



South Central District Health

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SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH

BOARD MEETING

February 28, 2007

Board Members Present:

Everett “Buck” Ward
Marvin Hempleman
Peter Curran
Don Billings
Don Clark

District Staff Present:

Cheryl Juntunen, District Director
Rene LeBlanc, Deputy District Director
Bonnie Spencer, Operations Director
Merl Egbert, Environmental Health Director
Maggi Machala, Community Health Director
Kathlyn Egbert, Management Assistant
Tami Pearson, Health Educator

Board Members Excused:

Maypat Fields
Linda Montgomery
Tom Faulkner

Guests:

Brandy Cummings
Liz Warner
Michael Brown
Kasey Warren

Minutes

The Board of Health meeting was called to order by Mr. Ward at 1:30 p.m.

MOTION (made by Mr. Hempleman, second by Mr. Billings): “I move that we approve the minutes of the January 24, 2007, meeting.” Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ward, as the state representative for the District Boards of Health this year, also becomes the state representative for NALBOH and SALBOH. He wasn’t aware of this responsibility until the State Association meeting was held. He feels that the NALBOH/SALBOH representation should be discussed at the IAB conference in May. Ms. Juntunen suggested that this subject could be added to the IAB bylaws currently being updated with terms of leadership and representation identified (appointed, elected). Ms. Juntunen will take this information to the next District Directors meeting.

Legislative Update

Information concerning legislative bills pertinent to public health were reviewed by Mr. LeBlanc and Ms. Juntunen. S1096 Food Establishment passed the Senate and is waiting for the House Health and Welfare Committee’s review. H147 Board Composition passed the House unanimously and is now with the Senate Health and Welfare Committee. S1081 Board Compensation passed the Senate and is now waiting for a hearing in the House.

Other bills of interest include: H206 Tax, personal property, reduction that could impact our county contributions because of reduced revenues to the counties; H121 Bowling alley, no

smoking is now in the House State Affairs; S1076 Statewide poison control center was introduced to lift the current legislation that says the state will have a poison control center and is now in the Senate Health and Welfare; and H163 Daycare facilities would require licensing for daycares with as few as six children and is in the House Health and Welfare. Our fund shift request from JFAC was not approved.

Administration Report

Ms. Juntunen reported on preparations being made for the upcoming IAB Conference in Sun Valley. The agenda was reviewed and registration forms distributed. Dr. Curran and Mr. Billings volunteered to introduce guest presenters.

Recommendations for changes or inclusion to the IAB bylaws were requested. The definition of “Proxy” was discussed: 1) whatever you think is best, I authorize you to vote on my behalf; 2) this is the way I want you to vote, and that is all you can do; or 3) whatever the person tells you that you can do. Consensus is that it is up to the person who grants the proxy to determine what it means (by letter).

The authority of Trustees was also discussed. Currently, the only authority granted is related to the funding formula. Does the Trustee have authority to vote on behalf of the Board without a Board motion or with a Board motion, or is he only advisory? Do Trustees have the authority to vote down proposed resolutions before they go before the full Boards of Health?

Mr. Hempleman questioned whether District Directors were to be a part of the Government Affairs Committee (GAC) or not. The current bylaws state that the Chairman of the Board of Trustees will appoint two Trustees and three Directors to make up the GAC, but “way back when” a decision was made to have all Trustees and Directors participate. Ms. Juntunen will share this with the bylaws revision group.

Ms. Juntunen attended “Capitol for a Day” in Kimberly. The Governor is holding these town hall meetings in each county in Idaho. Areas of concern for the area are identified, and respective state department heads accompany him to address these issues. Ms. Juntunen felt it was an excellent day of conversation and information sharing.

Mr. Leblanc asked for input on any resolutions that the Board would like to have in time for the IAB meeting in May. One suggestion was to support having the HPV vaccine added to the vaccine for children program. Mr. LeBlanc will draft a resolution for the Board’s review in March.

