
CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD OF HEALTH | MINUTES
707 N Armstrong Place, Boise, ID | Syringa Room
Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 5:15 pm

Note: Due to COVID-19, meetings of the Board for the remainder of 2020 will be held via video conference unless otherwise noted.

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I. IN THE MATTER OF CALL TO ORDER

Betty Ann Nettleton, Board Chair, called the Central District Health (CDH) Board of Health meeting to order at 5:15 pm.

II. IN THE MATTER OF ROLL CALL

The Board of Health members were identified by roll call: Representative Megan Blanksma, V-Chair; Commissioner Ryan Stirm (joined ≈ 5:35 pm); Commissioner Elt Hasbrouck, Trustee; Jane Young, DNP; Ted Epperly, MD; Commissioner Diana Lachiondo; and Betty Ann Nettleton, RN (Ret), Chair.

Guest Speakers were Dr. Jim Souza, St. Luke's Chief Medical Officer; Dr. Steve Nemerson, St. Alphonsus Chief Clinical Officer; and Katy Quinn, St. Alphonsus Safety Officer.

Others present were CDH staff members Russell A. Duke, District Director; Kimberly Link, Community Disease Control Manager; and Donna Mahan, Recorder.

INFORMATION ITEM:

Chairwoman Betty Ann Nettleton stated the Board of Health would begin rotating the location of future meetings for all Tuesday meetings between the four counties served by CDH to ensure members of our communities have equal opportunity to attend meetings in person. The meeting schedule would be updated to reflect this plan.

ACTION ITEMS:

III. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Russ Duke stated an action item will be need to be added and approved by the Board for the next Board meeting date and location. November 3 is election day.

Motion: Commissioner Elt Hasbrouck made a motion to amend the agenda to include meeting times and locations; seconded by Commissioner Diana Lachiondo. By voice vote, Commissioner Elt Hasbrouck, Representative Megan Blanksma, Commissioner Ryan Stirm, Dr. Jane Young, Dr. Ted Epperly, and Commissioner Diana Lachiondo voted aye. Motion carried.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. *Discuss and vote on scheduled locations and dates of Board meetings*

Due to the on again off again interruptions to CDH operations and allow the public from all counties to be able to attend, the recommendation would be to move the meetings between counties on a rotation schedule.

Discussion points took place around the pros and cons of each county hosting the meetings on a rotating schedule to ensure residents of each county have an opportunity to attend in person and the logistics of hosting

the meetings; the importance of consistency of location for our community members; the safety of our community, clients, and staff; use of local resources to ensure safety; the meeting start time to be after clinic hours; all meetings be moved to Ada County Courthouse; and to remain at the CDH Armstrong office.

Motion: Dr. Ted Epperly made a motion to approve a rotating system for Tuesday's meetings; seconded by Commissioner Diana Lachiondo.

Substitute Motion: Representative Megan Blanksma made a substitute motion to conduct the meetings after clinic hours, which would be at 8:00 pm; and we would continue meeting in our same facility after staff are gone; seconded by Commissioner Ryan Stirm. By voice vote, Commissioner Elt Hasbrouck, Representative Megan Blanksma, Commissioner Ryan Stirm, and Dr. Jane Young voted aye. Dr. Ted Epperly and Commissioner Diana Lachiondo voted no. Substitute motion carried and original motion failed.

Motion: Dr. Ted Epperly made a motion to cancel the November 3 meeting and move it one week later to November 10; seconded by Dr. Jane Young. Discussion took place round not meeting on the 3rd due to election, on the 10th two board members are not available, and discussed having it on the 4th of November. An amendment was made by Dr. Ted Epperly and seconded by Dr. Jane Young to cancel the meeting on November 3 and November 10 and to meet on Wednesday, November 4. By voice vote, Commissioner Elt Hasbrouck, Representative Megan Blanksma, Commissioner Ryan Stirm, Dr. Jane Young, Dr. Ted Epperly and Commissioner Diana Lachiondo voted aye. Motion carried.

