CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD OF HEALTH REGULAR MEETING | MINUTES
707 N. Armstrong Place, Boise, ID 83704 | Syringa Conference Room
Friday, August 14, 2026 | 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: Dr. Jane Young, Ada County; Dr. Greg Ferch, Ada County; Comr. Katlin Caldwell, Valley County; Dr. Ryan Cole, Ada County; Comr. Clay Tucker, Boise County;

Guests and Staff in attendance were Kristin Ryan, 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 Geanopulos, Communications & Marketing Manager; Becca Jenkins, HPP Program Manager; Sierra Rodriguez, Program Manager; Heather Whitehead, Health Education Specialist; Two members of the public;

Call for changes to agenda; vote to approve 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 May 08, 2026, Board of Health minutes – *Dr. Greg Ferch, Chair*

Chair Greg Ferch called for any changes to the May 08, 2026, Board of Health minutes; no changes were brought up, and the May 08, 2026, Board of Health minutes were approved.

Public Comment – *Dr. Greg Ferch, Chair*

Members of the public provided public comments to the Board.

Provide and review FY-2027 financial report – *Laurel Gearhart, Staff*

Laurel provided an overview of the current FY-2027 Budget to Actual report. We are approximately 8.33% through FY-2027. The FY-2027 Cash Balance Statement reflected a total cash balance of $8,860,599, comprised of $5,537,700 in total reserve fund designations, $2,948,346 in total restricted funds, and $374,554 in cash balance undesignated/unrestricted.

Provide and review FY-2026 year-end financial reports – *Laurel Gearhart, Staff*

Laurel provided an overview of the FY-2026 Year-End Budget to Actual report. The FY-2026 Cash Balance Statement reflected a total cash balance of $9,878,000, comprised of $6,132,649 in total reserve fund designations, $3,208,932 in total restricted funds, and $536,418 in cash balance undesignated/unrestricted.

Discuss and vote on Cash Carryover Designations – *Laurel Gearhart, Staff*

Laurel provided the Board with the planned FY-2026 Cash Carryover Designations, which reflected a total available cash balance of $6,740,651. The designation of funds includes $1,105,000 for Proposed Special Projects/Carryover Designations and $5,537,700 for Reserve Fund Designations, resulting in an Undesignated Available Cash Balance of $97,951.

Motion: Dr. Jane Young moved to approve the FY-2026 Cash Carryover Designations as presented, seconded by Comr. Clay Tucker; the motion was put to a vote and carried unanimously.

Kratom Information and Education – *Becca Jenkins, Staff*

Becca provided the Board with an educational presentation on Kratom and the difference between Kratom and 7OH and other synthetic Kratom products. Becca also provided the Board with Idaho-specific Kratom data.

Nutrition Education Program at CDH – *Sierra Rodriguez, Staff*

Sierra provided the Board with an overview of the Nutrition Education Program at Central District Health. The Board thanked Sierra for the work her program has done in the community.

Discuss and vote on the vacant Trustee and Executive Council Member position – *Dr. Greg Ferch, Chair*

The Board discussed the vacant Trustee and Executive Council Member position.

Motion: Comr. Clay Tucker moved to table the vote until the October 16, 2026, Board of Health meeting, seconded by Dr. Jane Young; the motion was put to a vote and carried unanimously.

Review and vote on whether to advance one resolution for consideration at the Idaho Association of Local Boards of Health annual meeting – *Kristin Ryan, District Director*

Kristin discussed the resolution Central District Health is putting forward for consideration at the Idaho Association of Local Boards of Health meeting in October, clarifying that verification of Lawful Presence under Idaho Code Title 56-230 is not required for permits.

Motion: Comr. Clay Tucker moved to advance the resolution for consideration at the Idaho Association of Local Boards of Health annual meeting, seconded by Dr. Jane Young; the motion was put to a vote and carried unanimously.

Director's Report – *Kristin Ryan, District Director*

Kristin provided the Board with updates from each of the four counties served by Central District Health.

Public Health News Open Discussion – *Dr. Greg Ferch, Board Chair*

The Board had an open discussion on current public health news topics.

Adjournment – *Dr. Greg Ferch, Chair*

The next Board of Health meeting will be on Friday, October 16, 2026, at 8:30 A.M. at our Boise Office. The board adjourned at 10:14 A.M.

Attest:

Dr. Greg Ferch
Board Chair

Kristin Ryan, District Director
Secretary to the Board of Health

Date approved: 10/16/2026