



South Central District Health

Keeping your family & community healthy

SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD MEETING March 28, 2007

Board Members Present:

Everett "Buck" Ward
Marvin Hempleman
Don Clark
Don Billings
Marypat Fields
Linda Montgomery

District Staff Present:

Cheryl Juntunen, District Director
Rene LeBlanc, Deputy District Director
Bonnie Spencer, Operations Director
Tom Machala, Communicable Disease & Prevention Director
Merl Egbert, Environmental Health Director
Maggi Machala, Community Health Director
Monie Smith, Community Relations
Patricia Scott, Administrative Assistant

Board Members Excused:

Peter Curran
Tom Faulkner

Guests:

Lynn Lucere, White Rabbit Child Care Center
Dr. Craig Holman, Podiatrist
Dr. Randy Wraalstad, Podiatrist
Magic Valley Tobacco-Free Coalition Members

Minutes

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

Health Hero Award recipients for 2007 were introduced by Mr. Ward. The Adult Health Hero Award was given to Linda Petersen of Burley, an asset to children in the Mini-Cassia community for many years. The Youth Health Hero was awarded to the Magic Valley Tobacco-Free Coalition for their work in tobacco prevention and cessation efforts in the community and lobbying at the state legislature. There was a tie for Corporate Health Hero. Dr. Craig Holman and Dr. Randy Wraalstad, area podiatrists, were honored for the work with the Diabetes Coalition "head to toe" activities and foot exam training for CSI nursing students. Also, Lynn Lucere, White Rabbit Child Care Center, was recognized for her win-win attitude in correcting environmental issues at her business to protect children.

MOTION (made by Mr. Hempleman, second by Mr. Clark): "I move that we approve the minutes of the February 28, 2007, meeting." Motion passed unanimously.

Operations Report

Ms. Spencer reviewed the February financial report. Revenues (fees and donations) are still coming in strong particularly in the Immunization and Lands programs. Expenditures are below budget. Expenditures will go up with the purchase of three vehicles and wrap up of contract requirements. Ms. Spencer anticipates a pass through account balance at the end of the fiscal year to be over \$500,000. The current pass-through account balance is \$1,396,218.

Ms. Spencer presented the Fiscal Year 2008 budget proposal. The budget proposal was based on a 3% county contribution. The total budget is about \$115,000 less than the current budget we are operating under right now. The current budget includes several carryover items not included in the FY 2008 proposal. Personnel did go up about \$200,000 that includes an overall average 5% merit increase for all employees. Increases for the Clinical Assistants classification are included due to a pay line shift at the state level. Clinical Assistants already above the new entry level will receive an additional 3% increase. The Deputy Director position is not included in the new budget. Health Insurance went up about 14% (about \$85,000).

Operating is down over \$200,000 primarily because we don't have the one time expenditures included like those in our current year budget revision. Subgrantee payments are down primarily with anticipated decreases in the HRSA contract. Capital outlay includes three vehicles, but no building capital this year. Revenues include a preliminary figure of \$1,334,700 for the state appropriation. We expect stable funding from the Millennium fund (\$66,500). County contributions includes a 3% increase; contracts are down about \$167,000 (Pandemic Influenza Planning and HRSA contracts down significantly). Fees and donations continue to come in strong, and we are projecting about a \$74,000 increase. We also anticipate increased interest revenue. A reserve fund draw of about \$95,000 was added to cover the increases for next fiscal year. We anticipate about \$200,000 in personnel savings in the current fiscal year which will also be used for merit increases in FY 2008.

MOTION (made by Ms. Montgomery, second by Ms. Fields): "I move that we approve the proposed FY 2008 budget as presented." Motion passed unanimously.

Administration Report

Mr. LeBlanc presented the proposed draft of a resolution to support HPV vaccine for inclusion as a universal vaccine in Idaho. A recommendation was made to reword the phrase indicating when doses should be given. The resolution will be taken to the Director's meeting in April for review; and then the resolution will be sent to the Boards of Health in each of the districts for review. The final proposal will then be presented at the IAB Business meeting in May. The Division of Health has taken this issue to the public health committee of the Idaho Medical Association for their support. If they support it, the recommendation will probably come back to the legislature next year for inclusion in funding for vaccine for children.

Ms. Juntunen reviewed the recent activities in the Legislature pertaining to areas of public health. House Bill 245a Tax, Personal Property, Reduction that might affect Health District funding from the counties is hung up for the session. H121 Bowling alley, No Smoking, was vetoed by the Governor. The House over-rode his veto and sent it to the Senate; it is expected to become law. H0147 District Health Boards, Members, allowing eight county boards to have nine members is law. We may want to visit with our County Commissioners to see what their interest may be in expanding our board. S1081 Public Health District Board, Compensation is now law. S1096 Food Establishment, License Fee is also law.

The County Commission budget visit schedule was reviewed. Ms Juntunen has recently presented a continuity of business plan in the event of pandemic influenza to most of the County Commissions. Discussions about West Nile and jails were frequently brought up initiating the thought that it may be important for the District Health Director to visit more frequently.

Community Health

Ms. Machala provided information on research that showed a connection between pregnant women with periodontal disease with low birth weight babies. Only 37% of women report seeing a dentist when they are pregnant; and for Medicaid eligible women, it is 13%. Our District has the lowest access to dental care in the state with very few accepting Medicaid. Last August, a system was put into place to address the issue and to educate the prenatal providers and the dental providers. Dentists were asked to take a limited number of pregnant women who have been identified with periodontal disease and are referred by delivering physicians. Twenty-eight dentists agreed to do this; but unfortunately, only one in Blaine County who said she wouldn't take Medicaid but she would do it gratis. It is not fair practice for low income people to cross county lines for services. In March, a meeting was held in Blaine County with Dr. Unger (dentist) and a few family practice doctors. Results were that Dr. Unger felt she could recruit a couple of dentists that would see three patients gratis. Family Health Services has now opened a dental clinic in Camas, and Blaine County doctors will refer the Camas County residents to that clinic. Family Health Services agreed to start looking for a long term solution. In the meantime, referral reminders will be sent to doctors and dentists to encourage them to support this initiative.

Ms. Machala showed a bag of dental care products that are given to WIC clients. The goal is to reinforce the need of good oral health practices. Ms. Montgomery suggested that this type of information would be good to introduce to high school students in parenting classes. She also has a contact that may want to contribute to the cost of putting the bags together.

Head to toe assessments for people with diabetes are being done with support of the District Diabetes program. A pilot project of adding eye exams is now being offered by the Lions Club and area ophthalmologists. Over the past year, the Lions Club van has traveled to several rural areas of the district to offer this service to 77 people; nine were diagnosed with retinopathy. The van will be here April 11-19 to go to Fairfield, Bellevue, Richfield, Hagerman, Shoshone, Buhl, Jerome and Twin Falls. Next fall the van will be back to cover some of the same areas and add others and will partner with senior centers to include influenza vaccinations.

MOTION (made by Ms. Fields, second by Mr. Billings): “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.

The Board returned to regular session at 3:35 p.m. Mr. Ward requested a list of direct phone numbers be mailed to the Board members. Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.