



BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 27, 2023

BOARD MEMBERS:

Jennifer Riebe, Commissioner, Payette County – present
Lyndon Haines, Commissioner, Washington County – present via Zoom
Zach Brooks, Commissioner, Canyon County – present
Kelly Aberasturi, Commissioner, Owyhee County – present
Viki Purdy, Commissioner, Adams County – present
Sam Summers, MD, Physician Representative – present
Bryan Elliott, Gem County Board of Health Representative – present

STAFF MEMBERS:

In person: Nikki Zogg, Katrina Williams, Colt Dickman, Doug Doney, Troy Cunningham, Monique Evancic, Beth Kriete, Charlene Cariou, Cas Adams

Via Zoom: Jeff Renn, Jenifer Spurling

GUESTS: Kim Schwisow, Brenda Jones

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Kelly Aberasturi called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Meeting attendees participated in the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Chairman Aberasturi – present; Dr. Summers – present; Commissioner Purdy – present; Vice Chairman Haines – present via Zoom; Commissioner Brooks – present; Commissioner Riebe – present; Mr. Bryan Elliott – present.

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS; APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Kelly Aberasturi asked for additional agenda items. Board members had no additional agenda items or changes to the agenda.

MOTION: Commissioner Brooks made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Riebe seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passes.

IN-PERSON PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment given.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:05 a.m., Commissioner Brooks made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(b). Mr. Bryan Elliott seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. All in favor.

At 9:33 a.m. Board members came out of Executive Session.

MOTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Commissioner Haines made a motion to enter into a lease agreement as presented with St. Luke's Health Systems (SLHS) for approximately 5,550 square feet of medical office space at 308 E. Hawaii Avenue, Nampa, Idaho. Commissioner Riebe seconded the motion. Commissioner Purdy and Commissioner Brooks oppose the motion. The motion passes.

Commissioner Riebe noted that this revised lease seems much more achievable. Mr. Elliott noted that most appropriation funded leases are not efficient but thinks the location is a good choice and noted there are not many other options due to funding requirements. Commissioner Purdy stated that it is not our business to be getting into the private health industry.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Commissioner Brooks appreciates the board's willingness to rearrange the schedule so he could participate this morning in the action items and executive session.

Mr. Elliott expressed his appreciation to the Board of Health and the work they have done. This will be his last meeting as the Gem County Representative. Commissioner Bill Buttici will be taking on the Board of Health role for Gem County.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – MAY 23, 2023

Board members reviewed meeting minutes from the meeting held May 23, 2023.

MOTION: Commissioner Brooks made a motion to approve the May 23, 2023, Board of Health meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Riebe seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passes.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

Division administrators and the District Director introduced new employees.

BOARD LEADERSHIP POSITION ELECTIONS

Board members typically appoint Board leadership positions in June. However, these positions were elected last winter due to former Commissioners Hanigan and Elliott stepping down from the Board. Board members discussed whether to reappoint positions or wait until next June.

MOTION: Commissioner Brooks made a motion to leave the current board leadership positions in place. Commissioner Purdy seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passes.

OPIOID SETTLEMENT UPDATE: RESULTS FROM ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN FOR FUTURE INVESTMENT AND ALLOCATION

Charlene Cariou, SWDH Program Manager, provided a brief history of the opioid settlement funds which entities began receiving in 2022. She also provided an overview of the environmental scan completed by an outside organization to help identify best uses of settlement funds based on community resources and needs.

Board members asked who SWDH is considering as community partners and how these activities will be prioritized. Charlene explained SWDH will seek input from our cities and counties who also received

settlement funding. Individual communities will help identify the best fit for who to represent their counties in these initial conversations.

Within the report there are quite a few recommended activities and a document outlining, which of those activities can be pursued based on the settlement use agreement.

Dr. Summers suggested identifying champions within each county rather than a boiler plate attendance roster for each county to accommodate the differing needs across counties.

RECREATIONAL VEHICLE (RV) WASTEWATER DISCUSSION

Colt Dickman, Environmental and Community Health Services Division Administrator, followed up on discussions at last month's Board of Health meeting regarding recreational vehicle (RV) sewage disposal. Due to increased housing costs and families choosing full time living in an RV, this issue has become a strategic priority.

Following the direction of Board of Health members, Colt met with Planning and Zoning representatives from Owyhee, Payette, and Washington Counties last month. All attendees agreed that full-time living in RVs is generating challenges but could not reach a conclusion about whether SWDH can be helpful. The counties asked for collaboration and collective input. If SWDH identifies a situation that is illegal and needs a notice of violation issued SWDH staff will first reach out to county staff. In addition, if Planning and Zoning teams are intending to do a site survey or anything that might impact wastewater they will reach out to SWDH to ensure both agencies are on the same page and share that communication.

Board members asked for information on the number of dump sites and illegal versus legal septic systems being encountered. Colt will gather some information from dump sites as well as the number of legal versus illegal systems and bring that information back to the Board. Commissioner Riebe also asked about the development of a fact sheet about the potential risks of not properly dumping wastewater. Commissioner Purdy suggested also including resources for having tanks picked up and dumped or onsite pumping.

