Central District Health Board of Health Meeting
Emergency Board WebEx Meeting

707 N Armstrong Place, Boise WebEx Meeting
Thursday, June 18, 2020 | 6:00 p.m.

Minutes

Attendees
Board of Health Members:
   Betty Ann Nettleton, RN (Ret.), Chair
   Rep. Megan Blanksma, Vice Chair
   Comr. Elt Hasbrouck, Trustee
   Dr. Ted Epperly, MD

   Comr. Diana Lachiondo
   Comr. Ryan Stirm (Absent)
   Dr. Jane Young, DNP

   Staff:
   Russell A. Duke, District Director
   Donna Mahan, Recorder

Call Board of Health Meeting to Order – Betty Ann Nettleton
Betty Ann Nettleton, Board Chair, called Central District Health (CDH) Board of Health meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Order of Closure – Russ Duke
The Board discussed the recent uptick in COVID 19 cases. The majority of cases coming in over the last week have been associated with patrons visiting Downtown Boise bars and nightclubs as well as employees of those businesses. Other cases not related to these businesses are also picking up. The growth rate in cases is concerning. The question that needs to be answered is what quarantine and/or restriction measures should be put in place to slow the spread of disease.

Russ met virtually with some of the Downtown bar owners on Wednesday, June 18, resulting in a press release. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss measures they need to take in order to protect patrons and staff. The businesses owners were committed to doing what they could to help while recognizing it is a challenge with their business model such as getting patrons to wear face coverings.

Russ's recommendation to the Board was to support CDH staff working directly with the Downtown Boise bar owners to make sure they have effective prevention plans in place, but if compliance remained a concern and the cases continued to rise, we would plan to issue orders of closure before the following weekend.

Motion: Commissioner Diana Lachiondo so moved Russ's recommendations as stated as the motion. Seconded by Jane Young, DNP.
Discussion: With cases going up based on 10 to 14 days ago, we may need to act faster than next Friday if we continue to see an increase this weekend to temper the spread.

Motion Amended: Commissioner Diana Lachiondo moved to amend her motion to have staff monitor bar activities and cases being reported related to the bars, and issue orders based on when data points were met. Amended motion accepted by Jane Young, DPN.

Further Discussion: Criteria for data points were defined as an increase of five or more confirmed cases per day from those bars, an overall rise in positive case counts, and observation of non-compliance to recommendations.

Vote: Amended motion passed by majority vote. Representative Megan Blanksma voted no on the record.

Adjournment – Betty Ann Nettleton
No further business was brought before the Board; meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Attest:

Betty Ann Nettleton
Board Chair

Russell A. Duke, District Director
Secretary to the Board

Board Minutes approved on June 26, 2020.