

MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL NEVADA HEALTH DISTRICT

**155 N. Taylor St., Fallon, NV 89406
June 8, 2023**

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the Central Nevada Health District was called to order at 1:31 PM on June 8, 2023.

Pledge of Allegiance:

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

Roll Call:

PRESENT: Ken Tedford, Chairman
Cassie Hall, Vice-Chair
Shannon Ernst, Member
Dr. Justin Heath, Member
Bob Erickson, Member
Denise Ferguson, Member
Tyson McBride, Member
Larry Rackley, Member
Caleb Cage, Interim Administrator
Jeff Weed, Civil Deputy District Attorney
Dr. Tedd McDonald, Interim Health Officer
Brittany Burton, Office Specialist
Sheryl Fontaine
Lana Robards

ABSENT: Jim Barbee
Bob Erickson

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 1st day of June, 2023, between the hours of 11:00 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:

Member Shannon Ernst made a motion to approve the Agenda as submitted. Member Cassie Hall seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

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

A- May 4, 2023 Special Board of Health Meeting.

Review and approval of minutes from the May 4, 2023 Special Meeting

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Member Larry Rackley made a motion to approve the May 4, 2023 Special Board of Health Meeting Minutes as submitted. Member Denise Ferguson seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

B- May 11, 2023 Board of Health Meeting.

Review and approval from the regular Board of Health Meeting on May 11, 2023.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Member Shannon Ernst made a motion to approve the May 11, 2023 Board of Health Meeting Minutes as submitted. Member Tyson McBride seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Appointments:

A- Consideration and possible action re: Review of the application received from Dr. Tedd McDonald MD, OD, MHA, in response to the Request for Qualifications for Central Nevada Health District Health Officer, and authorization of next steps in the Health Officer selection process, including negotiation of the Health Officer contract.

Caleb Cage, Interim Administrator, for the record. The CNHD released a Request for Proposals for the Health Officer, effective July 1, 2023. One RFQ was received by Dr. Tedd McDonald. It is requested authorization to negotiate the contract with Dr. McDonald on behalf of the Board and presented the contract at the Special Meeting scheduled for June 28, 2023 for an effective date of July 1, 2023.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A- RFQ received

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: To be negotiated

FUNDING SOURCE: To be negotiated

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Member Cassie Hall made a motion to approve the review of the application received from Dr. Tedd McDonald MD, OD, MHA, in response to the Request for Qualifications for Central Nevada Health District Health Officer, and authorization of next steps in the Health Officer selection process, including negotiation of the Health Officer contract. Member Tyson McBride seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

New Business:

A- Consideration and possible action re: Approval of an Interlocal Agreement with the State of Nevada, Division of Public and Behavioral Health, for Burning man event oversight 2023.

Caleb Cage for the record, I can provide you an update on both of the new business items the interlocal from DPBH and NDP they will largely be the same but I'll start with the new business we had this on here as a place holder so that we could discuss the interlocal agreement regarding Burningman with the state. Essentially the agreement has the state continuing to cover Burningman operations, as far as regulations, environmental health, and all the other regulations this year and then beginning next year we will work closely with them over the next year in order to take on the Health District responsibilities as far as environmental health regulations and those sorts of things. So that has been the agreement to date. I believe we just received the draft interlocal yesterday, not trying to throw the State under the bus. Everyone has been extremely busy. But we received that yesterday and we thought that we would need time to look at it before we brought it to the Board so our intension is to bring this interlocal to you on the June 28th meeting and to provide any updates as necessary along the way. Chairman Tedford, so you want to table this for today? Caleb Cage, yes Chairman, we can table this and the next interlocal which is New Business B, NDP agreement we are going back and forth with them regarding some of the language. We received that Monday of this week and there were some more questions. We didn't want to rush it onto this agenda when we could have some more time to make sure that it is one hundred percent correct. Chairman, ok so if there are no questions, we will table both 9A and 9B to 6-28's meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$0 - fees were not included in the tentative budget

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: CNHD will not receive fees collected for Burningman in 2023.

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

B- Consideration and possible action re: Approval of an Interlocal Agreement between the Central Nevada Health District and the State of Nevada, Division of Environmental Protection, for water and wastewater oversight.

This matter was tabled to a future meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$0

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: Fees for public water and wastewater will not be collected by

CNHD until July 1, 2025.

