testing and appropriate education. Immunization dates and locations schedules can be found on the Central Nevada Health District webpage.

Central Nevada Health District is compliant with the CDC's new vaccine guidelines. Monovalent vaccines are no longer in use and currently the recommendations for immunizations focus primarily on the use of bivalent vaccines.

Cases of COVID-19 continue to be sporadic both in Mineral County and in Churchill County. Nationally the number of hospitalizations and deaths continues to decrease. COVID-19 is still recognized as a serious factor in morbidity and mortality for older and immunocompromised individuals. Vaccination is still a main emphasis for those populations.

CNHD Interim Health Officer projects

Inspection of Mineral County and Churchill County clinical offices shows that the facilities will be equipped for use as designed.

An evaluation to determine the most commonly used insurance companies in Churchill County, Mineral County, Pershing County, and Eureka County is currently ongoing. We are reaching out to clinics, hospitals and individual practitioners to determine what third-party insurers we will need to enter into agreements with for care of their employees/participants.

The Nevada Public Health Institute has released the education for county health officers as promised by Dr. Isner last month. A big thanks to Anna Dobbins MPH who was integral in producing, interviewing the rural CHOs, and presenting the webbased education program. I found the classes to be of help and increased my understanding of Nevada's unique position with regards to public health officers in the rural counties.

Tedd McDonald MD

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

Administrator and Board Member Updates:

A- Consideration and possible action re: May 2023 Administrator Report.

Caleb Cage, Interim Administrator will provide monthly update on items provided during the meeting.



Administrator Update

May 11, 2023

General Administrative Update:

- **Personnel:**
 - Caleb Cage has been appointed to serve as interim administrator of CNHD.
 - Positions Offered/Accepted:
 - Clinical Services Manager
 - Family Nurse Practitioner (APRN)
 - Positions in the Interview Process:
 - Public Health Preparedness Manager
 - Grant and Fiscal Specialist
 - Office Specialist
 - Clinical Specialist (Mineral County)
- **Website development:** CNHD is continuing to work with Canyon Creative to design the agency's initial website. We will be providing them with information by May 19 and the site will be live by July 1.
- **Funding support:** CNHD has developed a 6- and 12-month budget for the agency's operations. These approved budgets provide the roadmap for our efforts, and it is our job to develop the funding sources to support this budget. In addition to the funding providing by the City of Fallon and the member counties, which will be available on July 1, CNHD has been pursuing competitive federal grants and state passthrough grants to support this work.
 - Federal competitive grants:
 - **Rural Health Network Development Program Grant (RNHD):** CNHD has applied for RNHD program grant from the Health Services Resources & Services Administration with the US Department of Health and Human Services. This grant is for \$1,200,000 over four years. It would provide funding for key public health tools, like the community health improvement plan, a strategic plan, a workforce development plan, and other elements of accreditation from the Public Health Accreditation Board. This grant application was submitted on November 22, 2022.
 - **Rural Health Network Development Planning Grant (RNHD):** CNHD has applied for RNHD planning grant from the Health Services Resources & Services Administration with the US

Department of Health and Human Services. If approved, this grant would provide \$100,000 over a one year period and sought here in the event that CNHD does not receive the four year version. Funding from this grant would support some of the same activities listed above, and provide support for management of the grant process. This grant application was submitted on January 6, 2023.

- **Distance Learning & Telemedicine Grant:** CNHD as applied for a Distance Learning & Telemedicine grant through the USDA. If approved, this grant is for approximately \$85,000 and would support communications opportunities for homebound residents and residents living in rural Nevada. This grant application was submitted on January 30, 2023.
- We have not heard back on whether any of these grants have been approved yet, but we will continue to monitor and update the CNHD Board when new information is available.
- **State pass-through grants:**
 - **Public Health Preparedness Funding:** One of the necessary aspects of CNHD's services will be supporting Public Health Preparedness efforts within the communities represented. This includes monitoring, preparing for, and responding to public health emergencies as they occur. Through discussions with the DPBH's Public Health preparedness office as well as with collaborating agencies throughout the state, CNHD has been identified to receive funding. Currently, CNHD is engaged with DPBH to discuss funding over the next five years, and our current allotment should be around \$155,000 for the next fiscal year.
 - **Tobacco Control:** CNHD has been collaborating with the Rural Nevada Tobacco Control and Prevention to receive grant funding supporting their efforts in Churchill, Douglas, Elko, Esmeralda, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, Lincoln, Lander, Mineral, Nye, Pershing, Storey, and White Pine Counties. CNHD's goal is to work as a coordinating partner and not reduce the funding that is going to direct services provided by the Coalitions. If approved, this grant will provide about \$10,000 a year to support CNHD's efforts.
 - **Other Funding:** As discussed during our January meeting, CNHD is also pursuing funding from DPBH for other CNHD programs. These are in various stages of development, and include the following:
 - Immunization
 - ARPA funding
 - STD funding
 - Family planning funding
 - Capacity building funding

