



**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, November 18, 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 – not present  
John Tribble, MD, Physician Representative – present  
Bill Butticci, Commissioner, Gem County – not present

**STAFF MEMBERS:**

In person: Nikki Zogg, Katrina Harshman, Don Lee, Beth Kriete, Ben Shatto, Michele Hanrahan, Rick Stimpson

Virtual: Colton Osborne

**GUESTS:** None

**CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Chairman Aberasturi – present; Dr. John Tribble – present; Commissioner Purdy – not present;  
Commissioner Harberd – present; Vice Chairman Brooks –present; Commissioner Riebe –present;  
Commissioner Butticci – not 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 Harberd 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 OCTOBER 2025 MEETING MINUTES**

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

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

**SEPTEMBER 2025 EXPENDITURE AND REVENUE REPORT**

Michele Hanrahan, Financial Officer, provided the September 2025 Expenditure and Revenue Report.

**BOARD MEMBER PAYMENT REVISION**

The process for Board member statutory salary payments has changed slightly. Michele explained that this will not impact Board members but involves a change in process in Luma.

**ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM AND TRENDS OVERVIEW**

Rick Stimpson, SWDH Clinics Manager, provided an overview of the SWDH oral health program and oral health trends in the counties SWDH serves. The oral health program provides onsite sealant and oral health screening services and education. In advance of providing services, SWDH staff work with the school nurse and administrators to send out permission forms to let parents and guardians know the services are available for kindergarteners through third grade. The screening and fluoride varnish services are available on an opt-in basis.

Funding for the oral health program is provided through a subgrant from the state of Idaho. Board members asked questions about the rate of return of permission slips and evidence that fluoride may have detrimental effects. Board members also asked about how many children Delta Dental provides care to at school clinics. Rick will work on getting answers to the Board members' questions and follow up at a future meeting.

**REVIEW AND APPROVE 2026 BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING CALENDAR**

Board members reviewed the proposed 2026 Board of Health meeting schedule and discussed the best meeting date in January to avoid scheduling conflicts with the Martin Luther King holiday and the Idaho Association of Counties (IAC) Midwinter Conference scheduled for January 26-29, 2026. Board members agree Thursday, January 22 is the best date.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Riebe made a motion to accept the Board of Health 2026 meeting calendar as presented with the change of the January 2026 meeting date to January 22. Commissioner Brooks seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passes.

**REVIEW AND APPROVE 2026 BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING WORKPLAN**

Nikki Zogg, SWDH District Director, shared the 2026 Board of Health Workplan for board member review and approval. The workplan does not yet include many board education items but does show the general business items and budget development items. She asked board members to provide input on items they would like to see on the workplan.

## **REVIEW AND APPROVE 2026 SOUTHWEST DISTRICT HEALTH POSITION STATEMENTS**

Nikki has found it helpful to have conversations with Board members in advance of the legislative session to clarify where the district stands and what Board members support. The position statements represent foundational public health prevention stances.

Nikki pointed out the position statement about supporting funding for home visiting programs. There are several changes around home visiting funding across the state that jeopardizes the programs.

Commissioner Brooks asked how the Medicaid funding will be impacted if the legislature repeals Medicare expansion. Some providers have already experienced a reduction in funding and some prevention focused services are no longer covered. Beth Kriete, SWDH Family and Clinic Services Division Administrator, anticipates more service providers will stop accepting Medicaid.

Nikki explained another position statement around behavioral health that addresses SWDH's goal of helping with social media and navigating well informed use to hopefully mitigate some of the consequences of social media interactions.

Commissioner Brooks suggested reviewing one position statement each month so the Board is reminded of what the statements support and then have the option to choose after presentation of materials if they want to keep doing that.

Dr. Tribble asked to consider a position statement around vaccine safety data that includes wording of supporting open and transparent access to vaccine safety data. He explained this has been an issue with accessing some of the state data.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Aberasturi made a motion to approve the position statements with the addition of Dr. Tribble's suggestion. Commissioner Riebe seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passes.

## **DIRECTORS REPORT**

### **Executive Council Meetings**

At the annual Idaho Association of District Boards of Health (IADBH) meeting in October there was some discussion around Executive Council meeting accessibility and attendance. As a reminder, Commissioner Purdy represents SWDH on the Executive Council which meets most frequently around the dates of the legislative session. At the IADBH meeting, there was a suggestion that other Board members be invited to be able to sit in and listen to the Executive Council meetings. Nikki explained that Board members will be sent a calendar invitation for the Executive Council meetings and are welcome to attend.

### **Board of Health Strategic Planning Survey**

Nikki emailed a survey to Board members and also shared out hard copies. She asked board members to complete the survey. She hopes this survey will inform the strategic priorities as SWDH begins to look at where to place resources for fiscal year 2027.

**Report Summary of Grants, Contracts, Subgrants, Obligations Signed**

To follow up on the 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 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Nikole Zogg  
Secretary to the Board

Approved as written:



Kelly Aberasturi  
Chairman

Date: January 22, 2026