Proposed dates for the budget presentation for County Commissions were reviewed. With Board member input, Ms. Egbert will schedule visits during April and May.

Mr. LeBlanc attended a recent Mental Health Board meeting. They are planning to meet every other month; their next meeting will be to charter out what they want to do over the next year (goals, focus, action plan) to provide support for Region V.

Public Health Week plans were reviewed and include receiving nominations and honoring public health heroes, displaying banners, publishing media releases, and holding General Staff meeting focused on agency and individual family preparedness.

School Health Report

Ms. Machala updated the Board on changes going on statewide with the School Health program. She shared a SCDH position paper on School Health Nurse Services with current statistics and proposed goals and recommendations. Currently, we are providing different levels of school nursing services for 13 of the 21 schools in our district. The goal is to assure that schools in South Central Idaho have the recommended school nurse hours to optimize student health. Recommendations are to: encourage large school districts, which have many schools and the poorest nurse per student ratios, to employ their own school nurses; continue to provide mentoring and materials to nurses newly hired by school districts; and depending on outcome of Medicaid School Nurse Pilot, continue to provide school nurse services for small school districts while trying to improve nurse/student ratios and/or helping them hire their own school nurses.

Recommendations were made to have District Health staff meet with each school superintendent to explain our goals and recommendations and to increase the hourly rate.

Operations Report

Ms. Spencer reviewed the comparison to budget report which reflects 58% of the fiscal year. We received the second half of the State funding in January, so revenues are up. Contracts, fees, and donations are still coming in strong. Revenues are a little under at 53%; capital outlay is down (have not purchased District vehicles yet), and subgrantee payments will pickup as we end up the HRSA grant cycle. The pass-through account balance is at \$1,548,341. Ms. Spencer compiled an investment account report comparing the JEPF Fund and Bond Fund accounts. Fiscal year 2006 showed 3.45% interest in the JEPF Fund and 4.10% in the Bond Fund. So far this year, the JEPF fund has interest of 4.79% and the Bond Fund is at 4.84%.

The budgeting process for FY 2008 has started. Division Directors are reviewing their current budgets and working up their projections. Ms. Spencer recommends that we ask for a 3% contribution increase from the counties and build that into the proposed budget considering what we are looking at with State funding.

Ms. Spencer shared a letter received from Gooding High School thanking us for the computers that we donated to them out of our surplus equipment. They are being used in the Technology Department and are greatly appreciated.

Magic Valley Youth Tobacco Coalition

Tami Pearson along with members of the Youth Tobacco Coalition (Brandy Cummings, Liz Warner, Michael Brown, Kasey Warren) reported their activities to the Board. (Carson Howerton and Leya Murphy were unable to attend.) The Coalition has been very active in efforts to prevent tobacco use. They were invited to the Tobacco Free Idaho Alliance Coalition meeting in Boise to present what they have done in the past, what they are doing now, and what they are working on currently and their goals for the future. They were awarded a plaque for

their efforts. They attended the hospital Administrative Board meeting to show support for the discussion of the hospital becoming a smoke-free campus. They later received an invitation to present a formal request for the hospital to go smoke-free. The vote was unanimous to draft a policy saying they would be a smoke-free campus on January 1, 2008. They are currently working with the legislators who are working on legislation to make bowling alleys smoke-free. They attended lobby and day and testified at the State Affairs Committee meeting. The bill passed unanimously in Committee. If the bill passes the Senate and House, the Coalition will be invited to the signing ceremony by Governor Otter. The Coalition has been nominated for a national award for their activities this year.

MOTION (made by Mr. Billings, second by Dr. Curran): “I move that we go into executive session as authorized by Idaho State law 67-2345 for the purpose of discussing employee and real property issues.” Motion passed unanimously.

Executive session was called to order at 3:15 p.m.

The Board returned to regular session at 3:40 p.m. and adjourned.