MAY 2023 EXPENDITURE AND REVENUE REPORT

Troy Cunningham, Financial Manager, presented the May 2023 Expenditure and Revenue Report. The target for this point in the fiscal year is 92%.

Chairman Aberasturi suggested it would make more sense for the counties if SWDH moved their fiscal year to align with the county cycles as SWDH is no longer part of the state. Troy acknowledged counties have a big challenge to approve the health district budget prior to their own budget cycle. Shifting fiscal year schedules would require disconnecting from the state software system that is used for accounting and payroll. Chairman Aberasturi asked Troy to develop pros and cons of aligning with the county fiscal year cycle, what the cost would be, and how it would impact our ability to receive contract funding. Troy will work to develop this information and bring it back to the Board at a future meeting.

The target for revenues is 92%. Most of the county contributions are right on target. Troy did have conversations with Department of Health and Welfare (DHW) and they will reimburse funds that have been withheld for Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) as we have worked through the fraud case.

In expenditures, personnel remains at 88% and operating at 68%. Troy anticipates capital outlay will have projects pushed into the next fiscal year.

Commissioner Purdy noted that the money for the crisis center rent is just sitting there in the account and asked if this amount will that be paid in advance? Nikki responded that rent will be paid on a monthly basis. In addition, when Pathways, the operator begins, operations cost will begin to pull that balance down.

QUARTERLY CONTRACTS AND SERVICES REPORT

Troy Cunningham provided an updated contracts and services overview. The next report will have updates for those contracts effective July 1, 2023.

Board members asked about the end date for the COVID ELC Funding. Troy responded that this funding source has been reduced significantly and the funding amendment for fiscal year 2024 (FY24) will show that funding has dropped to \$380,000 for FY24. At the end of FY24 the funds will phase out. There is a potential to extend ability to expend the monies into Fiscal Year 2025, if any funds remain.

GEM COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTH ACTION TEAM (CHAT) OVERVIEW

Melanie Chroninger, SWDH Health Education Specialist, Senior, provided an overview of the Gem County Community Health Action Team and her role as a facilitator. The group is known as the Gem County Health Coalition (GCHC). Melanie has worked to build trust within the coalition by meeting with each team member individually outside of the regular meeting time. The mission is convening partners to identify needs, share resources, and work together to improve the health of those who live, work, and play in the Gem Community.

Melanie shared a recent success story for GCHC, which was highlighted during the annual Cherry Festival. GCHC collaborated on an effort to improve lighting in the city park to reduce vandalism and drug use.

She highlighted two projects GCHC is currently considering including river safety signage and public service announcements and continuing to increase community partnerships and coalition membership as well as exploring the senior produce project.

Dr. Summers asked how outcomes for GCHC are being measured on the city park lighting project? He also noted that it seems this would pair nicely with the opioid settlement. Melanie responded that outcomes are being measured based on number of calls to the park. She also arranged key interviews with the officers that do night patrol in the park. The reports of vandalism and numbers of ticketed youth will also be measurable outcomes.

Commissioner Riebe asked if the CHAT programs are time-limited. Melanie explained that the goal is these meetings continue and bring new members onboard to move the community's health forward with the goal of looking at the community in the next five to ten years to ensure the community is healthier and goals are developed to move the communities toward healthier outcomes.

WESTERN IDAHO COMMUNITY CRISIS CENTER ANNUAL REPORT

Emily Straubhar, Community Resiliency Program Manager, provided an annual report for the time period of March 2022 to March 2023 which concludes the fourth year of operations for the Western Idaho Community Crisis Center (WIDCCC). The crisis center is an around the clock resource. This past year, the crisis center supported over 500 unduplicated clients, made over 2,700 community referrals and saved communities an estimated \$475,000 in diversion from emergency departments and jails. Staff and clients provided feedback indicating a lobby remodel may improve the aesthetics. As a result, a remodel of the lobby was recently completed, and the aesthetics and client flow have both improved. In addition, WIDCCC staff worked with Idaho Harm Reduction to install a self-harm reduction vending machine. As of July 1, Pathways of Idaho will become the new operating provider. Emily is optimistic about Pathways' ability to serve as the vendor. Cas Adams, SWDH Project Manager, will be stepping into the role of coordinating the adult crisis center.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Summer Idaho Association of District Boards of Health (IADBH) Meeting Overview

Nikki recapped the annual IADBH meeting held earlier this month in Coeur d'Alene. The Executive Council met at the IADBH meeting. Nikki explained that at the business meeting there was some discussion around the associations' budget, resolutions were proposed, and Idaho Association of Counties (IAC) gave a presentation. Attendees also attended an executive governance workshop and an opioid trafficking workshop. The only resolution that was supported is the fentanyl resolution that came from Public Health District 3. The resolution focused on legalizing the use of fentanyl test strips.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Nikole Zogg
Secretary to the Board

Approved as written:



Kelly Aberasturi
Vice-Chairman

Date: July 25, 2023