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MINUTES

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

January 24, 2019

Nez Perce County Office

Board Members Present:

Dave McGraw, Chair, TC
Greg Johnson, TC
Connie Osborn, TC
Mark Frei
Doug Zenner
Dr. Jefferson, TC

Staff Present:

Carol Moehrle
Mike Larson
Rachael JeanBlanc
Tara Macke
Ed Marugg
Perri Larson

Excused:

Rick Winkel

Guests:

The January 24, 2019 Board of Health meeting was called to order at 1:45 p.m. by Chairman McGraw.

Additional Agenda Items

Mark Frei requested discussion on the recent rule that adds a second meningococcal vaccine dose in the 12th year to the list of school-required vaccinations in Idaho.

MOTION: Mark Frei moved and Greg Johnson seconded the motion to amend the agenda to discuss the legislative rule that adds a second meningococcal vaccine dose in the 12th year to the list of school-required vaccinations. Carried unanimously.

Chairman Dave McGraw requested Board of Health meetings be moved from afternoons to mornings.

MOTION: Dave McGraw moved and Greg Johnson seconded the motion to amend the agenda to discuss meeting time and date for the Board of Health. Carried unanimously.

Chairman McGraw asked for approval of the December 13, 2018 Board of Health Meeting minutes as mailed.

MOTION: Dr. Jefferson moved and Greg Johnson seconded the motion to approve the December Board of Health Meeting minutes. Carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

December FY 2019 Financial Report

Ms. JeanBlanc presented the November financial reports:

As of the December report, we are 50% of the way through this fiscal year. December revenue totaled \$487,988 with Year to Date revenue at \$2,352,970. This is 47.46% Actual incoming revenue of the budget for the FY. December Personnel expenses totaled \$220,973, with Year to Date Personnel at \$1,610,950 this is 44.21% of the budgeted amount for the FY. Operating Expenses for December are at \$61,106 with Year to Date at \$439,163 this is 44.18% of the budgeted amount.

MOTION: Mark Frei moved and Connie Osborn seconded the motion to approve the December Financials as presented. Carried unanimously.

Write-Off Report

Ms. JeanBlanc presented the December write-off report of \$517. Discussion held.

MOTION: **Greg Johnson moved and Mark Frei seconded the motion to approve the December write-off report as presented. Carried unanimously.**

BOARD UPDATES

Board & Administrator Article Review

Chairman McGraw complimented the Board on their diversity. It is affirming to know that our community's diversities are reflected in our Board diversities as well. Discussion held.

Trustee/Executive Council Updates

Commissioner Zenner reported on the Trustee Conference Call held prior to this meeting. Commissioner Zenner and Ms. Moehrle will present at JFAC Thursday, February 7th. District 3 Board of Health has chosen to create additional food inspection fees effective January 1, 2019; this is not supported by the other 6 Health Districts.

Mr. Marugg reported on the DRAFT Food Fee legislation from Pam Eaton of the Idaho Retailers Association. If this bill passes, the Health Districts would not be allowed to set or collect food fees other than those set by the legislature. Discussion held.

Board Member Updates

Commissioner McGraw reported that Syringa Trailer Park is empty.

Connie Osborn reported that recruitment continues to be a priority for primary care providers at Gritman Medical Center.

Dr. Jefferson reported the SRCC has received a grant and has started an STD clinic on Tuesdays. Discussion held.

Commissioner Frei reported the Attorney General is threatening the Idaho County Commissioners with a criminal lawsuit over not having a comprehensive plan for Planning and Zoning (Title 67 Idaho Code).

Commissioner Johnson reported that Lewis County is currently providing law enforcement for Kamiah as a result of 3 city officers resignations.

Director's Report

Federal Shutdown – Impact to Public Health

Ms. Moehrle reported that the Federal Shutdown is impacting WIC; however, as of today there is enough funding to carry those families through March. Discussion held.

ODP Update

Ms. Moehrle reported that we have hired Sharlene Johnson as a Project Coordinator to fulfil this contract. The major emphasis in this contract is alcohol, opioid and meth education and prevention. She will be working with several coalitions in the district to implement the prevention deliverables.

Citizen Review Panel Update

Mr. Larson reported that the CRP has been meeting monthly. There is an incredible amount of both electronic and paper documentation on each case that must be reviewed by each member of the panel. The new portal system to ease the review of this documentation may be up and running by the end of this month.

New and Emergent Issues

Ms. Moehrle discussed possible topics for Idaho Association of District Boards of Health. The Board will report back with possible topics at the February meeting.

Chairman McGraw requested a time change to for the Board of Health Meetings; the 4th Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. The Board tentatively agreed.

Commissioner Frei requested that PH-INCD Board write a letter to the legislators stating that we are opposed to the new rule requiring meningococcal vaccine for 12th graders; this a violation of people's individual freedoms as they are being required to inject their body with a foreign substance. Mr. Larson provided insight on the vaccine, meningitis and CDC recommendations for prevention. Ms. Moehrle reviewed the options for exemptions. Commissioner Frei requested to remove this agenda item if parents/guardians still have the right to opt out. Ms. Moehrle will provide the rule change and the opt out information via email to Commissioner Frei and he would like to be used as a conduit for dispersing the correct information.

Division Updates

Environmental Health Update

Mr. Marugg reported that all food license renewals have been returned.

Mr. Marugg reported that Sherise Jurries, EHS, recently participated in a focus group for the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) as part of a national research initiative between the CDC, Baylor University and NEHA, to identify emerging environmental health issues impacting environmental health programs of U.S. health departments. She was involved specifically in the drinking water and wastewater groups. A journal article detailing their findings will be reviewed by the CDC, should be forthcoming titled Environmental Health Practice Challenges and Research Needs for U.S. Health Departments. Sherise has been identified as a co-author and the PH-INCD will be acknowledged.

Even though bat season is over, we continue to investigate animal bites for possible rabies exposures. Over the last month, we have had several cat and dog bites involving unvaccinated animals.

Family and Community Health Update

Mr. Larson reported that influenza is making its way into our region. Even though this is not a reportable disease, discussions at the Infection Control meeting indicate that there are positive cases in the Valley. The predominate subtype of influenza is H1N1 pandemic which should be a lighter influenza year.

Mr. Larson reported that there is an escalating measles outbreak in Washington with a current case count of 28. Measles is an extraordinarily contagious virus, which was eradicated in the U.S. in 2000 as a result of immunization, but arrives periodically with overseas travelers. Both Washington and Oregon have vaccine exemption rates that are much higher than the national median. We do expect to see cases due to the proximity. A physician's alert has been sent to all medical providers and labs.

Office Services

Ms. Larson reported that the remodel has been very beneficial to staff and clients. Ms. Larson reported that Marlene Eck retired after 33 years of service and we have a new employee in the Clearwater County office, Erica Holland.

HR/PIO


Ms. Macke provided the 2019 Board of Health meeting calendar, also posted on the Public Health website. Ms. Macke will continue to research meeting details. IAB is scheduled for June 19th & 20th.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, February 28, 2019 the Board meeting will begin at 9:30 pm at the Public Health office in Nez Perce County.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 3:25 p.m.



Dave McGraw
Board Chairman

Attest: 

Carol Moehrle, Director
Secretary to the Board

Board Minutes approved on February 28, 2019.

