



BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, May 21, 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, Mitch Kiester, Emily Geary, Troy Cunningham, Jody Waddy, Don Lee, Charlene Cariou

Virtual attendees: Jeff Renn

GUESTS: None

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Kelly Aberasturi called the meeting to order at 9:16 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 AGENDA

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

MOTION: Commissioner Haines 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. No members of the public present.

OPEN DISCUSSION

There were no items for open discussion.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 23, 2024

Board members reviewed meeting minutes from the April 23, 2024 meeting.

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

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

New employee introductions were made.

APRIL 2024 EXPENDITURE AND REVENUE REPORT

Troy Cunningham, Financial Manager, presented the April 2024 Expenditure and Revenue Report. The finance team is working to manually review revenue data entries. Luma continues to create challenges with data and revenue reporting.

The revenue section shows county contributions are at 77% due to some delayed county payments. Fee revenues are at 88% with contract revenues at 74%. Personnel expenditures remain low due to vacancies.

YEAR IN REVIEW – AMERICORPS SERVICE MEMBER

Karen Swenson, AmeriCorps service member volunteer, recently completed a service term at SWDH. She enjoyed being here and shared a summary of her service. AmeriCorps is a federally funded, locally implemented program benefiting the communities with education programs. Karen shared her work with teaching Mental Health First Aid and Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) in partnership with Healthy Minds Alliance. The programs AmeriCorps volunteers present must be evidence based.

SWDH hopes to partner with Idaho State University to recruit more AmeriCorps volunteers.

OPIOID SETTLEMENT PLAN FISCAL YEAR 2025

Charlene Cariou, SWDH Program Manager, shared information about how SWDH has used opioid funds to date and requested input on future use of the funds. Survey results indicate Region 3 supports funding for building stronger families, creating safer communities, and fostering strong mental health.

The Community Health team has met these support requests by providing prevention through coordinating Guiding Good Choices with parent and caregiver groups, by continuing to coordinate with other settlement recipients and helping provide mobile counseling services and ensure availability of naloxone for high-risk groups. Next fiscal year, the team hopes to focus further on infrastructure and support and treatment centers.

Charlene will work with the overdose prevention coordinator and provide data to Board members at a future meeting.

Charlene asked for guidance for allocating opioid funding. She shared that the proposal provides detail for the infrastructure and support/treatment category and how these align with the approved activity matrix and how successes will be identified. Charlene requested a total spending budget of the opioid settlement funds for fiscal year 2025 (FY25) in the amount of \$433,034.05.

MOTION: Commissioner Riebe made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2025 settlement plan spending request of \$433,034.05 as presented. Commissioner Haines seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passes.

WIC 50 – HONORING THE PAST, NOURISHING THE FUTURE

Emily Geary, Program Manager, provided an overview of the WIC program, Infants, and Children (WIC) program's accomplishments over the last five decades in celebration of the program's 50th anniversary. WIC works toward the public health goals of equitable access and provides nutritious foods. The program is allocated and adjusts to the economy. During economic booms client numbers drop off and during recession periods those numbers increase. WIC is designed as a supplemental program and provides nutritional education, screenings, and provider referrals.

Board members viewed a short video on nutrition education importance and Emily shared a reference sheet and recipe book with recipes featuring WIC foods.

Some of the changes in the WIC program over the years include visit frequency, paper checks have transitioned to debit card access. Other changes being considered include expanding the culturally appropriate options such as teff flour. Board members asked if there is a drive to go back to non-processed foods and natural foods. Emily explained the juices available are 100% juice, and organic purchase options are available.

WIC is federally funded and funds come to SWDH through a pass-through grant from Idaho Department of Health and Welfare.

SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY

District directors have discussed solid waste authority following recent challenges District 4 has had with forced closure of a non-municipal landfill in its region. Currently, statutes place enforcement duties on the health districts. District directors share valid concerns that most of the landfills are municipal and health districts are funded by counties creating a conflict of interest for health districts to then be the enforcement authority. In addition, health districts are not equipped with the legal counsel and financial resources to carryout enforcement activities.

District directors will visit with each of the Boards of County Commissioners (BOCCs) about this topic and ask for board member input regarding the proposed language. There will be a presentation on this topic by district directors from eastern Idaho at the Idaho Association of Clerks and Commissioners conference (IACC) in June. Nikki will not be in attendance but some of her peers will present and lead the discussion. This topic and a proposed resolution will also be discussed at the October Idaho Association of District Boards of Health if there is enough interest.

Nikki has not yet talked to landfill directors about this proposed change. Mitch and Nikki will discuss this and can visit with the landfill directors.

Commissioner Riebe and Commissioner Buttici indicated there is not a need for Nikki to make a trip out to present to the BOCCs. They will take the topic back to their BOCCs for discussion.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Board of Health Leadership Position Elections

Nikki reminded Board members that next month Board members will elect the leadership positions of Chair, Vice Chair, Trustee and Executive Council Representative.

Board of Health Term Expirations

There are no term expirations this year for Board members.

Food Fees – Next Steps

Public health district directors have been working to change the food fee statute but did not have full consensus with proposals. Changing the statute is labor intensive and will not be successful without other district buy in. At this point, Nikki has asked our staff to pause work on changing these fees and, at this point, will not push legislation forward next year.

Budget Presentations to Boards of County Commissioners - Feedback

Nikki asked for Board members to email any feedback on the presentations to Boards of County Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(b) Commissioner Haines made a motion to go into Executive Session. ; Commissioner Riebe seconded the motion. Roll call taken; All Board members in attendance with the exception of Commissioner Purdy who excused herself at 11:58 a.m.

At 12:34 p.m., Board members returned from Executive Session.

ACTION TAKEN AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Commissioner Haines made a motion to renew the contract with the updated terms and with an increase of 2% to the hourly compensation. Commissioner Riebe seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passes.

Note: Commissioner Butticci had to leave but did express support prior to stepping away.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Nikole Zogg
Secretary to the Board



Kelly Aberasturi
Vice-Chairman

Date: June 25, 2024