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A meeting of the Carson City Board of Health was held during the regularly scheduled Carson City Board of Supervisors meeting on Thursday, December 19, 2019, in the Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada.

PRESENT:

Chairperson Susan Pintar
Vice Chairperson Stacey Giomi
Member Brad Bonkowski
Member Lori Bagwell
Member John Barrette

STAFF:

Nancy Paulson, City Manager
Stephanie Hicks, Deputy City Manager
Dan Yu, Chief Deputy District Attorney
Tamar Warren, Senior Public Meetings Clerk

NOTE: A recording of these proceedings, the board's agenda materials, and any written comments or documentation provided to the Clerk during the meeting are part of the public record. These materials are on file in the Clerk's Office, and available for review during regular business hours.

31. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL - BOARD OF HEALTH

(1:30:52) – Chairperson Pintar called the Board of Health meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Ms. Warren called the roll; a quorum was present. Members Crowell and Furlong were absent.

32. PUBLIC COMMENT

(1:31:05) – Chairperson Pintar entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

33. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: APPROVAL OF MINUTES - AUGUST 15, 2019

(1:31:59) – Chairperson Pintar introduced the item and entertained a motion. **Member Bonkowski moved to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2019 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Barrette and carried unanimously.**

34. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

34.A FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF THE HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT.

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(1:32:27) – Chairperson Pintar introduced the item, provided her report which included updates on influenza vaccines, and responded to clarifying questions. Discussion ensued regarding the school-age children being vaccinated in the schools (currently not a grant funded program) and Carson City Health and Human Services (CCHHS) Director Nicki Aaker noted that this effort is being addressed “at the quad-county level.” She believed some parents and even some teachers are opposed to it. Member Bagwell suggested agendaing the item for a School Board/Board of Supervisors joint meeting. Chairperson Pintar congratulated the Carson Tahoe Hospital and the Eagle Valley Children’s home for being recognized on a National Honor Roll by the Immunization Action Coalition for immunizing 100 percent of their health care workers.

(1:42:50) – Chairperson Pintar also recognized the following Public Health Preparedness Program employees for receiving recognitions and nominations from Immunize Nevada, a Statewide organization that champions vaccines: for Outstanding Community Partners Cari Rioux, Jeanne Freeman, Jessica Rapp, Toni Orr, Lauren Staffen, Marianne Garvey, Jennifer Allen, Julie Pomi, and Cindy Guerrero. The Chair also recognized Susana Melgarejo, Outstanding Immunization Champion nominee and Outstanding Champion winner Veronica Galas, Clinical Services Manager. The nominees and winners posed for photographs with Board of Health members and were applauded for their accomplishments. Ms. Aaker announced that the Influenza Activity Report is available on the Health and Human Services website. There were no public comments. Chairperson Pintar entertained a motion.

(1:47:12) – **Member Bagwell moved to accept the Health Officer’s report as presented. Member Barrette seconded the motion.** Chairperson Pintar entertained discussion on the motion and, when none was forthcoming, called for a vote. **Motion carried 5-0-0.**

34.B FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF THE BIENNIAL 2019 REPORT FROM VITALITY UNLIMITED AS REQUIRED BY CONTRACT #1718-118 BETWEEN CARSON CITY AND VITALITY UNLIMITED.

(1:47:32) – Chairperson Pintar introduced the item. Carson City Vitality Program Director Judith Ricketts-Stookey introduced herself and several of the Vitality Program Staff members, gave background, presented her report which is incorporated into the record, and responded to clarifying questions. Discussion ensued regarding insurance coverage and fees, and Chairperson Pintar was informed that Vitality was Medicare-certified and that they were trying to get as many insurance companies to participate. Member Bagwell was informed that treatment can occur via remote access. She also inquired about success rates and percentages, and Ms. Stookey offered to return with the data at a later date. Vice Chair Giomi received confirmation that the follow up care ensured that the residential counselors were providing continuity with after care. There were no public comments.

