

CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD OF HEALTH | MINUTES
707 N Armstrong Place, Boise, ID | Syringa Conference Room
Tuesday, December 1, 2020 | 5:15 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 5:15 pm.

II. IN THE MATTER OF ROLL CALL

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

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

No changes noted.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. *Vote on minutes from November 17, 2020 Board meeting*

Motion: Commissioner Elt Hasbrouck made a motion to approve the November 17, 2020 Board of Health minutes as written; seconded by Dr. Jane Young. By voice vote, Commissioner Elt Hasbrouck, Representative Megan Blanksma, Dr. Jane Young, Dr. Ted Epperly and Commissioner Diana Lachiondo voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Kimberly Link reported that Ada County has continued to experience widespread community transmission with an ongoing increase in the number of cases being reported. Hospitalizations also continues to remain high along with percent positivity. Non-ICU admission remains high but stable over the past two weeks among Ada County residents; ICU admissions have had an upward trend.

Data entry remains delayed due to volume. The estimate of cases for the week of November 15 is approximately 3,200 and at least 3,100 cases were reported during the week of November 22. Key clusters/outbreaks noted included Boise State, IDOC, Ada Co Jail, 46 long-term care facilities (up from 43 last week).

3. *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 reported that we continue to see an increase districtwide in COVID cases. He encouraged everyone to follow the advisory and not to wait for an order. At this point, no hospital has notified CDH that they are seeking implementation of crisis standards of care as authorized by the State of Idaho.

As the positive rate continues to rise, the number of cases increase, local hospitals are increasingly in demand, and the number of cases is expected to increase as a result of Thanksgiving gatherings, the Board discussed the current situation and possible next steps, including moving the advisory to an order. Russ Duke was asked by the board to work with his staff to have a draft order to be ready for the next Board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 8. This draft order would be available to the public for review and comment.

Motion: Dr. Ted Epperly made a motion that we move from an advisory and that we have Russ prepare a public health order, working with his staff, to bring back next Tuesday with an enforcement component to consider and to apply to all four counties. Seconded by Dr. Jane Young.

As a result of additional discussion, the issue was raised that a special meeting on Friday, December 4th at 5:15 may be required.

Amended Motion: Dr. Ted Epperly amended his motion that we move from a public health advisory to a public health order that will apply to all four counties and an enforcement mechanism with this order; we make sure the public has an opportunity to review the draft order; and that we take this up on Friday at 5:15 pm. Seconded by Commissioner Elt Hasbrouck. By voice vote, Commissioner Elt Hasbrouck, Dr. Jane Young, Dr. Ted Epperly, and Commissioner Diana Lachiondo voted aye. Representative Megan Blanksma voted no. Motion carried.

Motion: Commissioner Elt Hasbrouck made a motion to have a Special Meeting on Friday, December 5 at 5:15 pm; seconded by Dr. Ted Epperly.

It was brought the Boards attention that Friday is the 4th not the 5th of December.

Amended Motion: Commissioner Elt Hasbrouck made a motion to amend the date to the 4th at 5:15 pm; seconded by Dr. Ted Epperly. By voice vote, Commissioner Elt Hasbrouck, Representative Megan Blanksma, Dr. Ted Epperly, and Commissioner Diana Lachiondo voted aye. Motion carried.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The next Board of Health meeting is set for Friday, December 4 at 5:15 pm. The Board adjourned at 6:23 pm by motion.

Motion: Commissioner Diana Lachiondo made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Dr. Ted Epperly. By voice vote, Commissioner Elt Hasbrouck, Representative Megan Blanksma, 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 December 22, 2020.