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Promoting the Health of People & Their Environment

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES January 20, 2011

Present:

Board Members

Robert Cope
Lee Staker
LeRoy "Lee" Miller
Kathy Rinaldi
Kimber Ricks
Larry Young
Barbara Nelson

Staff

Richard Horne
Geri Rackow
Gary Rillema
Kellye Eager
Steven Thomas
Tamara Cox
Lorraine Hiltbrand
Veena Sohal

Chairman Cope convened the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

New Board Member Welcome

Chairman Cope introduced two new Board of Health members, LeRoy "Lee" Miller from Fremont County and Kathy Rinaldi from Teton County.

Board of Health Minutes—September 30, 2010

Motion: Barbara Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 30, 2010, Board of Health meeting as written. Kimber Ricks seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Update from September 30, 2010, Meeting: Richard Horne reported that a District Annual Report and letter were sent out to each area legislator; and also, a personal contact was made with legislators Dean Mortimer, Janice McGeachin, and Jeff Thompson.

2011 Board Calendar

Mr. Horne requested the Board members review the 2011 Board of Health schedule to see if there were any conflicts. The Idaho Association of Boards of Health Meeting will be held on June 9th & 10th, 2011, in Caldwell at Southwest District Health. The National Association of Local Boards of Health meeting will be held in Coeur d'Alene September 7-9, 2011. He asked the Board members to let him know if they plan to attend the NALBOH meeting for budgeting purposes.

Certified Public Manager Recognition

Mr. Horne reported that in December five of EIPHD's Administrative Staff: Geri Rackow, Gary Rillema, Steve Thomas, Tamara Cox, and Kellye Eager received a diploma for completion of the Certified Public Manager's Course. This program is a nationally recognized training and development program administered through Idaho's Division of Professional-Technical Education with sponsorship from Boise State University. The training is a three-year comprehensive course.

Governor's State of the State Address and Budget Overview

Mr. Horne reported that due to economic conditions the Public Health Districts have eliminated 13.9 positions in the last fiscal year. Over the last four years the Districts have reduced 122 positions resulting in a reduction in staff of 16.5%.

The public health districts were requested to develop a budget to present to the legislature with the following criteria.

1. No salary increases to staff.
2. Increase in the employer portion of the employee health insurance.
3. A 2.2% reduction in State Appropriations.

In the past the Districts have received \$500,000 for Tobacco Cessation but this year the governor has requested only \$250,000 be allocated to the Districts for Tobacco Cessation.

The Governor has proposed a 3.6% decrease in funding to the Districts. The State Appropriations are distributed based on the following formula: 60% on county contributions, 20% on district population, and 10% on the district poverty rate.

Legislative Highlights

Mr. Horne reported it was decided at the 2010 IAB Annual Meeting the Idaho Association of Counties would provide management and fiscal oversight in connection with designating a lobbyist to provide assistance with legislative issues dealing with public health. Central Health District's Board of Health reported on the January 13th Trustee Conference Call that they have hired Mike Kane as a lobbyist in support of the Tobacco Tax. It was previously agreed that the Districts would provide a supportive role but not a lead role on the Tobacco Tax issue.

Chairman Cope stated that he feels we need to take a neutral position on this issue. Mr. Horne reported that he and Chairman Cope participate on a weekly Trustee conference call to be updated on any legislative issues pertinent to public health. Board members were invited to participate on the call today at 3:00 p.m.

Proposed Dental Hygienist Bill

Tamara Cox reported there is a bill proposed to expand the role of a dental hygienist to allow them to practice without general supervision by a dentist in an extended access oral health care program when the dental hygienist holds an extended access license. The dental association is not in support of this bill.

Ms. Cox also reported "Give Kids a Smile" will be held on February 4, 2011, where a variety of dentists will be participating District-wide to provide free dental services to eligible children. She will report the outcome at the March 24, 2011, Board meeting.

Proposed Tobacco Tax Bill

Ms. Cox reported there is a bill proposed in the legislature to increase the cigarette tax in Idaho \$1.25. At the current time the cigarette tax in Idaho is ranked 42nd in the nation at \$0.57 a pack. Studies show that higher cigarette fees are one of the most effective ways to reduce smoking among both youth and adults.

Immunizations Rule Change

Gary Rillema reported on the proposed rule change to increase the number of vaccines required for children attending schools and licensed day care facilities in Idaho. These changes would help protect children from additional vaccine-preventable diseases, provide conditional attendance clause for

children who are in the process of receiving required vaccines, provide clarification on exclusion of children from attendance, and update existing language to match current practices.

