



BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, January 23, 2024

BOARD MEMBERS:

Jennifer Riebe, Commissioner, Payette County – present
Lyndon Haines, Commissioner, Washington County – present
Zach Brooks, Commissioner, Canyon County – present
Kelly Aberasturi, Commissioner, Owyhee County – present
Viki Purdy, Commissioner, Adams County – present
John Tribble, MD, Physician Representative – present
Bill Butticci, Commissioner, Gem County – present

STAFF MEMBERS:

In person: Nikki Zogg, Katrina Williams, Colt Dickman, Beth Kriete, Troy Cunningham, Sam Kenney, Andy Nutting, Cate Lewis, Austin Gallyer

Via Zoom: Jeff Renn

GUESTS: No guests attended the meeting.

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Kelly Aberasturi called the meeting to order at 9:58 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Meeting attendees participated in the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Chairman Aberasturi – present; Dr. John Tribble - present; Commissioner Purdy – present; Vice Chairman Haines – present; Commissioner Brooks – present; Commissioner Riebe – present; Commissioner Butticci – present.

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS AND APPROVAL OF AMENDED AGENDA

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

IN-PERSON PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment given.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Board members had no topics for open discussion.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – DECEMBER 19, 2023

Board members reviewed meeting minutes from the December 19, 2023 meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Haines made a motion to approve the December 19, 2023, Board of Health meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Brooks seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passes.

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD OF HEALTH PHYSICIAN REPRESENTATIVE

Dr. John Tribble, newly appointed Board of Health Physician Representative, introduced himself.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

No new employees to introduce.

DECEMBER 2023 EXPENDITURE AND REVENUE REPORT

Troy Cunningham, Financial Manager, presented the December 2023 Expenditure and Revenue Report. Revenues still lag as payments are slow to be received from Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (IDHW). Expenditures and personnel remain slightly low due to vacancies. Operating also is slightly down. Trustee and Benefits remain low as we continue to work with partners to get some of those funds sent out.

In response to questions about crisis center funding, Troy explained that the adult crisis center is a reimbursement based contract and funds are not received in advance. The youth crisis center funds are received in advance and are sitting in a specific, dedicated fund. Should funds remain at the end of the fiscal year, Troy will contact Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections to ask for approval to commit the funds for similar use. The soft launch for the youth crisis center, Western Idaho Youth Support Center (WIYSC), is tomorrow, at 204 10th Avenue South in downtown Nampa in the Pathways' current location. The center will open for services Monday, January 29, 2024.

Commissioner Aberasturi asked for the status of working with Magellan of Idaho. Magellan of Idaho is expected to go live toward July and conversations will pick up in March.

CONTRACTS AND SERVICES QUARTERLY REPORT

Troy shared the list of revenue sources. Nikki explained that the expiration date of a contract depends on the award process. Some, such as federal grants, are four-to-five-year grant periods and then federal funders review those continuing grants. A good example is WIC, Women Infants and Children, which is about to celebrate its 50th year.

In response to a board member question, Nikki clarified that FTE stands for Full Time Employee. The column in the report indicates how many FTEs are supported by a contract. For example, some of our sexually transmitted disease (STD) work is funded through multiple grants so one FTE may be supported by multiple funding sources.

FISCAL YEAR CHANGE EXPLORATION UPDATE

Nikki provided an update on the request a few months ago from Board members to explore moving the SWDH fiscal year from state alignment to county alignment.

Nikki and Troy have met with the State Controller several times. They do not require the health districts to use Luma and are not opposed to SWDH using a different enterprise resource platform (ERP). The challenge is the State Treasurer will not allow a new ERP to connect to the State Treasury. This lack of support from the Treasurer means SWDH cannot leave Luma unless a statute change is implemented to allow health districts to not utilize the State Treasurer.

Regarding fiscal years, the State Controller felt like we could transition fiscal years within Luma. The district's year end year does not have to align with the state's year end. A statute change would be required to allow a fiscal year change as the fiscal year and budget deadlines are set in statute. The directors and Nikki have discussed switching fiscal year cycles briefly. None of the directors have heard any real interest from their Boards regarding pursuing a fiscal year shift. There is an Executive Council meeting this afternoon to discuss current legislative matters and the topic of switching fiscal years could be presented by our Executive Council member, Commissioner Purdy, as a future agenda item. The Executive Council will meet as much as weekly through the rest of the legislative session.

