



BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, October 22, 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, Don Lee, Beth Kriete, Rick Stimpson, Troy Cunningham, Dr. Perry Jansen, Anna Briggs

Virtual attendees: Jeff Renn, Monique Evancic, Dean Page

GUESTS: Approximately 30 members of the public attended the meeting in person. Virtual guest presenters and contributors also attended.

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Kelly Aberasturi called the meeting to order at 9:00 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 Brooks made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Riebe seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(b), Commissioner Butticci made a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:03 a.m. Commissioner Riebe seconded the motion. Roll call taken; all board members in attendance.

At 9:09 a.m., Board members exited Executive Session.

ACTION TAKEN AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session.

IN-PERSON PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public provided public comment.

OPEN DISCUSSION

No items for open discussion.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

Division administrators introduced new employees.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 17, 2024

Board members reviewed meeting minutes from the September 17, 2024 Board of Health meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Riebe made a motion to approve the September 17, 2024 Board of Health meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Brooks seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passes.

DIRECTORS REPORT

Idaho Association of Public Health District Directors Meeting (IAPHDD)

At the IAPHDD meeting held last month, the district directors heard from Alex Adams, newly appointed Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (IDHW) Director. The group discussed changes that may impact public health districts (PHDs) including citizen review panels (CRPs) and public pool inspections.

Board members briefly discussed ensuring that the scope of work and funding to support these activities are aligned. Nikki shared that from the districts’ perspectives, regarding public pool inspections, it would be ideal to discuss the scope of work and ensure that each of the boards can set their own fees as we have the authority. This would require removing the fee currently established in Idaho Code.

The district directors also met with Director Jess Byrne from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and discussed the solid waste program and the municipal landfills. Currently, there is no clear direction from DEQ regarding the future role of the districts in these programs.

Lastly, the group discussed waning participation in the annual Idaho Association of District Boards of Health (IADBH) meeting over the last nine years. The person chairing the meeting at District 7 for the Idaho Association of District Boards of Health (IADBH) meeting may bring this subject up at the meeting scheduled for October 22-24, 2024 in Idaho Falls.

Public Health Symposium

The Public Health Symposium this year will be held on Tuesday, December 17, prior to the December Board of Health meeting.

Idaho Association of District Boards of Health Meeting and Proxy Forms

The fall IADBH meeting, hosted by District 7, is scheduled for October 22-24, 2024 in Idaho Falls. The discussion of and voting on resolutions is scheduled at 2:00 p.m. on October 24. Proxy forms will be available for board members unable to attend. Commissioners Brooks, Aberasturi and Purdy are attending and may be designated as proxy.

EXPENDITURE AND REVENUE REPORTING TIMELINE

Nikki asked Board members to consider adjusting the timeline of the presentation of monthly expenditure and revenue reports to help ensure concrete, accurate data are available. For example, August reports would be presented at the October meeting. If there is an imminent or pressing item, Troy will present it to the board.

MOTION: Commissioner Riebe made a motion to adjust the timeline of the presentation of monthly expenditure and revenue reports as requested. Commissioner Butticci seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed. Motion passes.

SEPTEMBER 2024 EXPENDITURE AND REVENUE REPORT

Troy Cunningham, Financial Manager, presented the September 2024 Monthly Expenditure and Revenue Report. The target at this point in the fiscal year is 25% and we are on budget in both expenditures and revenues.

QUARTERLY CONTRACTS AND REVENUE REPORT STATUS UPDATE

Troy provided an overview of the quarterly contracts and revenue report.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION 218 PARTICIPATION VOTE NEXT STEPS

Don Lee, SWDH Chief Operating Officer, shared that the result of the recent Social Security Administration Referendum vote was 46 votes counted as Yes and 51 counted as No. This means that all employees at SWDH will no longer participate in social security. Next steps at this point are working with the State Controller's office (SCO) to develop a 401(a) option in Luma. The anticipated completion date for this project is the end of the first quarter of the calendar year.

FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE/FOSTER CARE BENEFITS

Don Lee asked for Board support for providing two weeks paid parental leave for those staff taking a foster child into their homes. This aligns with what several other private agencies are offering. Currently, the state offers eight weeks paid parental leave. This leave for foster parents is not a benefit SWDH currently offers.

MOTION: Commissioner Butticci made a motion to implement two weeks of paid parental leave for use during a transition for a household to accept a foster child. Commissioner Purdy seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passes.

WIC LEASE AGREEMENT APPROVAL

Beth Kriete, Family and Clinic Services Division Administrator, requested board approval to lease office space at the Idaho Hispanic Community Center to expand the Nampa WIC office. The lease is \$1,500 per month with utilities included. The cost was budgeted for fiscal year 2025.

MOTION: Commissioner Brooks made a motion to approve the Idaho Hispanic Community Center lease at \$1,500 per month. Dr. Tribble seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passes.

COVID-19 VACCINE AVAILABILITY AT SWDH CLINICS

Dr. Jansen presented slides and data regarding safety and efficacy of the COVID-19 vaccine. He emphasized freedom of choice and encouraged board members to safeguard the provider and patient

relationship. He also pointed out that SWDH provides the vaccine at a reduced cost compared to other clinic and pharmacy locations.

Dr. Tribble and guest presenters provided slides regarding significant adverse effects to the COVID-19 vaccine and emphasized a significant lack of trust in health care, public health, and health care in general.

MOTION: Commissioner Brooks made a motion that SWDH no longer provides or administers the COVID vaccine. Commissioner Purdy seconded the motion. Commissioner Brooks, Commissioner Buttici, Commissioner Purdy, and Dr. Tribble voted in support of the motion. Commissioner Aberasturi, Commissioner Haines, and Commissioner Riebe opposed the discontinuation.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Nikole Zogg
Secretary to the Board



Kelly Aberasturi
Vice-Chairman

Date: November 19, 2024