

**SOUTH CENTRAL PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
March 24, 2010**

Board Members Present:

Marvin Hempleman
Linda Montgomery
Tom Faulkner
Angenie McCleary
Charlie Ritter

District Staff Present:

Rene R. LeBlanc, Director
Bonnie Spencer, Deputy Director
Cheryle Becker, FACH Administrator
Melody Bowyer, Environmental Program Manager
Karyn Goodale, Public Health Promotion /Preparedness Manager
Amy Lierman, Public Information Officer
Kathlyn Egbert, Management Assistant

Excused:

Peter Curran
Marypat Fields
Cheryl Juntunen
Don Clark

Guests:

Lande Lambert
Caryn Crawford
Wiley Dobbs
KMVT

Minutes

The Board of Health Meeting was called to order by Mr. Hempleman at 1:35 p.m.

- The Board recognized three health heroes for their efforts and accomplishments during 2009: Lande Lambert for supporting the Asthma Coalition and providing asthma education and awareness to the residents of south central Idaho.
- Caryn Crawford for being a leader in and an advocate for quality senior care and leading the efforts to provide a natural environment that promotes meaningful experiences and deinstitutionalized care of the elderly.
- The District IV Superintendents Association for their support to the 2009 H1N1 School Located Vaccination Clinics.

MOTION (made by Ms. Montgomery, second by Mr. Faulkner): “I move that we amend the agenda to include the election of a vice-chair.” Roll call vote: Mr. Faulkner, aye; Ms Montgomery, aye; Mr. Ritter, aye; Ms. McCleary, aye; Mr. Hempleman; aye. Motion carried.

MOTION (made by Mr. Faulkner, second by Mr. Ritter): “I move that we approve the minutes of the February 24, 2010, meeting.” Motion carried.

Correspondence included unanimous approval from the County Commissioners of the appointment of Charles Ritter to the Board of Health representing Lincoln County.

Eastern Idaho Public Health District sent information on available hotels for the IAB Conference in Idaho Falls on June 17 and 18. Ms. Egbert will make reservations for those attending as soon as registration packets are received and completed.

Two policies for Board Chairman signature were reviewed:

Policy .250 Staff Recognition – guidelines set for awards for longevity milestones, resignations, retirements, and other significant staff events.

MOTION (made by Ms. Montgomery, second by Ms. McCleary): “I move that we adopt policy .250 Staff Recognition.” Motion carried.

Policy 1100 Public Health Preparedness and Response Plans – addition of Annex K Environmental Surety and Annex L Workforce Development

MOTION (made by Ms. McCleary, second by Mr. Faulkner): “I move that we approve Policy 1100 with the inclusion of Annex K and Annex L.” Motion carried.

MOTION (made by Ms. Montgomery, second by Mr. Faulkner): “I nominate Marypat Fields to be vice-chair of the Board of Health.” Motion carried.

Legislative Update

A copy of the March 19, 2010, Legislative Bulletin provided by Idaho Association of Counties was provided. Mr. LeBlanc reviewed the bills that were of interest to public health districts:

S1431 Appropriations – Public Health Trust Fund – Sets a reduced State appropriation to the Health Districts.

S1400 District Boards of Health – Appointees - Amends law so County Commissioners can replace an ex-Commissioner on the Board of Health with a currently elected Commissioner to fill the unexpired term.

S1301 Public Health Districts – Pharmaceuticals – Allows delivery of certain prepackaged items by nurses when prescribed by licensed professional health care providers.

S1335 Immunization Registry – Amends law to make the IRIS registry an opt-out program instead of an opt-in program.

H432 Immunization Assessments – Provides for the Idaho Immunization Dedicated Vaccine Fund by assessing insurance companies for the cost of vaccine.

S1353 Freedom of Conscience – Health Care Professionals – Provides freedom of conscience for health care professionals to not provide abortion and end of life care.

H0590 Health and Safety – Provides authority to County Commissioners for the regulation of residential septic tanks and septic systems if they chose not to use the Health Districts.

H667 Public Health Districts – Makes certain public health district environmental rules null and void.

Mr. LeBlanc has been meeting with legislators, DEQ, and commissioners on health district issues in the septic program. He will draft a letter to the other District Directors and Trustees stating that the current system (DEQ MOU) doesn't work and that we need to either contract with DEQ or change the State code to put delegation in it. We also need to address DEQ's leadership role in identifying training and education for the Environmental Health Specialists. Further meetings with DEQ will take place this summer to come up with an agreement and work through the issues.

Administration

A tentative County Commission Budget Proposal visit calendar was distributed. Confirmed dates and times will be available at the April meeting.

