

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES
February 15, 2018
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

<u>BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS</u> Brian Farnsworth, Commissioner, Chairman Wayne Butts, Commissioner Brent Mendenhall, Commissioner Lee Miller, Commissioner Ken Miner, Commissioner Bill Leake, Trustee Barbara Nelson, MD Greg Shenton, Commissioner Bryon Reed, Commissioner	<u>STAFF MEMBERS</u> Geri Rackow, Director Angy Harwood Steve Thomas Kellye Eager Cheryl O'Connell
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ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

1. Call to Order

Chairman Farnsworth called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Recognition of Commissioner Ricks

The Board extended their thanks to Commissioner Kimber Ricks for his service to the Board of Health. Mr. Ricks has been very engaged and active on the Board of Health for almost 10 years.

3. Introduction of Commissioner Mendenhall

Chairman Farnsworth introduced and welcomed Commissioner Mendenhall as a new member of the Board of Health. Commissioner Mendenhall is the newly appointed Madison County Commissioner replacing Commissioner Ricks.

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

- Approval of December 14, 2017 Board of Health Meeting Minutes.
- FY18 Year-to-Date Financial Report
- Ratification of Contract/Subgrant

MOTION: Commission Reed made a motion to approve the February 15, 2018 Consent Agenda.

SECOND: Barbara Nelson

ACTION: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Trustee/Executive Council Report

• **HB 562 – Public Health Districts – Trustees**

Steve Thomas provided information regarding the structure and makeup of the Health Districts, Boards of Health, and the Trustees. Bill Leake provided background and updated the Board on the current funding formula and the intent of Health District 4's proposed legislation (HB 562) regarding the public health districts. The bill has not had a committee hearing yet.

The Board agreed to write a letter in opposition of HB 562. The letter will include the signature of all the Board members.

MOTION: Commissioner Reed made a motion to draft a letter in opposition of HB 562.

SECOND: Commissioner Miner

ACTION: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- **SB 1311 – Direct Primary Care Pilot Program**

Senator Thayn is proposing a pilot program for Direct Primary Care. Direct Primary Care is a membership fee-based program for primary care treatment and is excluded from insurance. Senator Thayn would like the Health Districts to participate in the pilot program which would include 150 clients statewide. Mr. Leake reviewed the proposed bill. Senator Thayn has requested \$150,000 from general state funds.

- **Citizen Review Panel Proposal**

Mr. Leake presented information on the Citizen Review Panel proposal. The Citizen Review Panel reviews foster care cases in the State of Idaho. The Legislature has been working on this for a couple of years and a study on the Foster Care System has been conducted by the Idaho Office of Performance Evaluation. The bill sponsors would like the Health Districts to take on the oversight of the Citizens Review Panels by selecting the panel members and housing the meetings. This does appear to be within the public health mission but more information is needed.

Ms. Rackow said the Citizen Review Panels are currently housed under Health and Welfare, who also administers the state's Foster Care program.

6. **Environmental Health Litigation Update**

- The decision by the Board of Health regarding recommendations related to the Guy Roundy litigation was provided to the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) Deputy Attorney General, Hannah Young. Ms. Rackow and Chairman Farnsworth have been in communication with Representative Burtenshaw and Guy Roundy, Jr. Mr. Roundy's representatives were invited to attend today's meeting but declined.

Kellye Eager provided additional updates on the G. Roundy Environmental Health Litigation. Ms. Eager would like to refer the case to DEQ. Based on our Memorandum of Understanding with DEQ, Ms. Eager feels that she and EIPH's Environmental Health staff have done everything they can with the enforcement of this compliance issue. Ms. Rackow would also suggest asking Judge Stephens to award EIPH its attorney fees in this case.

EIPH's legal counsel, Mr. Greg Crockett, advises there is no statute of limitation on this case.

MOTION: Commissioner Reed made a motion to allow EIPH to request Judge Stephens award EIPH reimbursement of the legal fees incurred trying to enforce compliance in the G. Roundy case and then refer the case to the DEQ.

SECOND: Commissioner Shenton

ACTION: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Ms. Eager also provided an update on the DEQ guidance for non-municipal solid waste.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Director's Report**

a. **Legislative Update**

Ms. Rackow provided clarification, information, and updates on current legislation.

