



BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, August 27, 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, Don Lee, Rick Stimpson, Troy Cunningham, Dr. Perry Jansen, Ricky Bowman, Andy Nutting, Anna Briggs

Virtual attendees: Jeff Renn, Hannah Crumrine, Monique Evancic

GUESTS: None

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Kelly Aberasturi called the meeting to order at 9:01 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

Staff reported no public comment given. No members of the public were present.

OPEN DISCUSSION

There were no items for open discussion.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – JULY 23, 2024

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

MOTION: Commissioner Riebe made a motion to approve the July 23, 2024 meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Brooks seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passes.

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 15, 2024

Board members reviewed special meeting minutes from the August 15, 2024 special meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Riebe made a motion to approve the August 15, 2024 Special Board of Health meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Brooks seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passes.

JULY 2024 EXPENDITURE AND REVENUE REPORT

Troy Cunningham, Financial Manager, shared several Luma successes related to getting account reports to balance. This allows a trial balance for Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) to be developed and FY24 reports to be compiled. At this point in the fiscal year, the target is 8.3%. Troy noted that this fiscal year, Millennium Funds will route through Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (IDHW) and will now show in our primary fund with no reversion. Troy also reported that county contributions are on target and fee revenues are down slightly. Contract revenue is up slightly.

The move to Magellan has impacted the contract revenue showing for the adult crisis center and youth center due to a lump sum of funds being sent. Troy anticipates contract revenue being exceeded because under the new contract with Magellan there will not be any medical billing and; therefore, no fee revenue.

SOURCES OF STRENGTH PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Hannah Crumrine, Program Manager for Sources of Strength, joined the meeting to share an overview of suicide prevention programs available across the state directly to schools and districts through regional contractors and also through several contractors supporting individual districts based on population and the number of schools participating in Sources of Strength program. Resources provided to schools and communities are designed to help intervene during a suicidal emergency.

A gatekeeper training called “Suicide Prevention Fundamentals Instruction” is designed to teach people how to identify risk factors and warning signs and safely get someone to help. The training has been provided to 216 school personnel in District 3 and is also offered in the community.

Another program, Sources of Strength, has trained 28 adults and 140 youth peer leaders. This program is being rolled out to elementary schools with about 60 schools receiving training.

Board members asked how program success is measured. Hannah shared that one measurement tool is the use of a pretest and posttest and other tools include feedback from districts. Hannah is evaluating how to measure the value to schools beyond the pretest and posttest.

IMMIGRATION PHYSICALS FEE FOLLOW UP

Beth Kriete, Family and Clinic Services Division Administrator, presented follow-up information requested at last month's Board of Health meeting regarding the request to add a new clinic service for immigration physicals. This physical requires a doctor certified as a civil surgeon and Dr. Jansen now has that certification. These exams include an overall wellness exam, screening for infectious disease, and an immunization review. The requested cost for this service is \$550 which is on track for a 60-minute visit with a physician.

Beth shared that several clinics in our region provide this service. Three of five providers are booked out through October for these exams, and they are offered two days per month. One of the clinics offers a varied schedule and one of the clinics utilizes an out of state provider to provide the exams. Valley Family Health was very supportive of another provider assisting with this service.

Dr. Jansen shared that the other issue individuals seeking this exam face is the timeframe of five weeks for those navigating this process and the inability to schedule and complete the exam within that timeframe. In response to board member questions about how many immigration physicals SWDH might provide, Dr. Jansen responded that he anticipates providing a few per week at most. Nurse practitioners and physicians' assistants cannot provide this service. There is an additional certification to become a civil surgeon that must be met to be authorized to provide this examination.

Dr. Jansen explained that during the exams, physicians screen for infectious disease, for overall health and chronic diseases like hypertension, diabetes, mental health problems, and significant substance abuse problems. This examination supports legal immigration. Those who are following the legal process for immigration have already seen a panel physician for the initial examination.

Commissioner Brooks asked who funds the treatment for active tuberculosis. Dr. Jansen explained that a specific grant for tuberculosis treatment allows for funding of treatment and SWDH stocks tuberculosis treatment medications. Commissioner Aberasturi asked why someone with active tuberculosis would be allowed into the United States. Dr. Jansen explained that the sole agency that can allow anyone into the country is Department of Homeland Security.

Board members asked that this fee be documented for future evaluation purposes and included in the annual fee approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Riebe made a motion to approve the immigration physical at a fee of \$550 excluding lab fees and vaccines. Dr. Tribble seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passes.

MEASLES RESPONSE PLAN UPDATE

As a follow up to Board member questions at the June 2024 Board of Health meeting, Andy Nutting, Ricky Bowman, and Anna Briggs presented an update to the SWDH Measles Response Plan. Andy provided a timeline of vaccine development and elimination of measles in the U.S. Prior to 1963, the graph shows that the overall number of cases was in the thousands and after 1963 the case numbers drop. By 1963, the vaccine was improved further decreasing overall numbers of measles. Around 1989, measles elimination goal was reached.

Since the start of 2024, there have been 219 cases in the United States. Andy explained the technical term outbreak represents anything more than two epidemiologically-linked cases. Ricky shared that in the epidemiology world, the word outbreak can be an isolated outbreak such as a household outbreak or community-wide outbreak. Andy also clarified that the term elimination refers to lack of endemic

spread of the disease within the country, meaning that measles is being introduced into the population through overseas travel (i.e., coming to or returning to the United States).

Andy presented information on morbidity, complications, and at-risk groups. Complications can contribute to permanent disability. Currently, about one in five unvaccinated people with measles are hospitalized. Diarrhea, ear infection, pneumonia, and encephalitis are potential complications.

