

**SOUTH CENTRAL PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
November 18, 2010**

Board Members Present:

Marypat Fields
Linda Montgomery
Tom Faulkner
Charles Ritter
Don Clark
Angenie McCleary

District Staff Present:

Rene R. LeBlanc, Director
Bonnie Spencer, Deputy Director
Cheryle Becker, FACH Director
Merl Egbert, Environmental Health Director
Karyn Goodale, PHPP Programs Director
Amy Lierman, Public Information Officer
Kathlyn Egbert, Management Assistant

Excused:

Terry Kramer
Peter Curran
Cheryl Juntunen

Guests:

Minutes

The Board of Health meeting was called to order by Ms. Fields at 11:45 a.m.

MOTION (made by Mr. Ritter, second by Ms. McCleary): “I move that we approve the minutes of the October 27, 2010, Board of Health meeting.” Motion carried.

Discussion on methods of receiving Board minutes and agendas in the future resulted in the consensus of email distribution with the exception of those without computer access (continue to mail). If packet information is available in advance of the meeting, it will also be emailed.

Legislative/Commissioner Reception Follow-up

The Board discussed the importance of telling the public health story so that legislators and commissioners can understand our mission and purpose, what our highest priorities are, and how important it is to have funding to support those priorities. What does it actually mean to clients and communities if programs and services are cut? What will the consequences be - will costs in the state go up if we don't continue these programs? We need to stress how important prevention is (immunizations, outbreaks) and how it saves the State money in the long run. People go to emergency rooms and run up the costs much higher than prevention dollars spent.

Mr. LeBlanc was asked to pass on to the American Cancer Society that they need to show how funds from the tobacco tax would be spent in the event legislation is passed. The Board discussed the issue of the Behavioral Health Transformation and the pros and cons of public health districts taking on the responsibility of behavioral health. If adequate funding to support the program was

made available, the Board would rather see Public Health Districts provide local services and administration rather than direction from Boise.

As attendance by legislators at our Legislative/Commissioner Reception has been limited, the Board discussed changing the time of year that it is held. September or October dates were recommended for meeting with current legislators along with special invitations extended to those newly elected in November. Regular Board meetings could be modified to include public health orientation and to answer questions.

Operations Report

The fiscal report through October (33% of the fiscal year) was reviewed by Ms. Spencer. Revenues are at 32.29% of budget. Expenditures are under budget at 29.35%. The pass-through account balance at the end of October is \$835,974; over \$475,000 of this is reserve funds dedicated for carryover expenditures.

Director Report

The agenda was reviewed for the Trustee conference call scheduled for December 10, 2010, at 3:00 p.m. Concerns about the methods of supporting legislation and Board of Health resolutions will be discussed. The Board in a previous meeting voted to not support any public health district lobbying efforts, and this was again confirmed.

The Board recommended that a list of all District programs and services be analyzed along with how much District money is used to support them and how much contract/grant money is provided. Other things to consider in this analysis are a) are there other agencies that provide similar services and would the slack be picked up if we drop the service, and b) are there services that only we do, and would it be necessary to use reserves to continue them. We should be prepared to meet with our legislators to discuss these issues.

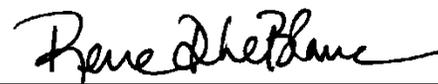
A suggestion was made to move the date of the January meeting up to allow more time to establish action plans before State funding is decided. Board members will look at personal calendars to determine availability and respond back.

**MOTION (made by Ms. Montgomery , second by Ms. McCleary): “I move that we adjourn.”
Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 PM.



Marypat Fields
Board Chair

Attest: 

Rene R. LeBlanc
District Director

Board Minutes approved on January 26, 2010