

**SOUTH CENTRAL PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
October 27, 2010**

Board Members Present:

Marypat Fields
Linda Montgomery
Tom Faulkner
Charles Ritter
Don Clark
Terry Kramer
Cheryl Juntunen
Peter Curran

District Staff Present:

Rene R. LeBlanc, Director
Bonnie Spencer, Deputy Director
Cheryle Becker, FACH Director
Merl Egbert, Environmental Health Director
Karyn Goodale, PHPP Program Director
Amy Lierman, Public Information Officer
Kathlyn Egbert, Management Assistant
Craig Paul, Environmental Health Specialist
Susie Beem, Health Education Specialist

Excused:

Angenie McCleary

Guests:

KMVT

Minutes

The Board of Health meeting was called to order by Ms. Fields at 1:30 p.m.

MOTION (made by Mr. Kramer, second by Ms. Montgomery): “I move that we approve the minutes of the September 29, 2010, Board of Health meeting.” Motion carried.

Newly appointed staff were introduced to the Board (Josh Jensen, Environmental Health Specialist; Julie Behm, Administrative Assistant; Cheyenne Chavez, Customer Service Representative; Larry Troxell, Trainer; and Sherri Cash, Health Promotion Intern.

Operations Report

Ms. Spencer presented the Comparison to Budget report for September. The report covered the first three months of the fiscal year (25%). Figures were updated following the Board’s approval of the budget revision at last month’s meeting, and the new reserve account draw was entered. Fees and donations are under the 25% mark with expectations of them increasing during flu shot season and the food permitting process. Expenditures are also a little under budget with the one-time expenditures from the carry over fund not made yet. The pass-through account balance is \$1,137,852.

The report comparing the JEPS and Diversified Bond Fund accounts continues to show that the Diversified Bond Fund is outperforming the JEPS fund.

Administrative Report

Mr. LeBlanc reviewed fact sheets that will be shared with the Legislators and County Commissioners during the Legislative Reception on November 18, 2010. The first fact sheet addresses the fiscal impact of the current economy and provides information on sources of revenue, funding trends, projections for decreased revenue, and the trend line for decreasing numbers of full-time equivalent positions. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is awarding significant funds to community health centers. Family Health Services will be eligible for grants through the Affordable Care Act and is receiving \$1,521,949 from Recovery Act Funding. The Public Health Districts are hoping for level funding from the State and counties and not a decrease in FY 2012.

The Public Health Districts are supporting a tobacco tax increase proposal led by the American Cancer Society. Idaho ranks 42nd in the nation for taxes on cigarettes. The proposal is to increase the tax by \$1.00 per pack.

A fact sheet on the IDEQ and PIHD action plan for subsurface disposal rules summarizes steps taken to standardize the subsurface disposal program throughout the state. Another fact sheet provides information on the recommendation of creating a regional Behavioral Health System modeled after the structure of public health. That last fact sheet supports updating Idaho's immunization rules to add additional vaccines necessary for admission to school. This would more closely align Idaho with the national immunization recommendations.

Save the date cards have been sent to current commissioners and legislators notifying them of our Legislative Reception scheduled for November 18. After the November 2 election, invitation letters will be mailed to everyone who will be in office in January.

As funding sources change or go away and to avoid duplication of services in our communities, the Board discussed the need to adapt and look at all public health arenas other than clinical services. We could use funds that are currently supporting clinical services and identify other core public health functions that could be expanded or added. It was suggested that Division Directors speak to that issue at the Legislative Reception.

Family and Children's Health Report

Ms. Becker discussed how the WIC Program will be scheduled as of January 1, 2011. In an effort to expand our after 5:00 clinics in Burley, Jerome, and Twin Falls, WIC Clinical Assistants that are interested will be able to work four ten-hour days (8:00 AM to 7:00 PM four days a week). This will serve clients better as the later appointments are very popular.

The Immunization contract to provide education to providers and linkage to WIC to increase the immunization levels of WIC children has been cut by over \$18,000.