Dr. Tribble stated that one concern is chronic disease especially in children (autism, metabolic disorder, obesity) has increased drastically and a lot of people are looking back retrospectively at the number of vaccines which correlates with the exponential rise in chronic disease in children. Dr. Jansen explained that the health district's responsibility is to be sure we prevent an outbreak of measles where we have community transmission in a school.

Andy addressed Board members' request for local level measles immunization data and explained there is no usable data available at the local level due to lack of records available. Immunization Reminder Information System (IRIS) provides immunization completion information in a centralized location but often has incomplete information for out of state newcomers. The age of the IRIS registry and the resources needed to clean data are barriers to collecting data.

Dr. Tribble stated that with the numbers, morbidity rates, and infection rates, the risk of the disease does not support the response of pulling kids from school. He asked why staff are pushing for a measles response plan. Nikki explained that reporting of the disease is required by statute and with a measles outbreak in Oregon and a measles case in our district last year as well as a case in eastern Idaho, SWDH staff want to know what our Board's position is and if the Board will support us in carrying out the laws we are required to.

IMMUNIZATIONS PROGRAM UPDATE

At last month's Board meeting, Dr. Tribble suggested reviewing which funds are being used for COVID immunization and if the public would support us continuing to do that. He also asked for information on the number of COVID immunizations the SWDH clinic has administered this calendar year.

Rick Stimpson reported that between November 2023 and August 2024, the clinic purchased 120 doses of COVID vaccine and used 48 of those. The State of Idaho through different funding sources also provided 80 doses. Unused expired doses can be exchanged.

Commissioner Brooks indicated he would be in support of a policy where SWDH does not provide COVID shots. Commissioner Purdy and Dr. Tribble voiced support for Commissioner Brooks' suggestion. Commissioner Riebe and Chairman Aberasturi noted that if the COVID immunization is something the public is asking for they do not see a reason not to provide it and are not comfortable telling individuals SWDH will not provide an immunization just because it is something they don't agree with. Commissioner Brooks does not feel taxpayers should have to pay for COVID immunizations. He would agree if SWDH was the only location offering the COVID shot but we are not.

Dr. Tribble stated that the concern needs to be for the public's safety and said increasing evidence suggesting efficacy is different and there are more and more studies showing negative efficacy of shots and side effects and excess death numbers that cannot be ignored.

Dr. Tribble referenced a large study out of the Cleveland clinic in Ohio as one of many he has been looking at. He said the studies raise questions and concerns for him yet, despite misinformation we were given or lied to about there has been no accountability.

Based on board member discussion, Rick will not purchase any additional COVID immunizations. Board members requested an agenda item at an upcoming meeting to discuss whether SWDH administers COVID immunizations.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION 218 STAFF SURVEY RESULTS REVIEW AND DECISION

Nikki shared updated survey results from the survey distributed to staff regarding the Social Security Administration 218 referendum. Though several more responses were received, the end results were not impacted. The next step is for ballots to be mailed to employees' home residences.

RESOLUTION REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Last month, Nikki discussed current resolutions that the Idaho Association of District Boards of Health (IADBH) has in place. As a reminder, once the resolutions are approved by IADBH members at the business meeting each year, they are in place for three years. The current date shown on the resolutions represents when they were created or adopted.

Nikki reminded board members that when staff revise a resolution or create a new resolution for consideration at the annual meeting, our Board must first approve it. Then the resolution must be reviewed by the other district boards. This approval process needs to be completed before the annual IADBH meeting in October.

The Board reviewed two resolutions from other health districts. One related to establishing data sharing tools to improve WIC participation among eligible Medicaid recipients. The second related to removing the public health districts' responsibilities for enforcement of the solid waste program.

Nikki then asked for the Board to review the edits to four existing resolutions related to food fees, recreational marijuana, childhood immunizations, and substance use and overdose provider education. Nikki also introduced a new resolution that requests a statute change to allow public health districts to opt out of using the State Treasury and establish their banking through an FDIC insured bank.

MOTION: Commissioner Haines made a motion to approve the five resolutions including: Resolution Opposing the Legalization of Recreational (Non-medical) Marijuana (19-03); Resolution Supporting Childhood Immunizations (19-06); Resolution Concerning Prevention ... Through Prescriber Education (17-02); Resolution to Remove the Food Establishment License Fee in Idaho Code (22-02) and Resolution to Change Statute to Allow Public Health Districts to Withdraw from State Treasury as amended to take to the Idaho Association of District Boards of Health. Commissioner Riebe seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passes.

REVIEW AND APPROVE POSITION STATEMENTS

This agenda item will move to next month.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

IADBH Fall Conference Registration and Proxy Forms

Conference registrations are coming up for the annual meeting in Idaho Falls. Katrina will help Board members coordinate travel. Proxy forms will be available for board members unable to attend.

CONTRACT REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

Nikki initiated discussion of a recent contract renewal of \$173,000 to support statutorily required work for prevention of viral respiratory illnesses. This includes investigating viral respiratory illnesses of public health concern in congregate settings and responding to and assisting facilities with outbreak control measures. Our staff person doing this work is available when hospital and long-term care facility infection control, school nurses, or daycare centers call but also holds proactive learning sessions for them. These learning sessions are particularly helpful for long-term care facilities due to turnover of maintenance/facility and nursing staff. The training allows continuity and helps ensure compliance with practices and address concerns and questions as they arise. Nikki shared this information to make Board members aware. The contract has already been signed and Commissioner Aberasturi has reviewed it.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was held.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Nikole Zogg
Secretary to the Board



Kelly Aberasturi
Vice-Chairman

Date: September 17, 2024