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**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
MINUTES
February 25, 2010**

Present:

Board Members

Robert Cope, Chairman
Greg Shenton
Lee Staker
Barbara Nelson
Debbie Karren
Kimber Ricks
Larry Young
Paul Romrell
Lin Hintze

Staff

Richard Horne
Geri Rackow
Steve Thomas
Gary Rillema
Veena Sohal
Tamara Cox
Lorraine Hiltbrand

Mr. Horne requested that the Board excuse Kellye Eager as she is out of the country at this time.

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES—OCTOBER 22, 2009 MEETING

Motion: Larry Young made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2009, Board of Health Meeting as written. Greg Shenton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

HB 590 This legislation has been proposed as a result of a situation in Franklin County where a majority of prime property has been developed and now developers are required to install expensive systems in order to use the remaining marginal property. If this legislation were to pass, it would provide each county commission the authority to provide the rules, regulations, and permit requirements for the modification, repair, or construction of residential septic tanks and septic systems.

A meeting was held this week with Representative Gibbs and Senator Geddes and it has been decided to hold the bill in committee until they can meet with the Department of Environmental Quality.

Mr. Horne stated this would make the counties responsible for writing their own septic regulations. Chairman Cope added that ICRMP has already stated they would not back any county doing this.

A conference call will be held next Tuesday to provide an update on this bill.

- HB 588 This bill would amend existing law relating to required office hours to allow office closure due to mandatory leave without pay. Due to the State budget reductions, Health and Welfare has been closing their offices every other Friday from 12 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- HB 452 This would amend existing law relating to public health districts to provide that certain rules shall be submitted to the State Board of Environmental Quality for review and comment and certain rules shall be submitted to the State Board of Health and Welfare for review and comment.
- HB 432 Gary Rillema explained this legislation is to provide a supplemental funding mechanism for the Idaho immunization program administered by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. It would create a dedicated vaccine fund and an independent board to assess fees from all carriers. The goal is to ensure access to childhood vaccinations in Idaho, by decreasing costs and enabling the maintenance of a single distribution of vaccines available to health care providers in Idaho who administer the vaccines to program eligible children.
- Money was provided to purchase childhood vaccine from September 30, 2009, through April 1, 2010.
- SB1335 This legislation would amend existing law relating to requiring authorization to include individuals on the immunization registry and changing it to require authorization to exclude individuals from the registry.
- Mr. Horne reported this bill is dealing with IRIS which is a statewide immunization registry. Last week the districts were notified by the Department of Health and Welfare that the contract to provide IRIS services would be discontinued effective March 12, 2010.
- HB 495 Would add to existing law relating to childhood immunization to provide for the Childhood Immunization Policy Commission.
- SB1301 It was explained that several years ago the districts were challenged regarding the method being used for distributing pharmaceuticals. This change would allow persons who hold a valid and current license to practice practical or professional nursing in this state and who are employed by a public health district to be permitted to engage in the labeling and delivery of refills that have been prescribed to a patient by a licensed physician, licensed physician's assistant or licensed advanced practice nurse. This would apply only to prenatal vitamins, contraceptive medications, antiviral medications for disease control, and prevention for treatment of sexually transmitted infection and medications approved for disease control and prevention for treatment of active and latent tuberculosis.

Mr. Horne stated these bills are supported by the public health districts.

JOINT FINANCE AND APPROPRIATION PRESENTATION

Mr. Horne reported the Districts made their FY2011 Budget presentation to the Joint Finance and Appropriation Committee (JFAC) on Tuesday, February 16th. Public Health District 3 Board of Health Trustee and Adams County Commissioner, Bill Brown, made a short presentation to JFAC and then the remainder of the time was turned over to Rene LeBlanc, Public Health District 5 Director. Several positive comments regarding the public health districts were made following the presentation.

It was reported to JFAC that the districts were going to propose a 0% increase to their respective counties. Over the last several years the State's contribution to the districts has gone from \$10,000,000 to \$8,275,300. The districts' statewide full time positions (FTP) has dropped over 100 positions in the last couple years and several entire programs have been eliminated.