We recently had an Epidemiology Conference here, and health information technology was looked at. Our Refugee program will take advantage of a computer program that is used for reporting disease investigations by entering refugee screenings into the system.

Family planning funding was decreased due to our inability to hire a nurse practitioner to see clients in the Mini-Cassia area. We also saw a cut in funds for our contraceptive allotment. This may

result in supplying clients with part of a contraceptive and a prescription for them to purchase the rest.

Ms. Becker has contacted Dr. Ball to request his services for our TB clinics. He is still working out his schedule with his practice, but hopes are that we will be able to contract with him for TB consultation services.

The Early Head Start Home Visitation program has expanded our services to 80 families with the request that we see all of their clients. Next year we expect Idaho to apply for a grant to provide an evidence-based home visit program for prenatal and early childhood visits. Currently we are the only district in the state doing this type of home visit.

Physical Activity and Nutrition

Ms. Beem presented information on the Physical Activity and Nutrition program (PAN). A new group, Action for Healthy Kids, was formed this year with representation of seven school districts, YFCA, Parks and Recreation, Boys and Girls Club, Girl Scouts, University of Idaho Extension, CSI, and parents. The goal is to improve children's health through physical activity and nutrition. Last year, State funds allowed the group to award four grants to local schools who then purchased playground equipment and pedometers. The pedometers are being used by Declo fourth grade students as they walk the Oregon Trail in conjunction with their Idaho history studies. Ms. Beem hopes that more funds will be made available to award additional grants to other schools this year. The priority area chosen this year for the group to work on is healthy snacks, and key messages will be developed to distribute through the participating agencies. Another component of the contract is a preschool program called "Color Me Healthy" that teaches children the importance of physical activity and nutrition. The University of Idaho Extension teaches the lessons to each of the ten sites, and Ms. Beem attends parent meetings at Head Start to educate the parents. The last piece is "Health Eating – Active Living" (HEAL). A state-wide assessment was conducted on physical activity and nutrition in 2005. This needs assessment served to help develop a two-year action plan that has become a strategic plan that addresses core public health issues related to obesity. Statewide meetings are being held to gather support and partnership with the aim of improving Idahoans' health.

Environmental Health Report

Craig Paul, Environmental Health Specialist (EHS), provided a demonstration on Paragon, the new Environmental Health software. Computer notebooks are being used in the field to conduct inspections with information being uploaded into the network upon return to the office. Information is available in all offices creating efficiencies for both clerical and EHS staff. Public Health Districts 5, 6, and 7 purchased the same software and are working together to standardize their inspections and data collection.

Mr. Egbert, Environmental Health Director, updated the Board on recent changes in the Child Care contract. Health and Welfare has one Child Care contract in the state with Central District Health being the administrator of the contract with the other health districts. Two years ago the Child Care statute was change, and currently the Health Districts are working under temporary rules pending passage by the legislature. Health Districts are reimbursed for the cost of doing inspections as well as follow-up on complaints. The scope-of-work has increased under the new rules (firearm safety,

pools and water features, animal health, background checks). The first audit of the program was very good.

PHER Funding Redistribution

Ms. Goodale, PHPP Manager, reported that the Public Health Districts (PHDs) in Idaho will be receiving money from the redistribution of PHER funding (money received and not spent by the PHDs). Our portion of this additional funding is \$83,600. We plan to use this funding for travel to trainings, relabeling anti-virals, staff and community education and trainings, and supplies.

Other Business

Ms. Montgomery thanked staff for participating in the recent health fair sponsored by St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center and hosted by the College of Southern Idaho's Health and Human Services.

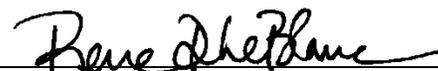
Upcoming meeting dates were reviewed.

MOTION (made by Ms. Montgomery, second by Ms. Juntunen): "I move that we adjourn."
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM.



Marypat Fields
Board Chair

Attest: 

Rene R. LeBlanc
District Director

Board Minutes approved on November 18, 2010