
CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD OF HEALTH REGULAR MEETING | MINUTES
707 N. Armstrong Place, Boise, ID 83704 | Syringa Conference Room
Friday, April 18, 2025, 8:30 a.m.

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Call board meeting to order and roll call – Dr. Greg Ferch, Chair

Dr. Greg Ferch, Board Chair, called the Central District Health (CDH) Board of Health meeting to order at 8:30 A.M. The board members were identified by roll call: Comr. Katlin Caldwell, Valley County; Dr. Jane Young, Ada County; Betty Ann Nettleton, Elmore County; Dr. Greg Ferch, Ada County; Comr. Crystal Rodgers, Elmore County; Dr. Ryan Cole, Ada County; Comr. Clay Tucker, Boise County;

Guests and Staff in attendance were Russ Duke, District Director; Cory Kennedy, Recorder; Laurel Gearhart, Support Services Division Administrator; Curtis Loveless, Community & Environmental Health Division Administrator; Beth Bolen, Family & Clinic Services Division Administrator; Stephanie Borders, Communications & Marketing Manager; Emily Waddoups, Staff;

Call for changes to agenda; vote to approve of agenda – Dr. Greg Ferch, Chair

Chair Greg Ferch called for any changes to the agenda as presented; no changes were brought up, and the agenda was approved.

Discuss and vote on March 28, 2025, Board of Health minutes – Dr. Greg Ferch, Chair

Chair Greg Ferch called for any changes to the March 28, 2025, Board of Health minutes; no changes were brought up, and the March 28, 2025, Board of Health minutes were approved.

Provide and review FY-2025 financial report – Laurel Gearhart, Staff

Laurel provided an overview of the current FY-2025 Budget to Actual report. We are approximately 75% through FY-2025. The FY-2025 Cash Balance Statement reflected a total cash balance of \$12,503,930, comprised of \$6,415,443 in total reserve fund designations, \$3,847,788 in total restricted funds, and \$2,240,700 in cash balance undesignated/unrestricted.

WIC Program Overview – Emily Waddoups, Staff

Emily provided the Board with an overview of the WIC program and the services the program provides to our four counties. The CDH WIC team has twelve regularly scheduled clinic locations and five mobile sites. Participants in the WIC program are provided with nutrition education, given a monthly benefit for nutritious foods, and educated on other resources and health care services available. One WIC appointment can supply up to three months of WIC benefits. The WIC program helps to lower premature birth rates, decrease the number of fetal and infant deaths, improve diet quality, and increase access to regular health care, among numerous other benefits.

Ada & Boise County

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Elmore County

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208-587-4407

Valley County

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208-614-7194

Review and Vote on the FY-2026 Proposed Budget – Russ Duke, District Director

Russ presented the proposed FY-2026 budget, including a 3% increase to county contribution, and addressed the Board's comments and inquiries.

Chair Greg Ferch called for a motion to approve the FY-2026 Proposed Budget as presented.

Motion: Betty Ann Nettleton motioned to approve the FY-2026 Proposed Budget as presented, seconded by Dr. Ryan Cole; the motion was put to a vote and was carried unanimously.

Director's Report – Russ Duke, District Director

Russ shared several laws recently passed in the Idaho Legislature that could potentially impact the way Central District Health provides its services. If there are any additional updates on the impact of these laws, Russ will share those updates with the Board.

Russ will meet with the Boards of Commissioners from our four counties over the coming weeks to present the proposed FY-2026 budget and data sheets with information on the services CDH provided in their counties in FY-2024. Russ provided the Board members with copies of the data sheets he will present to the County Commissioners.

The pre-budget meetings are scheduled for the following dates:

- Valley County - 04.21.2025 – at 10:00 a.m.
- Boise County – 04.22.2025 – at 9:30 a.m.
- Ada County – 05.01.2025 – at 1:30 p.m.
- Elmore County – 05.02.2025 – at 1:30 p.m.


Public Comment – Dr. Greg Ferch, Chair

No public comments were brought before the board.

Adjournment – Dr. Greg Ferch, Chair

The next Board of Health meeting will be on Friday, May 9, 2025, following the annual Budget Committee meeting, starting at 10:00 a.m. at our Boise Office. The board adjourned at 10:20 A.M.

Attest:



Dr. Greg Ferch
Board Chair



Russell A. Duke, District Director
Secretary to the Board of Health

Date approved: 5/9/25