

**CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD OF HEALTH | MINUTES**  
707 N Armstrong Place, Boise, ID | Syringa Conference Room  
Friday, February 19, 2021 | 8:30 a.m.

**Note:** Due to COVID-19, meetings of the Board for the remainder of 2021 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 8:30 a.m.

**II. IN THE MATTER OF ROLL CALL**

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

Others present were CDH staff: Russell A. Duke, District Director; Donna Mahan, Recorder; Rob Howarth; Kris Spain; Laurel McMahan; Alexis Pickering; Natalie Bodine; Kim Link; and Michele Hanrahan.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**III. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

No changes noted.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

1. *Vote on minutes from January 15, 2021 Board meeting*

**Motion:** Commissioner Elt Hasbrouck moved to approve the minutes for January 15, 2021 Board meeting as presented. Seconded by Dr. Jane Young. By voice vote, Commissioner Elt Hasbrouck, Dr. Jane Young, Dr. Ted Epperly, and Raúl Labrador voted yes. Motion carried.

2. *Provide FY-2021 Financial Reports by Laurel McMahan, Support Services Division Administrator*

The FY-2021 Budget to Actual for January 2021 report reflects we are 58% through this budget fiscal year. There are significant budgetary variances with the effect of COVID activities and with final Boise remodel expenses budgeted last year but paid this year. Total revenues are at 74% of the budget. Fees are at 73%; contracts are at 101%; and county contributions are at 39%. Total expenditures are at 63%. Personnel costs are at 63%. Operating costs are at 54%; and capital costs are at 254%. The FY-2021 Cash Balance Statement and Reserve Report at the end of January reflects a total cash balance of \$4,681,097; the reserve fund designations are \$2,353,132 with a cash balance of \$2,327,965.

3. *Vote on both the FY-2021 Budget Revision and Reserve Fund Designation by Laurel McMahan, Support Services Division Administrator*

Laurel reviewed the proposed FY-2021 Budget Revision and proposed Reserve Fund allocations, noting COVID played a key role for the overall adjustments being proposed in both documents.

**Motion:** Commissioner Elt Hasbrouck moved to approve the proposed FY-2021 Budget Revision and proposed Reserve Fund Designation as presented; seconded Dr. Ted Epperly. No further discussion. By voice vote, Commissioner Elt Hasbrouck, Dr. Jane Young, Raúl Labrador, Dr. Ted Epperly, Commissioner Ryan Stirm, and Representative Megan Blanksma voted yes. Motion carried.

4. *Provide update on Western Idaho Community Health Collaborative (WICHHC) by Alexis Pickering, Health Strategist*

Alexis Pickering updated the Board on WICHHC, a 10-county regional collaborative. They have identified projects in Elmore County and Gem County that can have the greatest impact on improving health outcomes while lowering the cost of healthcare. WICHHC received the multi-year Get Healthy Idaho Grant, enabling them to partner with Elmore County Health Coalition to address upstream barriers to health.

5. *Provide update on Public Health Districts' Executive Council by Commissioner Elt Hasbrouck*

Commissioner Elt Hasbrouck reported that Mike Kane, Public Health Districts' legislative advisor, is doing a great job keeping the health districts updated on public health related legislation. There are two key items:

- SB1060: Amends the existing law to provide for the approval or extension of orders applicable to all persons in a county or public health district through an appeal before their Board of County Commissioners and provide for an infraction instead of a misdemeanor for violating orders.
- There is talk that the State may be pulling all funding from public health districts with the expectation that the counties will make up the difference in lost revenue. No bill has been printed.

This year the annual Idaho Association of District Boards of Health meeting will be a virtual meeting held in June.

6. *Review of vaccine status and distribution update by Natalie Bodine, Public Health Preparedness Program Manager*

Natalie Bodine shared an update on Central District Health's vaccine planning and distribution. Currently, in our district, there are 123 providers approved by the Idaho Immunization Program as a COVID Vaccine Provider, with 12 pending locations. Having enough providers is not an issue, receiving adequate doses allocated to Idaho and our district remain the limitation. Johnson & Johnson's new single dose vaccine may be approved by the FDA for emergency use by the end of the month.

7. *Review of COVID-19 status report by Kimberly Link, Communicable Disease Control Manager*

Kimberly Link reviewed the current COVID-19 status report for our district, reflecting an overall improvement. Our case counts and positivity rates are down and our hospitals are mostly "full care as normal", with only a couple reporting "some stresses". The British Strain of COVID-19 has been found in Boise wastewater.

8. *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 for Ada and Valley counties by Russ Duke, District Director*

Russ Duke stated the goal of the orders was to protect the vulnerable population and maintain our healthcare capacity, which we have done. Those wanting to be vaccinated in our long-term healthcare facilities and within our health care system have been. We are in a good position to manage the pandemic at this time and the board will need to determine if orders remain necessary or if an advisory with strong recommendations is more appropriate.

On behalf of all Valley County Commissioners, Commissioner Elt Hasbrouck requested we relax the orders in Valley County, removing the mandates and implementing an advisory.

**Motion:** Commissioner Elt Hasbrouck moved to lift the orders in both Ada County and Valley County and continue with the advisory role; seconded by Representative Megan Blanksma. During discussion, Mr. Labrador presented two letters to the CDH Board respectfully requesting we consider rescinding the district-wide COVID-19 mandates and replacing them with an advisory. The letter was signed by the Ada County Commissioners, Rod Beck and Ryan Davidson; Mayor Trevor Chadwick of Star; Mayor Jason Pierce of Eagle; and Mayor John Evans of Garden City. Bob Batista signed the letter from Expo Idaho. By voice vote, Commissioner Elt Hasbrouck, Dr. Jane Young, Dr. Ted Epperly, Raúl Labrador, Representative Megan Blanksma, and Commissioner Ryan Stirm voted yes. Motion carried.

9. *Discussion regarding potential actions to protect life, health, and safety within the District as to the COVID-19 Pandemic to include a district-wide public health advisory by Russ Duke, District Director*

Russ Duke reviewed the new advisory that would go in effect following today's Board meeting. This advisory is not a public health order but is a set of strong recommendations to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. The advisory does not replace or supersede orders in place or enacted by a city, county, state, or federal government. Russ reiterated the importance of physical distancing, wearing face coverings, hand washing, and staying home when sick. Our citizens aged 65 and older, who are not fully vaccinated and are the highest risk members of our community, are still at risk of contracting COVID-19.

10. *Provide District Director Report by Russ Duke to include updates on the Idaho Association of Local Boards of Health annual meeting in June and a preview of the March 19 board of health meeting*

The virtual Idaho Association of District Boards of Health business meeting is tentatively set for Thursday, June 17. Public health district 5 is hosting the meeting, and they are still talking about doing a hybrid option for those who want to meet in person. More to come. Our next Board meeting is on Friday, March 19 at 8:30 a.m. Russ will be requesting the Boards guidance on drafting the FY-2022 budget at this meeting.

## V. ADJOURNMENT

The next Board of Health meeting will be Friday, March 19 at 8:30 a.m. The Board adjourned at 11:33 a.m. by motion.

**Motion:** Commissioner Ryan Stirm moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Dr. Jane Young. By voice vote, Commissioner Ryan Stirm, Commissioner Elt Hasbrouck, Dr. Jane Young, Raúl Labrador, and Dr. Ted Epperly voted yes. Motion carried.

### **Attest:**

  
Betty Ann Nettleton  
Board Chair

  
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Russell A. Duke, District Director  
Secretary to the Board

*Board Minutes approved on March 19, 2021.*