Pharmacy Bill

Mr. Rillema explained that the Board of Pharmacy is proposing a bill in the legislature for the following:

- To grant pharmacists limited prescriptive authority to prescribed controlled substances they are currently able to dispense without a prescription in order to allow the pharmacist to send information regarding the prescription to the board of Pharmacy for entry into the controlled substances prescription database.
- Additional training and recordkeeping requirements for pharmacist administering immunizations to protect the health and welfare of the citizens of Idaho. The proposed rule would establish qualifications for pharmacists to immunize and establish recordkeeping requirements.

Draft Presentation for Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee (JFAC)

Mr. Horne reported that Bruce Krosch, Southwest District Health Director, will be making the budget presentation to JFAC and the draft presentation was reviewed. One suggestion made by Kimber Ricks was that the graph showing the FTP (Full Time Position) Trend be expanded to more accurately show the 16% decrease.

It has been reported that several agencies that have already made their presentations to JFAC have been questioned regarding their reserve accounts and questioned if they could use the money from those accounts to supplement their budgets. A slide showing the districts' cash balances at the end of December was reviewed and it was explained that unlike other State agencies, the districts do not receive money for buildings or maintenance.

Motion: LeRoy Miller made motion to designate \$350,000 for the purpose of purchasing a medical electronic records system.

After Board discussion the motion was withdrawn by Mr. Miller.

“What-If” Scenarios

Mr. Horne reported that the Governor has also requested each agency be prepared to address “what if” scenarios regarding different levels of funding reductions from the State. Mr. Horne reported the directors have developed a tentative plan of “what-ifs.”

FY2011 Budget to Actuals

Steve Thomas reported that the District's revenue is 5.1% above the FY2011 Budget is due to the following:

- Funding for the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) contract and other contracts is received in the first months of the contract year.
- The food licensing fees in Environmental Health are received in November and December.
- Family and Community Health fees associated with the influenza vaccine are up October through December of each year.

Total expenditures are under budget by 4.4% due to the following:

- ASPR funds have not been expended at this time.
- Delaying the replacement of terminated staff.
- Health insurance premium holiday for both employee and employer during November and December.

According to the current trends, the District should meet the budgeted revenue and expenditure expectations for FY2011.

Health Fees

Ms. Cox reported that when a client has a positive tuberculin skin test a Quantiferon-TB test is taken in lieu of placing them on a medication regime. When the District started using this test in February 2009, the lab cost was \$49 and the blood drawn \$10. Due an increase in the lab charges from the State, a fee increase is requested equal to the amount of the State lab charges for the test plus a \$10 blood draw charge.

Motion: Kimber Ricks made a motion that the fee for the Quantiferon-TB test be assessed for the amount the State lab charges for the test plus a \$10 blood draw charge. Lee Miller seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

National Health Preparedness Ranking

Ms. Cox reported on the National Health Preparedness Ranking that was reported on the news. Idaho was deficient in the following areas:

- State increasing or maintaining level of funding for public health services.
- State health department having an electronic syndromic surveillance system that can report and exchange information.
- State requiring all licensed childcare to have a multi-hazard written evacuation and relocation plan.
- State able to rapidly identify disease-causing E.coli and submit results by PulseNet within four working days 90% of the time.

Flu Update

Gary Rillema, Family and Community Health Services Director, reported the District has approximately 1,000 doses of influenza vaccine remaining out of the original 5,750 doses. County employees throughout the District have received approximately 400 free influenza vaccinations. This year the District offered a new double-dose vaccine for seniors and the District was one of only a few locations offering this vaccine.

A decision needs to be made within the next month the number of doses that will be ordered for the 2011-2012 flu season. Chairman Cope expressed confidence that Mr. Rillema should be able to make the decision on how much vaccine needs to be purchased for the 2011-2012 flu season.

Women, Infant, and Child Nutrition Program (WIC)—Decrease in Number of Participants

Veena Sohal, WIC Program Manager, stated that since July 2010 there has been a decrease in the number of WIC clients both in our District and nationwide. The District receives money according to the number of clients; consequently, next year's budget will be decreased accordingly.

Environmental Health Updates

Kellye Eager, Environmental Health Director, gave a quick overview of the Solid Waste Program and the County Solid Waste Requirements. She reported that the Eastern Idaho Solid Waste Committee has been very effective and beneficial.

She reported also that the Environmental Health Directors are working on the Land Development SOP.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

R. C. Cope

Robert Cope, Chairman

Richard O. Horne

Richard Horne, Secretary

