

**SOUTH CENTRAL PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
February 13, 2009**

Board Members Present:

Everett “Buck” Ward
Linda Montgomery
Don Billings
Tom Faulkner
Angenie McCleary
Marvin Hempleman
Marypat Fields
Don Clark

District Staff Present:

Rene LeBlanc, Director
Bonnie Spencer, Deputy Director
Kathlyn Egbert, Management Assistant

Board Members Excused:

Guests:

Minutes

The Board of Health Meeting was called to order by Mr. Ward at 10:05 a.m.

Board Compensation

A survey was taken of how each of the Districts was compensating Board Members. Our District has not been paying the \$75 for conference calls or IAB attendance. After discussion, Mr. Faulkner recommended that the Board be paid for the two days of actual IAB meetings but not for travel (except for mileage reimbursement). Also, he recommended paying \$25 for incidental conference calls (not official Board Meetings). Ms. Egbert is to check with the State Controller’s office if partial payments may be made.

MOTION (made by Mr. Faulkner, second by Mr. Billings): “I move that Board Members be compensated \$75/day for the two meeting days of IAB and \$25 for conference calls if partial pay is allowed. If not allowed, no pay for conference calls.” Motion carried.

The Board discussed meeting frequency and duration. Consensus was to stay with monthly meetings and extend to three hours – and to keep on schedule.

Administration

The Governor has called for the 2% holdback which has been held in reserve. Mr. LeBlanc shared a letter from the Governor outlining cost cutting measures to be implemented on March 1, 2009. Items addressed were hiring freeze, overtime, employee compensation, travel, object and program transfers, encumbrances and purchasing.

The upcoming IAB Conference in Kellogg was discussed. Final recommendation was to have Mr. LeBlanc attend the Director's meeting prior to IAB if the decision to hold it remains. Mr. Hempleman can represent the Board at the business meeting with the other Board members participating by conference call.

A list of program priorities was reviewed. District Directors jointly put together the list of what may be cut if funding is not available. Steps would be to start cutting from the bottom of the list of Category 3 programs. No substantial money is expected from the federal stimulus package. Legislation on the food fee increase and day care is not looking good for health district funding. Lobbying has not been successful. The recommendation is for the PIO work group to prepare press releases to energize the public and get public representation in the legislative process. Mr. LeBlanc is to provide more information on Priority 3 programs for the next meeting.

MOTION (made by Mr. Faulkner, second by Ms. Fields): "I move that we go into executive session as authorized by Idaho State law 67-2345 for the purpose of discussing employee issues." Motion carried.

Regular Board meeting was reconvened.

MOTION (Made by Ms. Fields, second by Mr. Faulkner): "I move that the meeting be adjourned." Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.



Everett "Buck" Ward
Board Chairman

Attest:



Rene R. LeBlanc, Director
Secretary to the Board

Board Minutes approved on March 25, 2009