



BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, June 25, 2024

BOARD MEMBERS:

Jennifer Riebe, Commissioner, Payette County – not 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 via Microsoft Teams

STAFF MEMBERS:

In person: Nikki Zogg, Katrina Williams, Mitch Kiester, Don Lee, Beth Kriete, Cas Adams, Kaydin Griffin, Wendy Young, Ali Miller, Anna Briggs, Troy Cunningham, Ricky Bowman, Andy Nutting, Cate Lewis

Virtual attendees: Jeff Renn

GUESTS: None

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Kelly Aberasturi called the meeting to order at 9:08 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 – not present; Commissioner Butticci – present via Microsoft Teams.

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. Dr. Tribble 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 – MAY 21, 2024

Board members reviewed meeting minutes from the May 21, 2024 meeting.

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

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

Division Administrators introduced new staff.

MAY 2024 EXPENDITURE AND REVENUE REPORT

Troy Cunningham, Financial Manager, presented the May 2024 Expenditure and Revenue Report. At this point in the fiscal year, the target is 91.7%. The finance team is still working with Luma to pull accurate cash balance reports. County contributions remain on target and fee revenues remain slightly higher than anticipated. Troy also reported that personnel expenditures continue to be impacted by several vacancies.

MEASLES RESPONSE PLAN

Ricky Bowman, Program Manager, and Andy Nutting, Epidemiologist, provided information on the development of SWDH's measles response plan. Measles was all but eradicated from the U.S. until recently. Measles is very infectious, can spread quickly, is costly to manage if not controlled early, and can have serious health implications for children and other populations. Due to the increase of reported cases and outbreaks in the U.S. and abroad, including an outbreak contained to a household in Canyon County in 2023, SWDH is reviewing its response plan and seeking board input in the process.

The presentation included an explanation of the role of epidemiologists, transmission of and complications of measles, update on the national outbreak and the preparedness efforts of SWDH.

Epidemiologists conduct disease interviews for any reportable diseases listed in the Idaho Administrative Procedure Act (IDAPA), offer guidance to healthcare providers and the public about infectious diseases, , and use the information gathered through interviews to understand the risk of disease spread in the community, develop public health messages and notices to providers, and take action to notify those at risk of exposure or illness.

Idaho investigative guidelines, written by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, are disease-specific guidelines that provide the most current evidence and research on communicable and infectious diseases, preventative measures, and treatment. Measles can remain in the air and infectious for up to two hours after the infected person leaves an area. This highly contagious nature and infectiousness before symptom onset increases the possibility of spreading the disease.

Should our region have a case of measles, staff will work with community partners including hospital infection preventionists, county emergency managers, emergency medical services agencies, school nurses or superintendents, jails, and long-term care facilities as needed and dictated by the event. A post-exposure prophylaxis may be available and may help decrease the amount of time a person without immunity misses school or work.

Board members discussed the low fatality rate and the low number of cases nationwide.

Dr. Tribble pointed out there is a lot of data showing efficacy of the vaccine but a lack of data looking at the safety of the vaccine. Board members asked for more information on the disability and fatality rate as well as controlled placebo trial results.

WESTERN IDAHO COMMUNITY CRISIS CENTER SEMI ANNUAL REPORT

Cas Adams, SWDH Project Manager, provided an update on the Western Idaho Community Crisis Center (WIDCCC). The most common resources shared with clients are housing resources, mental health services, and job/vocational services.

Cas reminded Board members that the crisis center is intended to divert people from potential jail incarceration or emergency department admission. She noted that one of the most positive aspects of this fiscal year is that since Pathways of Idaho took over management of the crisis center last July, client visits have trended upward, indicating people seeking services at a more appropriate level of care. The majority of clients served at the adult crisis center are homeless or at risk of being homeless.

Challenges WIDCCC faces include medical staff shortages and inconsistency with staff understanding of client eligibility. The crisis center can staff only EMT Basic level staff and prescriptions cannot be dispensed. The crisis center is located next to Terry Reilly Health Services (TRHS) where medical staff are available.

Board members asked for data about return visits. Cas will work with Anna to determine what percent of the clients return for a subsequent visit(s).

WESTERN IDAHO YOUTH SUPPORT CENTER UPDATE

Cas Adams, SWDH Project Manager, provided an update on the Western Idaho Youth Support Center (WIYSC), a partnership between SWDH and Clarvida (formerly known as Pathways of Idaho). The crisis center is now open at a temporary location. The new location will be on Hawaii near 12th Avenue. Primarily, WIYSC serves youth ages 10-17 from the six counties within SWDH's region. The center is open 24/7/365. Consent to treat is required in all situations and no appointments are necessary. Since opening in January, the center has seen an average of four clients per week.

BOARD OF HEALTH LEADERSHIP POSITION ELECTIONS

Board members discussed leadership position elections and agreed to keep elected positions as they are for now and re-evaluate in January.

BOARD BYLAW REVIEW

Nikki shared board bylaws with members for the bi-annual review. She added language around how the Board of Health Physician representative is appointed so a process to reference is available. Nikki asked for input for any additional changes and will bring this topic back next month as an action item. Board members had no input or changes. The bylaws will be added to the July agenda as an action item for review and approval.

H5N1 AVIAN INFLUENZA VERBAL UPDATE

Cate Lewis, SWDH epidemiologist, provided a verbal update on H5N1 Avian Influenza. She explained that avian influenza is of interest to public health primarily due to the possibility of the virus changing. Health Alert Network (HAN) notifications have been sent out to veterinarians in the community to provide information specific to cats and the virus. Per Board member request, Cate will get information on specific testing methods.

TRUSTEE MEETING UPDATE

Nikki provided an update from the last trustee meeting. Commissioner Aberasturi attended as the trustee for SWDH. The trustees voted to approve a new funding formula for the home visiting appropriation and reviewed the funding formula for the Millennium Fund appropriation.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Resolutions for the annual Idaho Association of District Boards of Health Meeting: Nikki asked board members if there were any resolutions they would like to propose for the annual Idaho Association of District Boards of Health meeting in October. Though several months away, other boards will need to review the resolution(s) before the annual meeting and not all boards meet monthly. Nikki asked that board members bring ideas forward at next month's meeting. District 7's director is developing a resolution to propose statute changes to the solid waste enforcement authority. Last year, some counties had interest in and worked on a bill that would require rural subdivisions to install public water systems to reduce the number of new wells being put in the ground.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Nikole Zogg
Secretary to the Board



Kelly Aberasturi
Vice-Chairman

Date: July 23, 2024