



# Public Health

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### MINUTES BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING February 24, 2022 Nez Perce County Office

**Board Members Present:**

Denis Duman  
Greg Johnson  
Dr. Jefferson  
Dave McGraw(virtual)  
Doug Zenner  
Rick Winkel

**Staff Present:**

Carol Moehrle  
Mike Larson  
Rachael JeanBlanc  
Tara Macke

**Excused:**

Connie Osborn  
Sherise Jurries  
Perri Larson  
Kayla Sprenger

**Guests:**

Jake Garringer

The February 24, 2022, Board of Health meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Vice Chairman Doug Zenner.

Public Health – Idaho North Central District has created a Board of Health email for public comment. Comments in response to an agenda item for a specific meeting date must be received 24 hours in advance of the applicable meeting for routing and board member review. No comments were received.

Vice Chairman Zenner asked for approval of the January 27, 2021, Board of Health Meeting minutes as mailed.

**MOTION: Denis Duman moved, and Greg Johnson seconded the motion to approve Board of Health meeting minutes as presented. Carried unanimously.**

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

#### January FY 2022 Financial Report

January financial reports:

As of the January report, we are 58.33% of the way through this fiscal year. January revenue total \$697,972 with Year-to-Date revenue at \$3,343,900. This is 55.59% Actual incoming revenue of the budget for the FY. January Personnel expenses totaled \$303,253 with Year-to-Date Personnel at \$2,063,568 this is 52.66% of the budgeted amount for the FY. Operating Expenses for January are at \$50,840 with Year to Date at \$633,363 this is 36.87% of the budgeted amount.

**MOTION: Greg Johnson moved, and Dr. Jefferson seconded the motion to approve the January Financials as presented. Carried unanimously.**

#### Write-Off Report

No write-offs at this time.

## **Board Reports**

### **Board & Administrator**

Commissioner Johnson reviewed the article addressing the vitality of the Board in creating and building an innovative and collaborative organization. Each Board member is a representative of the communities we serve so it is important that we ask the tough questions and inspire and challenge one another. Discussion held.

### **Trustee Updates**

Commissioner Johnson reported that the next Executive Committee meeting was held in conjunction with IAC February 2, 2022. HB515 will be introduced, the bill brought forward by DHR amends existing law to clarify that public health district employees are not part of the state personnel system. HB516 will also be introduced, amends existing law to provide for the power of the district health director to establish a personnel system. Risk Management coverage is still being discussed, the statute remains the same in that even though we are not a state agency we can contract for services with Risk Management. If Public Health is unable to contract as we have for over 50 years, our costs may double or even triple. Payroll, P-Cards, employee Insurance and PERSI will remain the same. MOUs will be put in place with DHW, DEQ and the SCO.

Commissioner Johnson was able to reach out to members of the Millennium Committee encouraging them to reinstate the Local Public Health funding.

## **Director's Report**

### **HB316 Update**

Ms. Moehrle reiterated that the Division of Human Resources is introducing legislation to remove Public Health from the State Personnel system requiring each District to create their own.

### **Risk Management Update**

Ms. Moehrle reported that Public Health is trying to stay in Risk Management. Currently, there are counter opinions from the AGs; legislation may be required. Public Health is researching costs for ICRMP, the cost may be 2 to 3 times higher. Discussion held.

### **New Legislation Affecting Public Health**

Ms. Moehrle reported that Public Health is awaiting some clean up language from the Legislature. Public Health is also watchful of the new legislation addressing property tax.

### **PHAB Accreditation**

Ms. Moehrle provided a brief update on Accreditation. Kayla Sprenger, new hire Kaylie Bednarczyk, and Tara Macke have been gathering and organizing documentation for the reaccreditation process. As you may recall, PH-INCD was the first in Idaho to be accredited and would like to maintain that achievement with your support. The Board is in full support of the reaccreditation process.

### **COVID-19 Update**

Mike Larson, Division Administrator, provided an update on COVID-19. Mr. Larson reported that cases are trending down. For 2021, reported in December that we had 8,612 cases, finishing out the year with 9,114 cases. For 2022, from January 1 to February 18<sup>th</sup>, we already have reported out 5,090 cases. Vaccine clinics continue, however numbers are dwindling. This is day 715 of COVID response for Public Health, as of yesterday, 21,525 cases reported for the entire event. Discussion held.

## **Human Resources Update**

Tara Macke reported that Public Health hired a Building Facilities Maintenance Foreman, Jeff Zimmerman, he comes to us from LCSC where he was a Maintenance Craftsman for 10 years. Public Health is always hiring for nurses, both LPNs and RNs are needed. To date we cannot match what private industry pays.


**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, March 24, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. at the Public Health office in Nez Perce County.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 10:12 a.m.



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Dave McGraw  
Board Chairman

Attest:   
Carol Moehrle, Director  
Secretary to the Board

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Board Minutes approved on March 24, 2022.