(2:04:01) – **Vice Chair Giomi moved to accept Vitality Unlimited's report as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Barrette and carried 5-0-0.**

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34.C FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF THE CARSON CITY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES' (CCHHS) DIRECTOR'S REPORT WHICH INCLUDES: (1) A SUMMARY OF THE PRESENTATION GIVEN TO THE STATE OF NEVADA'S INTERIM COMMITTEE ON HEALTHCARE ON DECEMBER 11, 2019; (2) AN UPDATE ON FUNDING FROM SENATE BILL 263 (2019); (3) AN UPDATE ON RE-ACCREDITATION EFFORTS OF CCHHS AND INTRODUCTION OF HAYDON COOK, PART TIME ACCREDITATION COORDINATOR; (4) AN UPDATE OF A DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT; (5) A DISCUSSION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND HOMELESS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY (IN COLLABORATION WITH SHERIFF FURLONG); AND (6) AN OVERVIEW OF UPCOMING EVENTS.

(2:04:23) – Chairperson Pintar introduced the item. Ms. Aaker presented the Staff Report which is incorporated into the record and responded to clarifying questions by the Board members. She provided highlights from her presentation to the State of Nevada Interim Committee on Healthcare (on December 11, 2019), and gave a legislative update on SB263, which requires vaping products to be taxed in the same manner as tobacco products.

(2:10:08) – Member Bagwell wished to understand the number one priority for CCHHS and Ms. Aaker stated that because many of the programs are grant funded; therefore, “we’re all working on grant deliverables”. Member Bagwell suggested focusing on community goals and pursuing grants for those needs. Ms. Aaker explained that the flexible funding will be used for the community needs, which is being communicated to the State. She also reviewed the vaping education grant and noted that they have received many requests for presentations. Ms. Aaker introduced Hayden Cook, part-time accreditation coordinator. Mr. Cook provided the Board with the reaccreditation timeline, and Chairperson Pintar noted that this Board will be “heavily involved” in the discussions. Ms. Aaker also updated the Board on several grant opportunities. Ms. Aaker noted that several public and private agencies have been dealing with the issue of mental health and homelessness, which she believed will eventually be discussed at the Board of Supervisors level. She also referenced the Board’s upcoming events calendar, incorporated into the record. There were no public comments. Chairperson Pintar entertained a motion.

(2:26:45) – Member Bagwell moved to approve the Director’s report as presented. Member Barrette seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0-0.

34.D FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF THE CARSON CITY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES' (CCHHS) STRATEGIC PLAN.

(2:27:10) – Chairperson Pintar introduced the item. CCHHS Public Educator Valerie Cauhape introduced herself and presented the CCHHS five-year plan which is incorporated into the record, and noted that it will be reviewed annually. Ms. Cauhape also responded to clarifying questions by the Board. Discussion ensued regarding grants and Vice Chair Giomi requested to see the statutory requirements versus the voluntary ones “that we as a community have chosen to

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do.” He also recommended integrating health issues and items with other internal and external agency activities to eliminate overlap, and cited emergency plans as an example. Ms. Aaker noted that improvements have already been seen in working with City organizations such as the Fire Department and the Sheriff’s Office. Ms. Cauhape stated that the approved plan will be finalized and published on the CCHHS website and will be updated regularly.

(3:13:08) – Vice Chair Giomi stated that he was “slightly troubled by the lack of community focused objectives in this document.” Member Bagwell suggested adding an objective to identify gaps and add a recommendation on “how are we going to fill these gaps?” Both Vice Chair Giomi and Member Bagwell recommended adding a community component to the partnerships section in addition to the internal partnerships. Vice Chair Giomi was in favor of crafting a motion that would allow the plan to go to the Board of Supervisors for approval. Member Barrette was in agreement with Member Bagwell, who thanked Staff for doing so much. Chairperson Pintar entertained a motion.

(3:22:29) – Vice Chair Giomi moved to direct Staff to update the CCHHS Strategic Plan, incorporating the input received in the Board of Health meeting and to authorize the Board of Supervisors to approve the Strategic Plan at a future meeting. The motion was seconded by Member Bagwell. Mr. Yu was consulted about the motion and he believed the motion was “good to go”. The motion carried 5-0-0.

35. PUBLIC COMMENT

(3:23:54) – Chairperson Pintar entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

36. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: TO ADJOURN AS THE BOARD OF HEALTH

(3:24:00) – Chairperson Pintar adjourned the Board of Health meeting at 3:24 p.m.

The Minutes of the December 19, 2019 Carson City Board of Health meeting are so approved this 16th day of July, 2020.

ATTEST:

SUSAN PINTAR, M.D., Chair

AUBREY ROWLATT, Clerk – Recorder