
CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD OF HEALTH | MINUTES
707 N Armstrong Place, Boise, ID | Syringa Conference Room
Wednesday, November 4, 2020 | 8:00 pm

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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 8:00 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 ≈ 8:22 pm); Commissioner Elt Hasbrouck, Trustee; Jane Young, DNP; Ted Epperly, MD; Commissioner Diana Lachiondo (absent); and Betty Ann Nettleton, RN (Ret), Chair.

Guest Speakers were by Alicia Estey, Chief of Staff, Vice President for Compliance, Legal and Audit, Boise State University and Bob Carney, Interim Athletic Director, Boise State University. Others present were CDH staff members Russell A. Duke, District Director; Kimberly Link, Community Disease Control Manager; and Donna Mahan, Recorder.

ACTION ITEMS:

III. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Approve the amended agenda as presented with one modification.

Motion: Representative Megan Blanksma made a motion to amend the agenda to what it is, but with the change for the final three BSU home football games rather than the one game on Friday, November 6; seconded by Commissioner Elt Hasbrouck. By voice vote, Dr. Jane Young, Dr. Ted Epperly, Representative Megan Blanksma, and Commissioner Elt Hasbrouck, voted aye. Motion carried.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. *Vote on minutes from October 27, 2020 Board meeting*

Motion: Commissioner Elt Hasbrouck made a motion to approve the October 27, 2020 Board of Health minutes as written; seconded by Dr. Jane Young. By voice vote, Representative Megan Blanksma, Commissioner Elt Hasbrouck, Dr. Jane Young, and Dr. Ted Epperly voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Ada County continues to experience widespread community transmission. Kimberly Link reported that over

the past two weeks we have seen an increase number of COVID cases in our community. ICU admissions increased and a decrease in Non-ICU admissions. On Monday, November 2, the case report counts had not been finalized for the week of October 25 so the percent increase could not be calculated. Of the 6 days with complete case reports, all had >100 cases reported with 3 days exceeding 200 cases reported. Key Ada County clusters/outbreaks noted were Boise State, IDOC, Ada Co Jail, and 33 long-term care facilities. As of last week Ada County had two cases reported on a child being hospitalized due to Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome (MIS-C) after having COVID.

- 3. Petition by Boise State University for an exception to the gathering size restriction of the Ada County orders for the Boise State University football game on Friday, November 6 and the remaining home games. The request includes a safety plan for approximately 1,100 students, student-athlete parents, and members of Boise State's band and cheer team to attend the game, presented by Alicia Estey, Chief of Staff, Vice President for Compliance, Legal and Audit, Boise State University.*

Boise State University staff members, Alicia Estey and Bob Carney, petitioned for an exemption to the current Ada County Order for the last three home games on 6th, 12th, and 28th of November, allowing for approximately 1,100 in attendance to each game based on their proposed plan submitted to CDH. After discussion, Russ Duke recommended the board approve the exemption for all three games. The board discussed approving the Friday's game and the other games be left to the director's discretion.

Motion: Representative Megan Blanksma made a motion to approve the petition by Boise State University for an exception to the gathering size of the Ada County Order for the Boise State University football game on Friday, November 6, with further approval of football games at the discretion of the director; seconded by Commissioner Elt Hasbrouck. By voice vote, Commissioner Elt Hasbrouck, Representative Megan Blanksma, Dr. Jane Young, and Dr. Ted Epperly voted aye. Motion carried.

- 4. 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*

Russ Duke requested direction from the board on how we might address the continual increase of cases within our district and how to address bar establishments that are not in compliance with the current Ada County Order.

Regarding the bars, it was suggested that we treat bars like food establishments by posting bars compliance rate on CDH's website, noting the violations if any. The board agreed before doing so, we seek legal counsel for guidance. Discussion took place regarding sending laudatory letters and violation letters to bar owners.

Motion: Dr. Ted Epperly made a motion that we send a warning letter to known bar violators of our published order for the protection of our community around their operations, and we send a similar laudatory letter to bars doing a good job. We would seek legal review and advice before potentially published bars names on our web page or other location around compliance. Seconded by Commissioner Elt Hasbrouck. After further discussion, the motion was amended.

Amended Motion: Dr. Ted Epperly made a motion for bars that are in violation of the published order be given a warning letter with the known violations as to the published order; they are given a period of time to respond positively to the violation(s); Central District Health will continue to check compliance; bars

with repeated violations should be closed. If they are in compliance with the published order, they should be thanked for their compliance. Seconded by Commissioner Elt Hasbrouck. By voice vote, Representative Megan Blanksma, Commissioner Elt Hasbrouck, Dr. Jane Young, Dr. Ted Epperly, and Commissioner Ryan Stirm voted aye. Amended motion carried.

We will continue to assess positive cases of COVID across the district and the impact on hospitals. When the point arises that we need to take action to slow down the spread, a recommendation will be presented by the director for board discussion. It was noted that Russ did speak to the mayors of Mountain Home and Glenns Ferry as well as the three Elmore County Commissioners regarding their thoughts on a mask order and when it might be appropriate.

Other considerations included recommendations around schools, potential consideration of an Elmore County face covering order, education campaigns, and community holiday recommendations.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The next Board of Health meeting will be Tuesday, November 17. The Board adjourned at 9:01 pm.

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

Attest:


Betty Ann Nettleton
Board Chair



Russell A. Duke, District Director
Secretary to the Board

Board Minutes approved on November 17, 2020.