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Health Officer Update:

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

Central Nevada Health District Health Officer's Report

June 8, 2023

Tedd McDonald M.D.

Submitted May 31, 2023

Agenda County Health Officers meeting (June 5, 2023)

Verbal updates to be provided at June 8, 2023 CNHD meeting

Updates:

Immunization State of Nevada

Community Health Network

Epidemiology

Legislature updates

Other (PHP)

Nevada State Board of Health meeting (June 2, 2023)

Updates/Summary to be presented at June 8, 2023 CNHD meeting

CDC

Alzheimer's Disease and Healthy Aging Program. The CDC is promoting healthy aging by focusing on the health effects related to Alzheimer's disease. Alzheimer's is the leading cause of dementia in the aging population. Initial studies point to links between chronic diseases and Alzheimer's. The CDC is establishing voluntary registries and is expanding educational tools. (Google: *CDC Alzheimer's Disease and Healthy Aging Program*).

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.

On May 29, 2023 Governor Lombardo declared a state of emergency for the following counties and entities. Churchill Co., Douglas Co., Elko Co., Eureka Co., Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe, Humboldt Co., Lincoln Co., Lyon Co., Storey Co., and Walker River Paiute Tribe. This declaration allows the state of Nevada, impacted counties and tribes to receive federal assistance.

Tedd McDonald M.D. 05/31/2023

FISCAL IMPACT:

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

FUNDING SOURCE:

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

Administrator and Board Member Updates:

A- Consideration and possible action re: Central Nevada Health District Administrator and Board Member Updates



Administrator Report

June 8, 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)
 - Environmental Health Manager
 - Public Health Preparedness Manager
 - Grant and Fiscal Specialist
 - Office Specialist (Mineral County)
 - Positions in the Recruitment Process:
 - Clinical Specialist (Mineral County)
 - Office Specialist (Eureka County)
- **Website development:** CNHD is continuing to work with Canyon Creative to design the agency's initial website.
- **Funding support:** CNHD continues to develop a 6- and 12-month budget for the agency's operations. 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, state passthrough grants, and state funding to support this work.
- **Regulations:** CNHD presented the regulations approved by the CNHD Board to the State Board of Health on Friday, June 2, 2023. The State Board of Health approved the District regulations as presented and gave considerable support for our efforts.
- **Senate Bill 118:** Per the Board's approval, CNHD advocated in support of Senate Bill 118 during the regular session of the Nevada State legislature. This bill provides for \$15M in state funds to be allocated to health authorities and districts in the state based on population, and also removes the requirement for adjacency for counties wishing to join health districts. This bill passed through the legislature and is under consideration by the Governor for possible approval. Assuming this bill will be signed into law, CNHD has been working with the Eureka County District Attorney in order to ensure that Eureka County can join the district as soon as possible.

- **District Tour:** Since the last meeting, CNHD leadership has toured Pershing County and Eureka County facilities to make introductions and conduct inventories. In Eureka County, leadership provided an update to the Board of County Commissioners and attended the Local Emergency Planning Commission meeting. Future travel to Mineral County is in the works.

Chairman Ken Tedford asked if there were any questions, Member Shannon Ernst, I just wanted to say thank you to everyone. I will be honest, the past 60 days especially the last 30 have been a huge push it has been all hands on deck, Caleb Cage, Jeff Weed, Brittany, Dr McDonald everyone has come to the table to make this happen, we aren't there yet but it will I just wanted to put that on the record. Chairman, ok thank you, I appreciate how hard everyone has been working to get where we are.

FISCAL IMPACT:

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

FUNDING SOURCE:

ACTION REQUESTED: None, informational only

Consideration of Future Agenda Items:

No Future Agenda Items.

Consider and schedule future meeting date and location:

There will be a special meeting held on June 29 at 1:30. The next regular meeting will be held on July 13, 2023, at 1:30 PM in Churchill County.

Public Comment:

Chairman Tedford asked if there was any public comment, there was none

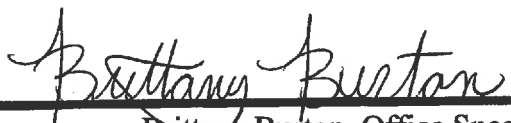
Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:52 PM.

Affidavit of Posting:

Approved: _____


Ken Tedford, Chairman



Brittany Burton, Office Specialist