Mr. LeBlanc met with the Minidoka County Commissioners to resolve issues and perceptions concerning the possible sale of our Rupert office to the Minidoka Memorial Hospital. Original discussions with the hospital have cooled, and the Commissioners want to keep our presence in Minidoka County. Mr. LeBlanc said the preferred process will be to invite the Minidoka and Cassia Commissioners to be a part of a planning process for facilities and services for five years out.

MOTION (made by Mr. Faulkner, second by Ms. Montgomery): “I move we authorize the Director to inform the Commissioners at the Commissioner Budget visits that we are looking at a five-year plan for the Minidoka and Cassia County area and ask for their input in the planning process.” Motion carried.

Operations

Ms. Spencer reviewed the February finance report showing our cash balance continues to be high with the receipt of the second half of our State funding. Other revenue sources are strong; overall contracts and fees and donations are coming in as expected. H1N1 payments are dwindling down. Expenditures are a little under spent; but subgrantee payments (ASPR) will be picking up. Ms. Spencer anticipates some savings in Operations at the end of the year.

Gooding staff moved into the new facility on March 12 and 13 and opened the doors on March 15. The office is beautiful, and staff love it. Landscaping will begin next week along with the installation of a pedestal sign.

A history of county contributions by District (2000-2010) was shared. The average annual change for SCPHD has been an increase of 2.15%. Our proportionate share of county contributions is a large factor in the State appropriation distribution formula.

The District has two Information Technology students from CSI who are serving as interns for the spring semester. They have been able to catch up on several products that were not completed due to the H1N1 effort.

Ms. Spencer gave an update on an employee who was terminated last year for adjusting automated records on client income to benefit a family member. The case was referred to the County Prosecutor, and the employee plead guilty. Sentencing was on March 16; part of the sentence included restitution of about \$2100 to be made to the District.

Family and Children’s Health (FACH)

Ms. Becker updated the Board on a few of the FACH contracts. Money was deducted from the TB Control contract with each of the Health Districts and put into an educational fund. We sent our new TB program manager to San Francisco for training using this fund.

A possible food-borne outbreak occurred in Blaine County which has prompted better communication and reporting with the hospital. Probable cause was a Noro virus.

FACH has had four audits over the last month:

- A Federal and State audit of the WIC program identified the need for more Registered Dietitian (RD) time to see individuals in the program. We received a new contract amendment increasing funds to add an RD in the District and to cover costs for additional clients to receive services.

- Housing Opportunities for People with Aids (HOPWA) was successful and had no problems.
- Epidemiology Program was done via teleconference with no problems needed address..

A new program, Early Head Start RN Home Visits, will start mid-May in Jerome, Rupert, and Twin Falls. The contract will include our nurses doing 40 pre- or post-natal and infant home visits.

Environmental Health

Ms. Bowyer updated the Board on the Child Care contract recently signed by Health and Welfare and Central District Health as the contract administrator. Each of the other Districts will subcontract with Central District Health. SCPHD will receive \$12,500 per year for administration and \$263 per inspection, with an additional charge code for complaints. The inspection process will now include weapons, firearms, pools, hot tubs, smoking, and alcohol along with new ratios of providers and children.

At the recent IEHA Conference, one of the presenters introduced a national checklist for child care facilities that addresses environmental health issues. The IAIFYC is in the process of hiring child care health consultants, so the timing of this information was great. The national program manager will be coming to Idaho to train the trainer on the checklist which will be used for selected child care facilities. A new rating system of child care will incorporate environmental health into the process.

Public Health Promotion and Preparedness

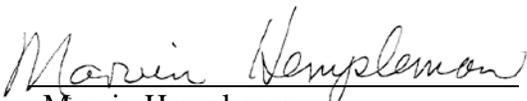
Ms. Goodale was pleased to report that Millennium funding is expected to be received by July (\$71,000) that will allow us to continue our cessation programs for WIC and teens. We will continue to do our own evaluation this year instead of using BSU.

We received an amendment to the Tobacco Prevention contract for \$19,000 dedicated to work with city councils to implement tobacco-free park policies. Efforts with key city and recreation members to advocate and educate for policies will be made. A survey has been posted on our web site, and a press release will be sent out to our media contacts.

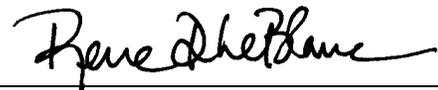
Our Tobacco Free Coalition has a display at the Magic Valley Mall to promote National Kick Butts Day. Focus is on the benefits of being tobacco free and the consequences of smoking.

The Project Public Health Ready recertification process is still ongoing with an April 2 deadline. Staff are working hard, and the expectation is to complete the application in time.

Meeting adjourned at 3:35 PM.



 Marvin Hempleman
 Board Chairman

Attest: 

 Rene R. LeBlanc, Director
 Secretary to the Board

Board Minutes approved on April 21, 2010