With the statute change, counties and health districts are more aligned with each other. Board members asked Commissioner Purdy to raise the topic of shifting fiscal years. Commissioner Purdy will gauge interest in that change.

YEAR END COMMUNICATIONS OVERVIEW

Monique Evancic, Marketing and Communications Manager provided a year-end communications review. In the last eight months, Southwest District Health (SWDH) has received 54 media mentions with most of those being local or regional, a few statewide and some national coverage through The Associated Press. Monique tracks press releases sent, media inquiries received, and media mentions received.

The headlines of those media mentions span a variety of topics including fentanyl awareness, Fit and Fall Proof classes, grant awards, harmful algal blooms, and the development of the Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA). Monique explained that her work ties to public health essential function #3 which is to communicate effectively to inform and educate and contribute to the strategic goal of building trust.

Monique explained the Google Review campaign aimed at increasing the number of reviews. She also provided an update on social media platforms that now include Next Door. For now, the SWDH platforms for LinkedIn and Twitter are paused and the focus is on Facebook and Instagram.

THINK TANK PRESENTATION

Think tank members Austin Gallyer, Andy Nutting, Cate Lewis, Nikki Zogg, and Sam Kenney presented information on the SWDH Think Tank Team. The Think Tank brings together staff with a variety of expertise, traits, and views to help identify root causes and explore education.

Austin presented emerging public health problems foreseen over the next few years as well as the next 10-20 years including aging population, political instability, and influx of larger populations without a correlating increase in public health infrastructure.

Other areas the Think Tank addresses include how the health district prepares itself to respond to these anticipated needs. What expertise does SWDH need to develop to be able to address these emerging needs? Nikki shared the example of environmental expertise available for drinking water solutions.

Team members discussed how to best prepare emergency response teams and our Board of Health to be positioned in a place to handle a new disease or political instability that may happen.

Board members discussed health care access and limited points of care as an emerging issue they foresee. Dr. Tribble suggested the need for more innovation and competition and price transparency to eliminate a small handful of insurance companies monopolizing the industry.

Another example of Think Tank efforts is the team's work with assisting the City of Nampa with ideation around degradation of family and how to address that.

Going forward, the Think Tank team hopes to dive into future public health issues including artificial intelligence and population change impacts. The group hopes to strengthen skillsets in human centered design, quality improvement, and innovation to help ensure success in tackling these issues.

FISCAL YEAR 2024 FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

The goal behind the development of this plan is to document how facilities are managed and also plan in advance for facility costs, leasing, facility purchase, and major renovations knowing SWDH does not have the ability to levy taxes on its own and is not part of any building fund.

Staff across SWDH have evaluated needs for facility spaces mostly focused around the Caldwell building as well as satellite locations we own in Payette, Weiser, and Emmett. Currently, we lease a space in Homedale. Right now, the only teams working out of those satellite offices are our clinic teams.

Nikki explained the anticipated repairs needed for all SWDH locations. In the past, Idaho Office of Occupational and Professional Licenses did a facility walk through of all locations and identified anything that might need to be fixed. They no longer do that. This past year, SWDH hired a third party to perform the inspections. Nikki explained most of the report identified minor maintenance items that could be remedied within the regular operating budget. For larger repair, upgrade, or renovation items that were identified in the report, SWDH has added them into the FY 24 Facilities and Infrastructure Plan for resolution in a future fiscal year.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Legislative Update

The Legislature is in session and have many health topics. Nikki highlighted the main ones that may impact public health.

Nikki shared a few topics that have been brought up. She heard from a peer that one of their counties is planning to introduce legislation to change public health 39-411 that would remove the need for confirmation of board members by the other counties in the district.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:04 p.m.



Nikole Zogg
Secretary to the Board



Kelly Aberasturi
Vice-Chairman

Date: February 27, 2024