

SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES
August 20, 2020
7:00 a.m.
Zoom Meeting

PRESENT:

<u>BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS</u> Bryon Reed, Commissioner, Chairman (Zoom) Bill Leake, Teton County, Trustee (Zoom) Lee Miller, Commissioner (Zoom) Ken Miner, Commissioner (Zoom) Shayne Young, Commissioner (Zoom) Barbara Nelson, MD, Vice Chair (Zoom) Greg Shenton, Commissioner (Zoom) Brent Mendenhall, Commissioner (Zoom) Wayne Butts, Commissioner (Zoom)	<u>STAFF MEMBERS</u> Geri Rackow James Corbett Angy Harwood (Zoom) Cheryl O'Connell Amy Gamett (Zoom)
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1. Call Board Meeting to Order

Chairman Reed called the meeting order at 6:59 a.m.

2. Approval of August 13, 2020 Board of Health Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Dr. Nelson made a motion to approve the August 13, 2020 BOH meeting minutes.

SECOND: Commissioner Miller

ACTION: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Report from Idaho Association of District Boards of Health's Executive Council Call

Mr. Leake provide an update on the Idaho Association of District Boards of Health Executive Council Meeting. Topics included discussion concerning upcoming Legislation, mask mandates, and public health plans to slow the spread of COVID-19. Mr. Leake expressed concern that some districts are not taking the situation as seriously. Mr. Leake thanked the EIPH staff and the medical experts for their efforts to educate the Board on the virus, hospital needs, and more that has been very helpful.

4. Review of Public Comment

Chairman Reed reviewed and responded to the public comments received. Topics included Lemhi County concerns regarding the increase of positive cases, school district plans for reopening, masks, safety of students and teachers, case counts, and changes to the EIPH COVID-19 Response Plan. Discussion followed.

5. Reports from Hospitals re: ICU and Overall Capacity

a. Idaho Falls Community Hospital (IFCH)

Casey Jackman, Chief Operating Officer, reports they are 27% below their resource usage than last week at this time-- resource usage includes staffing, ventilators, and beds. They currently have 7 COVID patients on the floor and no ICU COVID patients. In-house COVID testing is conducted for admissions and exposed staff; however, acquiring testing materials remains difficult. All staff exposures have occurred in the community and not in the workplace.

b. Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center (EIRMC)

Dr. Ballard, Chief Medical Officer, and David Hoffenberg, Chief Operating Officer, reports EIRMC currently has 20 COVID patients; some are from outside the district. Supplies and staffing are adequate at the present time. Testing is done for inpatients and Behavioral Health Unit patients; tests for ER patients are sent to outside labs. Dr. Ballard reports they are seeing a trend of younger COVID patients with severe symptoms.

c. Madison Memorial Hospital

Dr. Rachael Gonzales reports that Madison Memorial currently has 2 COVID patients and resources are adequate. Madison County testing numbers are increasing with a 2-day turnaround time; the positivity rate is 15-18%. She is anticipating that going into fall and the respiratory season there will be an increased demand for testing.

Ms. Rackow and Mr. Corbett provided an update on local testing capabilities, rapid testing, and clarified types of testing.

6. COVID-19 Update and review of Data

- Ms. Rackow and Mr. Corbett review and data and active case rates. This information is located on the EIPH website. Mr. Corbett provided information on confirmed and probable case definitions, subsequent testing, reinfection, the process for reporting positive patients, investigations, and contact tracing processes. Ms. Rackow provided information on hospital capacity and the Response Plan metrics.
- Frequently asked questions will be added to the website. PIO, Mimi Taylor, has been tracking this information.

7. Discussion and Possible Revision to EIPH COVID-19 Regional Response

Ms. Rackow reviewed changes to the EIPH Response Plan on August 13, 2020 and proposed adding:

- Metric 1 – Active Rates: An individual county that reached the >50/10,000 threshold will be reviewed by the EIPH Board of Health for potential movement to the High Risk Level.

MOTION: Commissioner Mendenhall made a motion to approve the proposed changes to the High Risk Level of the EIPH COVID-19 Regional Response Plan as presented.

SECOND: Dr. Nelson

ACTION: MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Changes to the COVID-19 Regional Response Plan will be posted on the website and shared on Facebook.

Commissioner Reed adjourned the meeting at 8:39 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 7:00 a.m.



Commissioner Bryon Reed, Chairman



Geri L. Rackow, Secretary