



BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, August 23, 2022

BOARD MEMBERS:

Georgia Hanigan, Commissioner, Payette County – present via Zoom
Lyndon Haines, Commissioner, Washington County – present
Keri Smith, Commissioner, Canyon County – present via Zoom
Kelly Aberasturi, Commissioner, Owyhee County – present
Viki Purdy, Commissioner, Adams County – present
Sam Summers, MD, Physician Representative – present
Bryan Elliott, Commissioner, Gem County – present

STAFF MEMBERS:

In person: Nikki Zogg, Katrina Williams, Josh Campbell, Colt Dickman, Emily Straubhar, Charlene Cariou, Adriana Villamil, Patty Kennings

Via Zoom: Troy Cunningham, Jeff Renn, Doug Doney

GUESTS: No members of the public attended the meeting.

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Bryan Elliott called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Meeting attendees participated in the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Aberasturi – present; Dr. Summers – present; Chairman Elliott – present; Commissioner Hanigan – present via Zoom; Commissioner Purdy – present; Commissioner Haines – present; Commissioner Smith – present via Zoom.

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS; APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Elliott asked for additional agenda items. Board members have no additional agenda items or changes to the agenda.

MOTION: Commissioner Haines made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Dr. Summers seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passes.

IN-PERSON PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public attended.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Board members discussed wastewater analysis given the recent polio case in New York. Dr. Summers noted that our area is not always quick to provide vaccines. He asked if the federal government or our agency are evaluating wastewater to look for signs of polio. Nikki is unsure of the federal government's

efforts and does not believe polio wastewater sampling is occurring. Some COVID-19 wastewater analysis is still occurring.

Commissioner Purdy asked if answers to the questions regarding child welfare cases that were submitted by a member of the public are available. The questions were referred to the Department of Health and Welfare for response.

Commissioner Purdy also asked what the status of masking requirements at long-term care facilities is and if it has changed. Nikki sent a letter to the Governor asking that waivers for masking requirements be considered if facilities can ensure the safety of residents and employees. One long-term care facility reached out to SWDH to inquire about drafting a request for a waiver. Nikki is unaware whether that facility submitted the waiver request.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – JULY 26, 2022

Board members reviewed meeting minutes from the meeting held July 26, 2022.

MOTION: Dr. Summers made a motion to approve the July 26, 2022 Board of Health meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Haines seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passes.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

Division administrators introduced new employees. Board members asked for information regarding the turnover rate. Nikki will ask Sarah Price, Human Resources Manager, to provide an update regarding employee retention at the next board meeting.

JUNE 2022 EXPENDITURE AND REVENUE REPORT

Troy Cunningham, SWDH Financial Manager, presented the July 2022 Expenditure and Revenue Report. July is the first month of fiscal year 2023 (FY23) and the target at this point is 8.3% for revenues and expenditures. At the start of a new fiscal year, revenues and expenditures are always slower to pick up. County contributions are on track.

Troy explained that contract billing will not be completed until September due to some challenges completing the annual calculation of the indirect rate. Once contract billing begins, revenues will catch up quickly. Expenditures reflect a decline in the personnel category since last year due to the departure of some of our limited service COVID-19 personnel. Lastly, Troy pointed out that interest revenue has increased.

Nikki provided information regarding the restricted Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health funding. These funds are currently being used for the Marsing school nurse project. This funding was carried over from the prior fiscal year and the work is underway.

CARRYOVER FUNDING REQUESTS

Troy Cunningham provided a summary of the annual reallocation of funds request. This year, Troy asked to reallocate funds totaling \$143,494 that were previously dedicated to development of a mobile clinic, a project at the Weiser facility, some clinic supplies, and security upgrades and audio-visual equipment for Environmental and Community Health Services. These funds combined with last fiscal year's uncommitted funds of \$738,818 equal a total of \$882,312. Troy asked to reallocate these funds in the

amount of \$882,312 to add more funds to the 27th pay period, facility improvements, employee engagement, and technological improvements.

Board members asked if any of this money can be used to help fund the youth crisis center if SWDH is successful in acquiring that grant funding. Nikki Zogg explained that there have been some internal conversations regarding using some of these funds to help with the youth crisis center. The Board does have the authority to recommit these funds at any time. If SWDH receives funding for a youth crisis center, a specific request for reallocation can be brought back to the Board.

Commissioner Elliott expressed concerns about maintaining a large balance. Nikki explained that a large portion of the reallocation will go toward Caldwell facility improvements. Several months ago, Board members heard information regarding the functionality of the Caldwell facility and provided direction to work with the space available. Based on that direction, SWDH staff have met with an architect to determine how to best address current and future needs. The funds set aside for facility improvements will go toward the cost of these renovations. Nikki anticipates these renovations will take several fiscal years to fund and complete. Nikki acknowledges the importance of good fiscal stewardship of taxpayer dollars while still preparing for upcoming expenses.

Nikki asked Commissioner Aberasturi for his historical perspective regarding how the Board planned for the construction of the current Caldwell facility and whether the Board set aside funds over several fiscal years in anticipation of that construction expense. Commissioner Aberasturi is not aware of that process as he was not a Board of Health member at the time the land was purchased.

