



BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, February 25, 2025

BOARD MEMBERS:

Jennifer Riebe, Commissioner, Payette County – present
Jim Harberd, 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, Vito Kelso, Monique Evancic, Dr. Anna Briggs

Virtual attendees: Colton Osborne

GUESTS: None

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Kelly Aberasturi called the meeting to order at 10:01 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 Harberd – 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 Riebe made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Purdy seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passes.

IN-PERSON PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment provided in person.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

Division administrators introduced new employees.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – DECEMBER 17, 2024

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

MOTION: Commissioner Brooks made a motion to approve the December 17, 2024 meeting minutes as corrected. Commissioner Riebe seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passes.

SECOND AMENDED 2025 BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING CALENDAR REAPPROVAL

Board members reviewed the second amended 2025 proposed Board of Health meeting calendar. The calendar was amended to change the September meeting date due to a conflict with the Idaho Association of Counties (IAC) Annual Conference.

MOTION: Commissioner Brooks made a motion to approve the seconded amended 2025 Board of Health meeting calendar. Commissioner Riebe seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passes.

NOVEMBER 2024 AND DECEMBER 2024 MONTHLY EXPENDITURE AND REVENUE REPORT

Don Lee, Chief Operating Officer, announced the retirement last month of Troy Cunningham. Don provided an overview of the November 2024 and December 2024 Monthly Expenditure and Revenue Reports.

PRE-PROSECUTION DIVERSION LEASE AGREEMENT REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

Vito Kelso, Pre-Prosecution Diversion Program, and Nikki Zogg, District Director, shared information on the lease agreement for space for the Pre-Prosecuting Diversion program. The lease will expire at the end of the grant period. The building is located in Caldwell off of the Blvd off of Blaine above Stewart's Bar and Grill. Initially, there will be three staff working in the building. The other office space will be offered to up to ten other individuals in the other sectors of behavioral health and support services.

BOARD OF HEALTH LEADERSHIP POSITION ELECTIONS

Board members discussed leadership positions for the Board of Health including Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Executive Council and Trustee.

BOARD OF HEALTH CHAIRMAN POSITION

MOTION: Commissioner Brooks made a motion to appoint Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi. Commissioner Purdy seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passes.

BOARD OF HEALTH VICE-CHAIRMAN POSITION

MOTION: Viki Purdy nominated Commissioner Brooks as Board of Health Vice-Chair. Dr. Tribble seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passes.

APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

MOTION: Commissioner Brooks made a motion to appoint Commissioner Viki Purdy as Executive Council Representative. Dr. Tribble seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passes.

APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEE

MOTION: Commissioner Brooks made a motion to appoint Commissioner Kelly Aberasturi to continue as Trustee. Commissioner Purdy seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passes.

Nikki asked for guidance on which month to hold board leadership position elections moving forward. Board members agree January for board elections rather than June. Board of Health leadership positions will be revisited in January 2026.

COMMUNICATIONS 2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

Monique Evancic, Marketing and Communications Manager, shared an overview of last year's SWDH communications activities. Last year, SWDH received over 90 media mentions through a combination of local, regional, and national news outlets as well as a few international coverage mentions.

Last spring SWDH launched an E-Newsletter using an email distribution list with about 15,000 customers. The newsletter averages a 42% open rate. This allows our communications to branch out to existing customers and encourages cross-promotion of our services. Some of the topics covered in the E-Newsletter last year included mental health, emergency preparedness, harmful algae blooms, the senior produce program and the 988 hotline.

Monique is also working on a rewrite of our Crisis Communications Plan to increase its user-friendliness and allow it to be quick and easy to use in an emergency situation.

CHILDHOOD MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY TRENDS IN DISTRICT 3

Dr. Anna Briggs, SWDH Research Analyst Principal, provided information on childhood morbidity and mortality. She defined morbidity as illness and mortality as death. To support IDHW's overall goal to reduce the number of children in foster care, SWDH has joined in. Dr. Briggs noted that all of these data are from external sources within the same 5-year timeframe. Concerning trends included the rate of suicide among youth and risky and unhealthy behaviors. Also noted, there is a growing gap of recent survey data to inform policy makers about the health status and behavior trends of Idaho youth.

DRAFT FOOD ESTABLISHMENT LICENSE FEES

Commissioner Brooks provided an update on the efforts to revisit food fees by developing legislation allowing health districts to set their own fees. He has met with decisions makers to present the methodology for fee determination and will follow up with the Committee Chairman to answer questions and ask for the bill to be printed.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL UPDATE

Commissioner Purdy provided an update from the recent Executive Council meeting. She shared that the State is trying to address issues with ambulance districts and summarized the legislation around how Board of Health members are chosen. Other topics from the Executive Council meeting included discussion of legislation proposing to remove public pool oversight, proposal to modify daycare licensing, and 340b pharmacy bill information.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Lands site visit with Board of Health members

The SWDH Land Development Team will be reaching out to invite Board of Health members to join an install process or inspection process.

Sub Surface Sewage Disposal settlement with Risk Management

A settlement has been reached regarding the subsurface sewage disposal tort claim filed.

Millennium Fund and State Funding Update

The Division of Public Health at IDHW is still waiting for their Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee hearing. Once that hearing occurs, SWDH will have a better idea if any subgrants will be changing in fiscal year 2026.

Legislative Updates

These legislative updates were included in the Executive Council Report.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Board members have no suggested future agenda items. Chairman Aberasturi asked Vice-Chairman Brooks to chair the Board of Health meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 18, 2025.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Nikole Zogg
Secretary to the Board

Approved as written:



Kelly Aberasturi
Chairman

Date: March 18, 2025