



**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, August 26, 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 via Microsoft Teams  
Bill Buttici, Commissioner, Gem County – present

**STAFF MEMBERS:**

In person: Nikki Zogg, Katrina Williams, Don Lee, Beth Kriete, Ben Shatto, Michele Hanrahan, Cas Waldron

Virtual: Colton Osborne

**GUESTS:** Abbey Erquiaga, Jace Perry

**CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

Chairman Kelly Aberasturi called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Chairman Aberasturi – present; Dr. John Tribble – present via Microsoft Teams ; Commissioner Purdy – present; Commissioner Harberd – present; Vice Chairman Brooks –present; Commissioner Riebe – present; Commissioner Buttici – 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 Buttici made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Riebe seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passes.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was provided in person and no public comments were submitted through the online submission mechanism.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES**

Division Administrators introduced the new employees.

**APPROVAL OF JULY 2025 MEETING MINUTES**

Board members reviewed meeting minutes from the July 22, 2025, Board of Health meeting.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Riebe made a motion to approve the July 22, 2025 meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Brooks seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passes.

#### **JUNE 2025 EXPENDITURE AND REVENUE REPORT**

Michele Hanrahan, Financial Officer, provided the June 2025 Expenditure and Revenue Report. She explained that this report represents the end of the fiscal year.

The crisis center funds for both youth and adult centers are included in fund balances provided. The adult crisis center shows more revenue received than anticipated.

#### **CRISIS CENTER OVERVIEWS**

Cas Waldron, Program Manager, presented an overview of the Western Idaho Community Crisis Center (WIDCCC) and the Western Idaho Youth Support Center (WIYSC).

The goal of the crisis centers is to divert individuals from unnecessary interactions with law enforcement, to prevent involvement in the juvenile justice system, avoid admissions to emergency departments/hospitals/in-patient for a behavioral health crisis, to prevent individuals from engaging in harmful behaviors, and to de-escalate crisis situations and return individuals safely back into their homes and communities.

167 individuals have been served at WIYSC during Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25). The center serves primarily male clients with an average age of 13. Of these individuals, approximately 26 youth were diverted from systems or harmful behavior. Cas explained that system diversions include hospitals, juvenile detention, police or 911 involvement.

For FY25, the Western Idaho Community Crisis Center has served an average of 77 adults per quarter and helped divert them from systems and self-harm. Adults are historically less likely to accept referrals and only 30% of admissions result in at least one connection to care.

#### **CLEARWATER FINANCIAL EARLY REPORTING – DEMOGRAPHICS AND STAKEHOLDERS**

Clearwater Financial reported on the progress made in the task of completing a situational analysis for Southwest District Health including the counties served and locations of services. Clearwater Financial staff shared information and overviews on information including space allocation, land and facility usage, demographics, and stakeholder input.

Board members discussed the plan for addressing the issues these reports have brought to our attention. Nikki explained some of these issues are included in our facility plan and others will be incorporated after the report from Clearwater Financial is complete.

#### **DIRECTOR DELEGATED AUTHORITIES – PART 2**

Board members continued their review of the District Director's delegated authority activities by reviewing a portion of the information on subgrants, contracts, agreements, pending grant applications, and standing purchase orders over \$5,000 staff have compiled. Discussion topics included ensuring SWDH staff differentiate between grants or subgrants that help fund a task the health district is statutorily required to do versus an idea staff would like to pursue. Nikki explained that while subgrants sometimes support foundational public health responsibilities, some of the work supported is driven by

community input and is intended to fill needs and gaps across our six counties and is not necessarily statutorily required.

Commissioner Purdy suggested that SWDH staff not be applying for grants unless the county commissioners are actually asking for them and the work supported is something the commissioners feel is needed or wanted by their communities.

Chairman Aberasturi clarified that some of the board members would like to see all the grants SWDH is awarded be analyzed to determine what the benefits are, how much the grant is, how much is being spent, and how much good is going to the citizens.

Commissioner Brooks discussed the process standpoint asking that grants brought to Nikki's level should be brought to the board for an evaluation to determine whether the grant is pursued or accepted.

### **IADBH DRAFT RESOLUTIONS AND POSITION STATEMENTS**

Nikki shared draft resolutions and position statements to be discussed at the annual Idaho Association of District Boards of Health (IADBH) in October.

- Resolution in Support of Provision of Clinical Services
  - o District 6 will be introducing this resolution at the October IADBH and per the association bylaws the resolutions are shared out in advance of the annual IADBH meeting. Resolution is setting out reasons to continue to provide clinic services.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

#### **Federal Funding Update**

Nikki provided an update on federal funding concerns that were shared in June when there was uncertainty around what subgrants would be coming. Nikki explained that at this point all subgrants from that time have been received. One of the subgrants was reduced and this reduction corresponded with the retirement of a staff person supported partly through that subgrant and that position will not be refilled. Other reductions were not significant enough to require action.

Moving forward, state staff have notified health district staff to anticipate further delays and possible reductions. Nikki will notify board members accordingly.

Lastly, Nikki explained that SWDH does not receive many state funds and does not expect a budgetary impact from the Governor's request that all state agencies implement a 3% holdback of general funds. Nikki will keep board members informed.

#### **IADBH Travel**

Katrina will coordinate hotel arrangements and conference registrations for Board members for the upcoming Idaho Association of District Boards of Health (IADBH) conference in October hosted by SWDH and held at Central District Health in Boise.

#### **New Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (IDHW) Director**

Juliet Charron has been appointed as Director for Idaho Department of Health and Welfare following Alex Adams' appointment to President Trump's cabinet board.

**Notice of Violation**

Following notification from a citizen about unpermitted septic work being performed by an unlicensed installer, SWDH staff looked into the matter and have referred it on to the County Prosecuting Attorney.

**SWDH Named in Lawsuit**

Southwest District Health has been named in a lawsuit regarding some septic systems that were permitted in Washington County. The lawsuit also names Washington County. SWDH legal counsel reviewed the filing and filed in response a motion to dismiss.

**Partnership for Success Presentation – Follow Up Information**

Nikki shared data around the significant decline in substance use reported in 1980s shown on the graph in Tara Woodward’s presentation last month. This information is shared in response to Commissioner Riebe’s question about the cause of the decline. Nikki explained that research indicates a combination of cultural influence, political and law enforcement pressures, anti-drug messaging, and celebrity endorsements created a short-term decrease in substance use and then in the 90s shifts in cultural norms and less focus on prevention contributed to the upswing again.

**Future Agenda Items**

There are no future agenda items for discussion.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved as written:

Nikole Zogg  
Secretary to the Board

Kelly Aberasturi  
Chairman

Date: September 22, 2025