

SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES
July 21, 2020
5:30 p.m.
Zoom Meeting

PRESENT:

BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS

Bryon Reed, Commissioner, Chairman (Zoom)
Bill Leake, Teton County, Trustee (Zoom)
Lee Miller, Commissioner
Ken Miner, Commissioner (Zoom)
Shayne Young, Commissioner (Zoom)
Barbara Nelson, MD, Vice Chair
Greg Shenton, Commissioner (Zoom)
Brent Mendenhall, Commissioner (Proxy)
Wayne Butts, Commissioner (Zoom)

STAFF MEMBERS

Geri Rackow
James Corbett
Angy Harwood (Zoom)
Kellye Johnson (Zoom)
Cheryl O'Connell (Zoom)
Amy Gamett (Zoom)

1. Call Board Meeting to Order

Chairman Reed called the meeting order at 5:30 p.m. Commissioner Todd Smith is proxy (Zoom) for Commissioner Brent Mendenhall. Roll call conducted.

2. Approval of July 16, 2020 Board of Health Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Dr. Nelson made a motion to approve the July 16, 2020 BOH meeting minutes.

SECOND: Commissioner Miner

ACTION: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Hospital Reports

a. Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center

- o Dr. Ballard provided reports EIRMC has seen a definite uptick in positive cases. They currently have seven COVID patients; six on the Medical/Surgical ward and 1 in the ER. They have converted some beds into a COVID ward. They are seeing a number of asymptomatic positive patients and are now screening every admission for COVID-19. Their ICU for the past 2 weeks has been above 95% capacity. Because of the increase in the number of COVID-19 cases, they are concerned about the possible increase in the number of ICU admissions. EIRMC does support mask wearing in the community to help protect the public.
- o Dr. Krell is concerned about the ability to increase the hospital's beds, staffing, and supply capacity.

b. Idaho Falls Community Hospital

- o Casey Jackman and Dr. Nathan reported the hospital is seeing an increase in COVID-19 patients but has adequate bed capacity at this time. They currently have eight COVID-19 patients, three in the ICU.
- o Dr. Buitrago also expressed a concern about the increase in the number of positive cases.

c. Madison Memorial Hospital

- o Dr. Rachel Gonzales reported Madison Memorial currently has one COVID-19 positive inpatient; they are seeing an increase in outpatients. ICU capacity is at 25% and overall hospital capacity is 44%. She is concerned about the ongoing intermittent shortages of PPE.

d. Teton Valley Health

- o Keith Gnagey reports a significant increase in the number of positive COVID-19 cases; the positivity rate is up as high as 17% over the last two weeks. They are seeing some shortages of PPE and significant delays in testing using external resources. He believes the number of cases in Teton County are underrepresented. The hospital has significant capacity at this time and currently have no COVID-19 inpatients.

e. Steele Memorial Medical Center

- o Jeanie Gentry reports they have 4 COVID-19 positive cases, 1 inpatient, in the past two weeks. The hospital's supplies and capacity is good at this time. They are trying to educate their community regarding mitigation strategies.

4. Update on COVID-19 Testing Capacity

- Mr. Corbett and Dr. Buitrago provided an update on the current testing capacity. There is still a backup and the turnaround time is 5-10 days for test results. There is also a limited supply of supplies.
- Ms. Rackow and Maggie Mann, District 6 Public Health Director, have been talking with representatives from the Idaho Bureau of Laboratories and the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare regarding other opportunities to bring high output testing to our region. At this time, there are no additional resources available.

5. Review EIPH COVID-19 Regional Response Plan Metrics/Data

Ms. Rackow and Mr. Corbett reviewed the Regional Response Plan, which is located on EIPH's Data Dashboard and provided an overview of active cases. Bonneville County is currently at the plan's Moderate Risk level with 10.3 cases per 10,000; the county has exceeded the 10/10,000 rate since July 18, 2020.

6. Discussion and Vote regarding potential actions to protect life, health, and safety within the District as to the COVID-19 pandemic, to include consideration of orders that include, but are not limited to, mandating face coverings and limiting social events and gatherings in Bonneville County

With Bonneville County being at the Moderate Risk level according to the metrics outlined in the Regional Response Plan, the Board had discussion on its responsibility to take measures to protect the public. The guidelines for masks included in the Order are in accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendations. The draft order was reviewed.

MOTION: Dr. Nelson made a motion to approve the Order of Restriction for Bonneville County as presented.

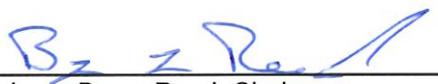
SECOND: Commissioner Young

ACTION: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (ROLL CALL VOTE)

Chairman Reed	Yes
Commissioner Miller	Yes
Commissioner Miner	Yes
Commissioner Butts	Yes
Commissioner Young	Yes
Commissioner Smith	Yes
Bill Leake	Yes
Dr. Nelson	Yes

This order will be in effect until rescinded by the Board of Health.

Commissioner Reed adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.



Commissioner Bryon Reed, Chairman



Geri L. Rackow, Secretary