- **HB 494 – Immunization, notifications** – Representative Blanksma is proposing legislation to change the current system to an opt-in program for Idaho's Immunization Reminder Information System (IRIS). This system used to be opt-in, but was changed to opt-out several years ago. This change could put extra burden on the providers and the clients.

MOTION: Barbara Nelson made a motion to draft a letter in opposition of HB 494.

SECOND: Commissioner Shenton

ACTION: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- **HB 464 – Health Care, waiver**
- **HB 563 – Plan First Idaho (Family Planning Waiver)**
- **HB 448 – Breastfeeding, In Public, Indecent Exposure and Obscene Conduct, exemption**

- **HB 337 – Behavioral Health, Council, Boards**
- **HB 577 – Cannabidiol Oil**
- **SB 1255 – Tobacco, Age of Possession**
- **SB 1227 – Immunizations, exemptions**

b. FY19 Budget Development

EIPH has begun the budget development process for Fiscal Year 2019. The proposed budget will be presented at the April 19, 2018 Board of Health meeting.

The state Change in Employee Compensation Committee (CEC) has recommended a 3% increase in employee salaries. The committee did not support the Governor's recommendation of a two month premium holiday on health insurance premiums for employees or employers. The health insurance premium reserve may be used to pursue health care options in the future. The CEC Committee's recommendations have been provided to the Joint Finance Appropriation Committee (JFAC) who will make the final decisions. Ms. Rackow reported that the Public Health Districts have a maintenance budget and do not have to present in front of JFAC this year.

Mr. Thomas updated the Board members on the reduction of health insurance premiums being proposed for FY19. We will know more details regarding this matter once our budget is set by JFAC.

c. Rexburg Free Clinic Proposal

Greg Klingler, P.A., presented information on a free clinic planned for the Rexburg area staffed by medical volunteers from the community. Dr. Andrew Bradbury is the Medical Director. The group is asking for the use of the Health District's office in Rexburg to house the free clinic. The plan is to use grant funds as well as donations from the community to help fund the operations of the clinic. They hope to see about 150 patients per month.

Discussion followed on the logistics of having the clinic in the Rexburg office including staffing, incoming calls, and walk-in clients. Mr. Klingler provided answers to the questions. The clinic would have set hours and provide appropriate signage as well as its own telephone numbers. He indicated that they do not want to be an administrative burden to EIPH staff. They would need minimal space to store a few supplies, small equipment and tools, and exam rooms in which to provide services. They will not have money or medications in the clinic. They hope to be up and running in early spring.

The Board agreed to allow the consideration of and further discussion on allowing the free clinic to operate out of the Rexburg Health District Office. Greg Klingler will provide Ms. Rackow with the business plan for the clinic prior to the April 19 Board of Health Meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Butts made a motion to allow Ms. Rackow to discuss and work through logistics with Greg Klingler and Dr. Bradbury. A plan may be presented for consideration at the April 19, 2018 Board of Health Meeting.

SECOND: Commissioner Miller

ACTION: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

d. Federal Budget Update

Ms. Rackow provided the board with an update on the federal budget and the potential funds cuts to the Prevention and Public Health Fund which would likely affect public health at the local level.

e. Annual BOH Conference

The Idaho Associations of District Boards of Health annual conference will be held on June 13– 14, 2018 in Caldwell. Board members were ask to let Ms. Rackow know if planning to attend. She will reserve a block of rooms.

2. Worksite Wellness

Kaylene Craig and Timalee Geisler provided the Board with a presentation on the district's Worksite Wellness program. EIPH participates in this program and Ms. Craig and Ms. Geisler commented on the results of our scorecard. If any of the counties would like more information about this program, please contact us.

3. **Statewide Healthcare Innovation Plan (SHIP) Update**

James Corbett presented background information and updates on the Statewide Healthcare Innovation Plan and the work being done throughout our health district.

Mr. Corbett also updated the Board members on Pertussis cases in Idaho. District 7 had 3 confirmed cases in Bonneville County and 1 confirmed case in Madison County from 07/01/2017 through 01/31/2018.

4. **National Nutrition Month**

Angy Harwood presented information on National Nutrition Month. The theme this year is Go Further with Food and it addresses ways to control food waste and food loss.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Commissioner Miner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

SECOND: Barbara Nelson

ACTION: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The next Board of Health meeting will be held on April 19, 2018 in Idaho Falls.



Brian Farnsworth, Chairman



Geri L. Rackow, Secretary