



BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, May 19, 2026

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 via Microsoft Teams
John Tribble, MD, Physician Representative – present via Microsoft Teams
Kirk Wille, Commissioner, Gem County – present

STAFF MEMBERS:

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

Virtual: Colton Osborne

GUESTS: Jace Perry, Amanda Swails, Abbey Erquiaga

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Kelly Aberasturi called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Chairman Aberasturi – present; Dr. John Tribble – present via Microsoft Teams; Commissioner Purdy – present via Microsoft Teams; Commissioner Harberd – present; Vice Chairman Brooks – present; Commissioner Riebe – present; Commissioner Wille – 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

APPROVAL OF APRIL 28, 2026 BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

Board members reviewed meeting minutes from the April 28, 2026 Board of Health meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Wille made a motion to approve the April 28, 2026 Board of Health meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Riebe seconded. All in favor; motion passes.

COMMUNITIES FOR YOUTH

Kaydin Griffin, SWDH Health Education Specialist, Senior, and Megan Smith, Associate Professor, Boise State University School of Public and Population Health, presented information on the Communities for

Youth program. The program allows partnership with schools, parent groups, hospitals, law enforcement, and local business leaders to help build community capacity for upstream prevention and data-driven decisions.

The program adapts to each school district's needs using survey data from students to help identify issues youth are facing. Participating school districts include Homedale, Marsing, Nampa, New Plymouth, Notus, Parma, and Wilder.

Norm Stewart, Marsing Superintendent, is a good point of contact for other school leaders with questions.

APRIL 2026 MONTHLY EXPENDITURE AND REVENUE REPORT

Michele Hanrahan shared the April 2026 monthly expenditure and revenue report. The report shows that year-to-date revenue for programs for the month of April are at about 4% below target. Michele explained we did not receive payment from Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (IDHW) for several subgrants prior to the end of April which contributes to that lower revenue.

Moving on to expenditures, Michele pointed out that overall expenditures are 77.98% of the budget, about 5% below target.

CONTRACT SERVICES AND GRANT APPLICATIONS

Don Lee, Chief Operating Officer, shared the list of the contracts and grants that SWDH is currently pursuing. These grants align with our SWDH mission and vision.

SEPTIC PERMIT AND ACCESSORY FEES

Ben Shatto, Environmental and Community Health Services (ECHS) Division Administrator, shared a revised septic permit and accessory fee schedule incorporating Board members' requests to align fees with costs when possible. Ben asked for approval of the new fees to be implemented July 1, 2026.

MOTION: Commissioner Riebe made a motion to approve the proposed Environmental Health fees as presented. Commissioner Wille seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carries.

ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

Nikki discussed the abatement of nuisance situations continuing to evolve for the district. Considerations include code enforcement for nuisance complaints especially related to sub surface sewage. Some of the counties have asked SWDH staff to lean in with their authorities to help abate and to bring people into compliance. When SWDH encounters open sewage or illegal system complaints, staff try to encourage compliance by first issuing a notice of violation. Nikki asked board members to what extent they support pursuing a proactive role in pursuing compliance. She also asked them to consider where SWDH authority ends and the relationships necessary for enforcement with county law enforcement and prosecuting attorneys.

Nikki explained that health districts have the responsibility to abate nuisances including eliminating filth, communicable diseases, and health hazards. Subsurface sewage issues would fall within these

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parameters. Board members discussed the challenges with complaint driven response systems, the number of RVs being lived in and not connected to a legal system, and enforcement.

Board members directed Nikki to talk to SWDH legal counsel to ask if nuisances have to be reported as a complaint or if staff can self-inform.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director approved agreements, contracts, and subgrants

Summary pages for grants, contracts, agreements, and subgrants are included in the meeting packet. Any questions can be directed to Nikki.

Director performance and compensation

The annual performance and compensation review for Nikki will be held during the June board meeting. Chairman Aberasturi shared that in the past Commissioners have not participated well in providing feedback. Last year he asked Jody to gather input from Nikki's direct reports. Board members asked Jody to initiate the process and share the input with Commissioner Aberasturi.

Clearwater Financial report – next steps

Nikki will work with the SWDH leadership team to analyze the Clearwater Financial report findings and identify next steps and action items based on the findings to bring back to the board budget workgroup to discuss. These discussions will help determine what to prioritize for funding whether that's facilities or services and how we navigate moving forward with that information.

Upcoming Board meetings – special topics

Special topics presented at upcoming board meetings include:

- June - EMS call response data utilization - Bureau of Emergency Management/EMS Services and Idaho Hospital Association trauma registry epidemiologist will present data. Nikki asked them to look at call response data across our six counties for high utilizers – to get info about what those calls were and gauge demographic data to give us an idea for what that might look like and chief reasons for calling 911 that frequently.
- July - Public Health and Safety Team (PHAST) – This team is comprised of SWDH staff, community partners, law enforcement, dispatch and the coroner's office and has some interest in expanding. The team looks at suicide and overdose fatalities and works on prevention strategies to reduce those.
- August – Policy priorities for 2027 will be discussed. Nikki has been working with SWDH staff and visiting with Commissioner Brooks and Commissioner Riebe to help identify policy priorities for the upcoming year.

Community Integrated Mobile Health/Community Paramedicine

In March, Board members heard a presentation on the Washington County Community Paramedics program that SWDH helps support. Nikki shared that SWDH is preparing to apply for the Rural Health Transformation Grant (RHTG) when that process opens up. Nikki hopes to avoid multiple competing applications for the funding through some cooperative understandings and conversations. There is a meeting next week with statewide stakeholders at Gowen to discuss how to utilize RHTG funding to address gaps.

United Health reached out to Nikki. United Health is vying for the state’s Medicaid managed care contract and has offered to give SWDH \$50,000 to help expand services to other rural counties.

Future agenda items

Future agenda items were discussed previously during the meeting.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted:



Nikole Zogg
Secretary to the Board

Approved as written:



Kelly Aberasturi
Chairman

Date: June 23, 2026