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

Reports/Notification of Items Received:

None

Consent Items:

Chairman Tedford stated he would like to give one little report that the Churchill Coalition and the County sponsored a mental health wellness and suicide day at the 3C and Jordan Ernst was the one that put all the work into and it was really good. I was honored to introduce the speaker Dennis Gillan and he was good. He spoke on suicide and the signs of suicide. Two of his brothers had committed suicide and he took up a torch for it after that and changed his profession. If any of you have any thoughts for something like that in your community you can lean on Jordan. It's such a widespread thing in our state, communities in Nevada and across the country. It was really enlightening for me, to listen to somebody and see what the signs are that I was unaware of. I have been touched by suicide in my business and in the City three different times and people just look normal and then they don't come to work on Monday. He was very good and I really appreciate what the County, Coalition and what Jordan did. It is so important to have someone be able to come and speak in the community, I think is very important. I wish they could reach high school kids, spend time in the school system and not just the people that were there on Saturday. I just want to encourage you that there is people out there that are willing to spend time to do that in the community and I was grateful for what they did in our community.

Consideration of Future Agenda Items:

No Future Agenda Items.

Consider and schedule future meeting date and location:

The next special meeting will be held on May 30, 2023, at 1:30 PM in Churchill County. The next regular meeting will be held June 8th at 1:30 in Churchill County. Another special meeting will be held June 29th at 1:30 in Churchill County.

Public Comment:

Jim Flemming 1170 Bon Accord Lane for the record, I have a couple of quick things for the last 6 months I have been working on, I am a volunteer by the way, working on a grant for low-income dental care. Especially elder dental care for the Robert Wood Johnson foundation and hopefully after the meeting Mr. Cage can email me about who should be my point of contact, so that I won't take up any more time at meetings I can just email with that point of contact. For an update I wrote up a proposal, a brief five-page proposal with background and according to the rules of the grant and I sent it out to potential clinical partners. I was very happy to get a great response from the Chief Medical Officer, Tyree Davis, of the largest community hospital organization in the State, Nevada Health Centers. We had a great conversation; he is a Dentist and he really got behind it and immediately got the Executive Director of the foundation that manages grants for Nevada Health Centers, and they are excited to work out details. With their involvement this grant goes from probably winning an award to almost certainly being funded. I

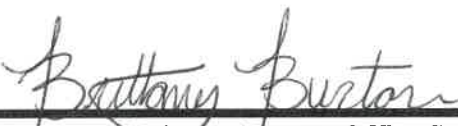
also had a great conversation today with someone from the Pennington Life Center. She is excited that once we get a donation of dental services from Liberty Dental and Absolute Dental she has a large large list of older folks that hang out at the Pennington Center that need denture services but have not been able to obtain them for years. Which is understandable because it is very difficult to navigate obtaining dentures with Medicaid. One more thing I saw in the Fallon Post that the Health District is accepting contracts to operate WIC Clinics in a couple of places. I don't know if you are still considering that, but if you are please know that WIC is administered by a third party IT Contractor named CDP. Before you do any business with CDP, read bill 419, either SB419 or AB 419 that is going through the legislature right now. It was written specifically for CDP because they have not been in compliance with HIPPA or the 2009 High Tech Act which is a digital age update of HIPPA. These problems came to light because of a complaint to the Department of Justice about HIPPA violations by CDP. So please do your due diligence, and a lot of communities do their own version of WIC that don't invite federal oversight and massive legal liabilities and 30 years of electronic health record regulations.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:11 PM.

Affidavit of Posting:

Approved: 
Ken Tedford, Chairman


Brittany Burton, Office Specialist