



BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, October 28, 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 Harshman, Don Lee, Beth Kriete, Ben Shatto, Michele Hanrahan, Michelle Schildhauer, Ricky Bowman, Molly Smith

Virtual: Colton Osborne

GUESTS: Abbey Erquiaga, Jace Perry, Amanda Swails

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Chairman Aberasturi – present; Dr. John Tribble – present; Commissioner Purdy – present;
Commissioner Harberd – present; Vice Chairman 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 Brooks 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

No new employees were introduced.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 2025 MEETING MINUTES

Board members reviewed meeting minutes from the September 2025 Board of Health meeting.

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

AUGUST 2025 EXPENDITURE AND REVENUE REPORT

Michele Hanrahan, Financial Officer, provided the August 2025 Expenditure and Revenue Report. Program expenditures are slightly lower than the target. Personnel is also slightly lower than target due to several vacant positions.

Board members asked what is included in the administration costs noted on the top line. Michele will look into that and report back.

CONTRACT SERVICES AND GRANT APPLICATIONS

There are no grant applications in process to share. Don Lee, Chief Operating Officer, explained that staff have been working to identify grants that may help support counties directly. One example is recent discussions with Adams County regarding a small grant with Delta Dental to provide a water filling station. The county elected to not move forward with that as the grant did not support the cost.

In addition, Diane, SWDH grant writer, and Don met with Canyon County Ambulance District to share information about a grant for one-time purchasing of equipment. Staff are keeping an eye open for opportunities that might be of interest to counties.

FISCAL YEAR 2026 OPIOID PLAN ADJUSTMENT

Michele Schildhauer, SWDH Program Manager, presented a request for reallocation of \$43,200 that Board members previously allocated to behavioral health home visitor support. She explained SWDH received two grants to cover the project goals for that expense including \$19,000 from City of Nampa's opioid settlement funds to provide counseling and \$20,000 from Laura Moore Cunningham foundation that can be used to support home visiting through books, educational toys, and group activities.

She asked that the \$43,200 be reallocated to provide funds to focus on training and certification for 36 master's level clinicians who work in the district to become certified in focused cognitive behavioral therapy. This treatment focuses on youth ages 3 to 18 and helps the youth reframe experiences and move forward. The funds would also allow certification for 33 peer support specialists, an evidence-based practice effective for patients working through substance use or mental health treatment.

Board members discussed questions about negative impacts of trauma focused therapy and how evidence-based research supports its use. Michelle explained that a pre-assessment is typically used and peer support is an evidence-based practice pairing someone with lived experience such as substance use or mental health diagnoses with someone currently working through that treatment. Research shows this pairing provides more substantial recovery and more treatment compliance.

MOTION: Commissioner Buttici made a motion to reallocate the funds of \$43,200 from operating supplies for the behavioral health provider and home visiting programs to the training and certification as requested. Commissioner Harberd seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passes.

DISASTER READINESS TABLETOP EXERCISE

Ricky Bowman, SWDH Program Manager, and Molly Smith, SWDH Training and Exercise Coordinator for the SWDH Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Epidemiology Response (PHEPER) Team shared a disaster readiness tabletop exercise.

Last year, Ricky and Molly presented information to Board members regarding what is involved with being an administrator during a natural disaster. This tabletop follows up on that training to show what a flooding scenario looks like from an emergency responder perspective and what the SWDH (i.e., public health) lens looks like for a response and recovery.

The group discussed the differences between outbreaks declared by public health and emergency declarations issued by Boards of County Commissioners. Molly and Ricky also shared information on public health considerations during a flood incident including environmental health (well water contamination, septic systems failures, epidemiology (diseases spread from failed wells or septic systems, mosquitos and mosquito borne diseases) and stressed hospital systems.

Dr. Tribble asked about the plan to mobilize and utilize volunteers during a national disaster. Ricky explained the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) helps provide volunteers.

DISTRICT BOARDS OF HEALTH MEETING RECAP

Viki Purdy, Board of Health Executive Council Representative, shared a recap of the Idaho District Boards of Health (IADBH) held October 15-16, 2025 at Central District Health in Boise.

CLEARWATER FINANCIAL SITUATIONAL ANALYSIS REPORTS

Clearwater Financial staff provided updates on the situational analysis reports. These reports summarize the internal stakeholder summary report and external stakeholder summary report intended to represent the district's voice regarding facility improvements. Areas where feedback intersects will help to inform the master facilities plan and help guide the district.

The single most consistent theme amongst external stakeholders is public lack of awareness and limited public perception of health district services and also perception that services are only available to people with a certain income level or demographic. Some stakeholders encouraged more proactive communication.

Amanda Swails shared information about the emerging themes. The next steps in the process are to transition into scenario building, meet with citizen committee again, then come back to the board with another update including more specific scenario solutions.

DECEMBER 2025 BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING DATE

Board members were asked to consider cancelling or rescheduling the December meeting date due to conflicts with holiday travel.

MOTION: Commissioner Brooks made a motion to cancel the December Board of Health meeting. Commissioner Riebe seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passes.

DIRECTORS REPORT

Director and Board Member Meetings

Nikki extended an invitation to Board members to meet with her individually to discuss input for the annual Board of Health workplan.

Lawsuit Dismissal

The lawsuit involving properties in Washington County has been dismissed.

Funding Update

From the federal side, there has not been much funding impact to health districts. Next fiscal year there may be some home visiting program funding cuts from the state side and health district directors are working to address those.

Report Summary of Grants, Contracts, Subgrants, Obligations Signed

To follow up on Board's direction to be kept informed of what Nikki has signed, Nikki has provided a report summary of grants, contracts, subgrants and obligations signed. Anything that is up and coming over \$50,000 threshold will be presented to the Board separately.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Nikole Zogg
Secretary to the Board

Approved as written:



Kelly Aberasturi
Chairman

Date: November 18, 2025