Mr. Horne reported there is another proposed bill in the Legislature that would limit Board members to be county commissioners. This issue would not affect our District as each of the counties within our District has appointed a county commissioner as their Board member. Also, counties would be able to change their appointed Board member without the approval of the remainder of the county commissioners within their district.

FUTURE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Kimber Ricks stated he has a conflict with the Board meeting scheduled for April 29th. After discussion, it was decided the April 29th meeting would be changed to May 6th and the Public Hearing will follow the Idaho Association of Boards of Health meeting on June 18th.

IDAHO REPORTS

The Board viewed the February 19th broadcast of Idaho Reports where they were addressing issues the Legislature is facing dealing with the State's budget.

FY 2011

Mr. Horne stated the Districts' FY2011 Budget will be set on Monday, March 1, 2010. Since the beginning of FY2010 the District has received over \$90,000 in holdbacks from the State.

An hour per week furlough for each employee was implemented July 2009 but due to the H1N1 clinics, the furloughs were temporarily taken off to enable district employees to work the additional clinics. Also, due to the increased workload in the WIC program, furloughs were not implemented for WIC staff. Consequently, the total shortfall could be \$195,800. At this time, approximately \$118,000 could be offset by H1N1 funds and additional funds have been saved through attrition and leaving those positions vacant.

Mr. Horne asked the Board for authorization to use between \$25,000 to \$50,000 from the Operating Reserves to balance the FY2010 budget if needed.

Motion: Larry Young made a motion to approve the District using up to \$50,000 from Operating Reserves to balance the FY2010 budget. Paul Romrell

seconded the motion and it carried with the following vote: Debbie Karren, Aye; Kimber Ricks, Nay; Lin Hintze, Aye; Lee Staker, Nay; Barbara Nelson, Aye; Paul Romrell, Aye; Larry Young, Aye; and Greg Shenton, Nay.

Mr. Horne asked for guidance regarding the amount the Board members would possibly approve for a county contribution for the District's FY2011 budget. The general consensus was that the counties would go with a 0% increase.

IAB

The Idaho Association of Boards of Health Annual Conference to be held in Idaho Falls is scheduled for Thursday, June 17th and Friday, June 18th. Mr. Horne reviewed the tentative agenda.

Lorraine Hiltbrand reported a directory of Idaho Falls hotels will be provided to each Board member throughout the state and they can select where they would like to stay. The meetings will be held at Eastern Idaho Public Health and lunches on Thursday and Friday will be held at our facility also. On Thursday, June 17th IAB participants and their guest(s) will be invited to participate in the Idaho Falls Chamber of Commerce "Taste of Idaho" at Snake River Landing. A guest or spouse of each Board Member will be invited to attend the lunch on Thursday and Friday at no charge. If their guest plans to attend the "Taste of Idaho" on Thursday evening, there will be a \$20 charge per person.

MATCH

Gerri Rackow reported on the findings of the county health rankings: Mobilizing Action Toward Community Health (MATCH) Project. The project was funded through a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The project is a compilation of data for counties in all 50 states and was developed to:

- Increase awareness of the many factors—clinical care access and quality, health-promoting behaviors, social and economic factors, and the physical environment—that contribute to the health of communities
- Foster engagement among public and private decision makers to improve community health and
- Develop incentives to encourage coordination across sectors for community health improvement.

The study shows that a broad spectrum of factors influence our health, including education, income, employment, access to medical care, seatbelt use, and local crime rates.

H1N1 UPDATE

Tamara Cox gave an overview of how the District managed the H1N1 outbreak and associated clinics. She felt the process provided a valuable learning experience and an opportunity to put their plan into action. The Health Preparedness, Promotion, and Surveillance staff worked diligently from September 2009 through February 2010 to provide the necessary clinics. Also, the entire District staff provided additional assistance helping in any way they could.

RACE FOR THE CURE

Mr. Rillema reported District employees participated in the Third Annual Race for the Cure sponsored by Rosemark and Mountainview Hospital. Appreciation was expressed to Barbara Nelson and her colleagues who contributed the proceeds of \$3,200 to the District for free mammograms vouchers.

Motion: Paul Romrell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:10 p.m. Kimber Ricks seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Robert Cope, Chairman

Richard Horne, Secretary