2. *Vote on minutes from October 16, 2020 Board meeting*

Motion: Dr. Jane Young made a motion to approve the October 16, 2020 Board of Health minutes as written; seconded by Commissioner Elt Hasbrouck. By voice vote, Commissioner Elt Hasbrouck, Representative Megan Blanksma, Commissioner Ryan Stirm; Dr. Jane Young, Dr. Ted Epperly, and Commissioner Diana Lachiondo voted aye. Motion carried.

3. *Vote on minutes from October 20, 2020 Board meeting*

Motion: Dr. Jane Young made a motion to approve the October 20, 2020 Board of Health minutes as written; seconded by Commissioner Ryan Stirm. By voice vote, Commissioner Elt Hasbrouck, Representative Megan Blanksma, Commissioner Ryan Stirm; Dr. Jane Young, Dr. Ted Epperly, and Commissioner Diana Lachiondo voted aye. Motion carried.

4. *Review of COVID-19 metrics for Criteria for Determining Quarantine and Restriction Orders for Ada County, by Kimberly Link, Communicable Disease Control Manager*

Kimberly Link reported that over the past two weeks ICU admissions remained flat; the non-ICU admissions trended upward. The disease reports trended upward in the past two weeks. Additionally, there was a 66% increase in the number of reported cases during the week of October 18, 2020 as compared to October 11, 2020. During the week of October 18, 2020, six days had at least 100 cases reported and two of those days had at least 200 cases reported. Key Ada County clusters/outbreaks include Boise State, IDOC, Ada County Jail, 29 long-term care facilities.

5. *A COVID-19 situational report from St. Luke's, by Dr. Jim Souza, Chief Medical Officer*

Dr. Souza shared a COVID-19 situational report regarding St. Luke's hospital systems. He made it clear there was no cavalry coming to rescue Idaho.

6. *A COVID-19 situational report from St. Alphonsus, by Dr. Steve Nemerson, Chief Clinical Officer, and Katy Quinn, Safety Officer*

Dr. Steven Nemerson shared a COVID-19 situational report regarding St. Alphonsus hospital systems throughout Idaho. Dr. Nemerson stated that they were doing fine regarding equipment resources such as ventilators. With the increase of COVID patients, some treatments may become harder to obtain.

Both Dr. Souza and Dr. Nemerson messages reiterated how Treasure Valley's two largest hospital systems, St. Luke's and St. Alphonsus, are facing many of the same circumstances in this third wave of the coronavirus including COVID fatigue. They both stated that they are facing a depletion in staffing and their capacity is eroding, thus approaching the breaking point when they will have to ration care. Neither hospital system wants that and are prepared to continue to transform their facilities into COVID facilities. The Treasure Valley hospitals' capacity continues to be under pressure due to other hospitals in their systems reaching capacity and their patients are being transferred to the Treasure Valley. We are all in this together and have personal responsibility. A simple preventive measure to reduce needless suffering that was echoed throughout Dr. Nemerson and Dr. Souza's messages tonight was that everyone needs to social distance and wear a face covering. It does make a difference.

7. *Discussion and Vote regarding potential actions to protect life, health, and safety within the District as to the COVID-19 Pandemic, to include potential amendments to current public health orders and additional orders for other counties within Public Health District 4*

With case numbers on the rise, Russ recommended that the board may need to consider a mask mandate for Elmore County or at least in the two large cities within the county that have case rates comparable to Ada County. Discussion will need to take place first with leaders within the county per the Board in preparation for any discussion on November 4. It was noted that we need to ramp up our operational plan, including more education around social distancing, face coverings, holiday preparation, and enforcement.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The next Board of Health meeting will be Wednesday, November 4 at 8:00 pm. The Board adjourned at 7:51 pm.

Motion: Representative Megan Blanksma made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Commissioner Diana Lachiondo. By voice vote, Commissioner Elt Hasbrouck, Representative Megan Blanksma, Commissioner Ryan Stirm, Dr. Jane Young, Dr. Ted Epperly, and Commissioner Diana Lachiondo voted aye. Motion carried.

Attest:



Betty Ann Nettleton
Board Chair



Russell A. Duke, District Director
Secretary to the Board

Board Minutes approved on November 4, 2020.