



# Public Health

## Idaho North Central District



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### MINUTES BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING October 29, 2020 Nez Perce County Office via ZOOM due to COVID-19

#### Board Members Present:

Mark Frei  
Greg Johnson  
Connie Osborn  
Dr. Jefferson  
Doug Zenner  
Dave McGraw  
Rick Winkel

#### Staff Present:

Carol Moehrle  
Mike Larson  
Rachael JeanBlanc  
Perri Larson  
Sherise Jurries  
Kayla Moehrle

#### Excused:

#### Guests:

The October 29, 2020 Board of Health meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman McGraw.

Public Health – Idaho North Central District has created a Board of Health email for public comment. Comments in response to and agenda item for a specific meeting date must be received 24 hours in advance of the applicable meeting to all for routing and board member review. Individuals may also mail comments to Public Health. Viewing of the meeting may take place live via YouTube. Two comments were received and provided to the Board of Health for the October 29, 2020 meeting; Public Health and the Board of Health were unable to review one of the emails due to firewall issues.

Chairman McGraw asked for approval of the September 24, 2020 Board of Health Meeting minutes as mailed.

**MOTION: Doug Zenner moved, and Rick Winkel seconded the motion to approve September Board of Health meeting minutes. Carried unanimously.**

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

##### September FY 2021 Financial Report

Ms. JeanBlanc presented the September financial reports:

As of the September report, we are 25% of the way through this fiscal year. September revenue total \$329,799 with Year to Date revenue at \$4,187,501. This is 32.39% Actual incoming revenue of the budget for the FY. September Personnel expenses totaled \$277,791 with Year to Date Personnel at \$3,248,690 this is 20.05% of the budgeted amount for the FY. Operating Expenses for September are at \$74,942 with Year to Date at \$733,463 this is 26.26% of the budgeted amount.

**MOTION: Dr. Jefferson moved, and Rick Winkel seconded the motion to approve the September Financials as presented. Carried unanimously.**

#### Write-Off Report

Ms. JeanBlanc presented the September write-off report of \$63. Discussion held.

**MOTION: Greg Johnson moved, and Doug Zenner seconded the motion to approve the September write-off reports as presented. Carried unanimously**

## **Director's Report**

### **COVID-19 Updates**

Ms. Moehrle provided a situational COVID-19 update. Ms. Moehrle presented and reviewed the data dashboard for District 2 COVID-19 data. Current case count is 2410 with 29 deaths. Mr. Larson reported that it took 6 months for this pandemic to reach 1,000 cases within our Health District, on September 23<sup>rd</sup> to 2000 cases on October 20<sup>th</sup>. We are seeing an increase over the entire population of our District. The positivity rate is steadily climbing into double digits. Idaho is currently at 51 cases per 100,000. Hospitals are sharing concerns over hospital capacity. Discussion held.

Ms. Moehrle provided and reviewed the Regional Data Tool for Determining Health Alert Levels for Board of Health review and approval. Ms. Moehrle

Due to a significant increase in cases, Nez Perce County Commissioner Doug Zenner and Latah County Commissioner Dave McGraw requested to move their counties from green to yellow.

Lewis County Commissioner Greg Johnson, Clearwater County Commissioner Rick Winkel, and Idaho County Commissioner Mark Frei requested that their counties remain in green.

Dr. Jefferson and Connie Osborn were supportive of increased public health measures due to a significant increase in cases as well as hospitalizations.

All Board of Health members agreed to respect and support one another in their individual decisions for the counties they represent. Discussion held

**MOTION: Dave McGraw moved, and Mark Frei seconded the motion to move Latah and Nez Perce County to yellow alert level while Lewis County, Clearwater County and Idaho County remain in green. Carried unanimously.**

### **Review of Public Health Authority**

Ms. Moehrle provided a review of Public Health authority. The Boards of Health have authority in Idaho Code 39-414 to do all things necessary to protect the public's health. Isolation and Quarantine orders must run through the prosecutor and the Board of Health must issue those orders. The Public Health District cannot do this alone.

### **A Walk Through a Case Investigation**

Mr. Larson walked the Board of Health through the process of case investigation. When an individual is tested, the result, if positive, is reported to the Department of Health & Welfare. The information is uploaded to the statewide data base allowing us to access the data and create an investigation. We also receive faxed copies of positive tests from labs. An investigation packet is created and given to an investigator to gather information and provide education. The recent significant increase in cases has given us a bit of a back log. Cases are prioritized to mitigate spread. Discussion held.

### **COVID-19 Testing Options**

Ms. Moehrle provided and reviewed a handout to addressing testing options.

### **Staffing Changes**

Ms. Macke provided an update on current staffing. Public Health has hired 5 individuals to provide some relief to our staff who have been working extra hours with very little if any time off for the last 8 months. These new staff will be assisting with contact tracing, the Public Health hotline, and communications due to increased cases of COVID-19. Many of these are part-time, temporary hires. An Environmental Health Specialist has also been hired for our Clearwater County office with a November 16, 2020 start date. Discussion held.

**Meeting with Legislators**

Per Board of Health request, the meeting with the Legislators will be scheduled for December 10, 2020. Invitations will be sent after the elections.

**NEXT MEETING:** Meetings will be scheduled as needed to re-evaluate Regional Health Alert Levels.

Thursday, December 10, 2020 the Board of Health/Legislative meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the Public Health office in Nez Perce County via ZOOM due to COVID-19.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 10:15 a.m.



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Dave McGraw  
Board Chairman

Attest:   
Carol Moehrle, Director  
Secretary to the Board

*Board Minutes approved on January 28, 2021.*