MOTION: Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the carryover funding request of \$882,312 comprised of reallocated funds of \$143,494 and fiscal year 2022 uncommitted funds of \$738,818 for a total of \$882,312 as presented. Commissioner Haines seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passes.

CLINIC FEE FORMULA

Josh Campbell, Family and Clinic Services Division Administrator, presented an update on clinic fees including the addition of some administration fees for vaccinations. Board members asked why some patients remain uninsured following the Medicaid eligibility expansion. Josh explained that some reasons individuals remain uninsured include concerns about inability to pay the deductibles, unofficial resident status, or Medicaid eligibility status that varies based on fluctuations in income.

MOTION: Dr. Summers made a motion to approve the fee schedule as presented. Commissioner Haines seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passes.

Josh also asked Board members for their preference for approving fee changes for medications and supplies provided to patients. Josh has noted that with inflation, these costs are fluctuating. He asked Board members to consider two options. The first option is to continue to approve each fee change for medication and supply fees individually as has been done historically.

The second option is to approve a formula for medication and supply fee calculations such as cost plus a certain fee percentage. This option could possibly go up and down. Board members discussed concerns about adding an arbitrary percentage to the fees.

Board members directed Josh to develop a fee and a more detailed plan and present it at the September Board of Health meeting.

HOME VISITING PROGRAM

Adriana Villamil, SWDH Program Manager, provided an update on Nurse Family Partnership (NFP). Case numbers peaked during the pandemic and have since dropped off slightly. The NFP staff is at full capacity now and working toward ramping up to 100 cases by the end of the calendar year. Adriana explained the staff work to achieve outcomes including improving pregnancy outcomes, improving child health and development, and improving economic self-sufficiency. The program has expanded and now serves clients in Adams, Canyon, and Owyhee counties.

Patty Kennings, SWDH Program Manager, provided information on the evidence-based Parents as Teachers program. The program works to empower parents and increase the parents' knowledge of what healthy early childhood development looks like, how they can support it, and other support programs or services that might help their child. The primary goal of the program is to help prevent child abuse and foster healthy childhood development by giving parents education, training, and tools.

The program has maintained a waiting list for almost two years and uses three full-time home visitors including a Spanish-speaking home visitor.

Dr. Summers asked if long-term follow-up is part of Parents as Teachers. Patty explained that the national Parents as Teachers program does conduct follow up studies in larger population areas but is unaware of any follow up studies in Idaho.

WESTERN IDAHO COMMUNITY CRISIS CENTER (WIDCCC) QUARTERLY UPDATE

Emily Straubhar, Health Education Specialist, Sr., presented the WIDCCC quarterly update. Census numbers had dropped but are now trending upward, which may be attributable to the implementation of the new 9-8-8 crisis hotline availability.

Emily explained there is a perception that it costs money to access WIDCCC. There is an effort underway to push out information to the community about the free services and support available at the crisis center.

YOUTH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Nikki Zogg, SWDH District Director, updated Board members on youth behavioral health activities and grant opportunities. Staff are preparing to write a grant request for approximately \$2 million for funding to establish a youth crisis center in our region. As part of these preparations, staff have visited potential locations and anticipate the need to renovate the facility. There are potential opportunities to co-locate some other services at the location of the youth crisis center.

The Request for Proposal (RFP) for state funding for the crisis center would hopefully be released in early September with anticipation of a notice of award issued in October.

Commissioner Smith is excited to support this youth behavioral health crisis center grant funding opportunity. Commissioner Purdy asked about funding plans going forward. Nikki explained that a mechanism for insurance reimbursements is already in place to allow providers to bill for insurance reimbursement. The other funding piece that is still unknown is the State's intent to move to a managed care plan for behavioral health. In their invitation to negotiate a provider for that contract, the responsibility for assuming oversight of crisis centers is identified as a role of the selected managed care provider.

Commissioner Purdy asked what the involvement of Department of Health and Welfare with the youth crisis centers will be. Nikki explained that the funding for the youth crisis center is coming through the

Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections (IDJC). The Department of Health and Welfare will be collaborating with IDJC to develop the scope and work and request for the proposal but will not be directly involved in funding the youth crisis center.

SAFE TEEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE NOMINEE APPOINTMENTS

Nikki Zogg presented additional Safe Teen Advisory Committee (STAC) nominations and asked Board members to appoint the additional members.

MOTION: Commissioner Haines made a motion to approve the Safe Teen Advisory Committee (STAC) member nominations as presented. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passes.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Region 3 Behavioral Health Board and Partnership for Success Grant Follow Up

Last month, Nikki presented a request to the Region 3 Behavioral Health Board (BHB) for the BHB to write a letter to the Office of Drug Policy (ODP) indicating that the BHB will continue working with SWDH to ensure the completion of the Partnership for Success grant. The next BHB meeting is tomorrow, August 24, 2022 and Nikki expects to hear from them by then regarding her request for the BHB to support collaborating with SWDH for the purpose of completing the Partnership for Success grant work.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Nikole Zogg
Secretary to the Board

Approved as written:



Kelly Aberasturi
Vice-Chairman

Date: September 22, 2022