Central District Health Board of Health Meeting
707 N Armstrong Place, Boise, Idaho
Friday, October 18, 2019 | 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Conference Call: 1-855-291-0679 | Meeting #8502 | Attendee Code #1234

Board of Health Members
Betty Ann Nettleton, RN, Chair
Rep. Megan Blanksma, Vice Chair
Comr. Elt Hasbrouck, Trustee
Dr. Ted Epperly, MD
Comr. Diana Lachiondo
Comr. Ryan Stirm
Dr. Jane Young, DNP

Staff
Russell A. Duke, District Director
Dawn Irons, Recorder
Kris Spain
Rob Howarth
Michele Hanrahan
Kim Link
Dustin Howard
Ryan Bell
Bob Nertney
Gina Pannell
Alexis Pickering

Call Board of Health Meeting to Order – Betty Ann Nettleton
Betty Ann Nettleton, Board Chair, called Central District Health (CDH) Board of Health meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. and welcomed Commissioner Ryan Stirm, Boise County Representative, to the Board.

Approve Board of Health Minutes for August 23, 2019 – Betty Ann Nettleton
The August 23, 2019 Board of Health minutes stand approved as distributed.

Leadership in Public Health Award – Russell A. Duke
Russ reviewed past recipients of the CDH Leadership in Public Health Award, stating that Lyle Nelson was the last recipient in 2016, and asked the Board if they had any nominations. After discussing possible nominations, the Board requested Russ create a formal process on criteria for nominations to present for approval at the December meeting.

FY-2020 Financial Report – Michele Hanrahan
The FY-2020 Budget to Actual for September 2019 report reflects that we are 25% through this budget fiscal year. Total revenues are at 26% of the budget, excluding reserve funding. Fees are at 21%; contracts are at 20%; and county contributions are at 35%. Total expenditures are at 25%. Personnel costs are at 21%. Operating costs are at 31%; and capital costs are at 35%. The FY-2020 Cash Balance Statement and Reserve Report at the end of September reflect a total cash balance of $3,638,650; the reserve fund designations are $2,409,280 with a cash balance of $1,229,370.

IT Security – Dustin Howard/Ryan Bell
Dustin Howard and Ryan Bell from our IT Team provided an overview of Central District Health's security systems along with staff training and implementation of best practices to ensure the safety of our systems.

Executive Council Meeting Update – Russell A. Duke/Commissioner Elt Hasbrouck
Commissioner Hasbrouck was unable to attend the meeting. Russ shared with the Board updates on how the Public Health Districts are shown on the Executive Branch flow chart reporting to the Governor. At this time, the interpretation that the Governor has adopted is that he decides the starting salary and subsequent pay raises of Public Health District Directors. The Board of Health will continue to appoint the District Director, and as part of their oversight objective, set the district budget that includes pay raises for staff, following guidelines provided by the State. The general fund formula was up for review. There was general support to leave the current formula as is, placing it on the Idaho Association of District Boards of Health (IADBH) business agenda. Regarding the IADBH conference, there was a debate on the frequency of the conference, alternate business meeting, and hosting frequency at the local health districts. Discussion ended with leaving the conference set as is. Medicaid family planning waiver was also discussed at this meeting; we will now wait to see if it gets approved by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Vaping – Kimberly Link
Kimberly Link, Communicable Disease Control Program Manager, provided the Board of Health with a detailed update on the vaping-related lung illness nationally and locally. At this time, there is no specific product or chemical identified as the source of illness. Healthcare providers are being asked to report to state and local health departments if they suspect a patient has vaping-related illness. Cases in Idaho are being investigated in collaboration with Division of Public Health and local health districts.

Public Health District State Budget Request – Russell A. Duke
In addition to the general state budget request, there will be four additional requests. The first request is for the Western Idaho Community Health Collaborative (WICHC) in the amount of $105,000. Our goal is to be able to report committed matching funds totaling around $60,000 from outside partners to JFAC. The second request is for Home Visiting for the seven health districts; we are requesting $2,000,000. We are making a parallel request to the one submitted by Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (IDHW). Another funding source would be through a Medicaid State Plan Amendment, covering home visits such as Parents as Teachers. The third request is for the Millennium Fund to continue with supporting health district tobacco cessation programs, and fourth is continued support for the Citizen Review Panel.

Public Health Legislation – Russell A. Duke
Russ provided an update on pool rules. IDHW is planning to revise the pool rules, but not increasing the fees to $150.

Russ reviewed the six resolutions passed at this year's IADBH meeting and asked what topics the board would like to work on this legislative session. Russ is focused on WICHC and Home Visitation in Idaho, our staff are involved in tobacco legislation, and Commissioner Stirm would like us to keep track of the immunization rules.

Motion: Commissioner Elt Hasbrouck made the motion to have Russ pursue priorities as discussed. Seconded by Commissioner Ryan Stirm; no further discussion; motion carried.

Commissioner Diana Lachiondo requested to speak about the homeless issue surrounding the Public Camping Ordinance in Boise. Chair Nettleton requested a motion to amend the agenda.

Motion: Dr. Ted Epperly made a motion to amend the October 18, 2019 agenda, adding Public Camping Ordinance. Seconded by Commissioner Elt Hasbrouck, no further discussion; motion carried.

Public Camping Ordinance – Commissioner Diana Lachiondo
The Public Camping Ordinance protects our community from public health crisis surrounding homeless issues and encampments. Currently, Boise is the leading defendant in a Supreme Court Case on maintaining

camping ordinances. It is important that CDH educate the public regarding the public health perceptive on the potential outcome of dissolving the camping ordinance for the city of Boise.

The Board discussed either a resolution or a letter to the editor because of the Supreme Court case regarding cities' ability to uphold camping ordinances as a means to protect public health.

Motion: Dr. Ted Epperly made a motion in favor of the Board directing Russ Duke and Betty Ann Nettleton to write a letter, as they see fit, stating the public health concerns of public encampments. Seconded by Commissioner Ryan Stirm, no further discussion; motion carried.

District Director's Report – Russell A. Duke

Family Planning Medicaid Waiver: Title X funds of $91,000 being offered to Public Health Districts 2 and 3. We will pursue any funds that become available to the remaining health districts.

Public Health Districts Using Independent Audit Services: Russ recapped our past experiences with the Legislative Services Office audit services and suggested that we pursue seeking information regarding using an independent audit service. In order to receive an exemption to use outside services, we must receive an exemption from the Legislative Council. Representative Blanksma will make sure this is on their agenda when we are ready.

Motion: Dr. Ted Epperly made a motion to seek outside bids for auditing for CDH. Seconded by Dr. Jane Young, no further discussion; motion carried.

Needle Exchange: The needle exchange legislation passed and many organizations are interested per Russ. The intent was one for one needle exchange and to get people in for treatment. Rules were being considered by Department of Health and Welfare, but those are not going to be introduced this year.

Executive Coaching: Russ stated he finished his coaching with Ron Price in September, and it went well with him receiving great suggestions and general coaching support. Russ thanked the Board for the opportunity.

IADBH Annual Meeting (June 10-11, 2020): IABDH will be in Pocatello, ID, with more information to come.

Prospective Payment System: Russ is researching a change in federal law to allow local public health agencies to use the Prospective Payment System for Medicaid billing.

Adjournment – Betty Ann Nettleton

No further business was brought before the Board; meeting adjourned at 12:14 p.m. Next meeting will be held on Friday, December 13, 2019, in Boise.

Attest:

Betty Ann Nettleton
Board Chair

Russell A. Duke, District Director
Secretary to the Board

Board Minutes approved on 12-13-19.