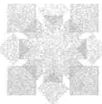




Board of Health Minutes
South Heartland District Health Department
Meeting Location: Zoom Conference
January 6, 2021

Topic, Lead Person	Comments/Actions	Roll Call / Vote
	Staff Present: Michele Bever, Kelly Derby, Janis Johnson	
	Guest: Dorin Vaipan, Good Samaritan Village Society Guest: Kerry Davidson, Good Samaritan Village Society Guest: Brian Bassett, Ellerbrock-Norris Insurance Guest: Teri Clark, NALHD (Zoom moderator)	
	COVID-19 modifications: Zoom conference meeting	
Welcome & Public Comment - Chair	The January 2021 Board of Health meeting was called to order by Board President Nanette Shackelford at 8:33 am Open Meeting Statement read aloud by Board President Nanette Shackelford: Prior to this meeting a notice was posted in the newspapers in Adams, Clay, Nuckolls, and Webster counties. Each member of the Board received a copy of the proposed agenda. The agenda for this meeting was kept continuously current and was available for public inspection at South Heartland District Health Department, 606 N Minnesota Suite 2, Hastings NE. This meeting is being held in open session. A link to the Nebraska Open Meeting Law was included with Board Agenda on the SHDHD website.	
Determine Quorum	Introductions / Roll Call <i>Quorum met</i>	Present: Fegler-Daiss, Harrington, Keifer, Kleppinger, Kohmetscher, Meyer, Nejezchleb, Neumann, Shackelford, Stichka, Vance Absent: Shaw, Waechter-Mead, Hallock
Approve or Amend Agenda	Board approval of January 6, 2021 Agenda: Motion made by Meyer, Seconded by Fegler-Daiss. Voice vote. <i>Motion Passed</i>	Ayes: All Nays: None
Declare Conflicts of Interest	None declared.	
Public Comments	None declared.	
Approve Minutes	Board approval of November 4, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Neumann, Seconded by Harrington. Voice vote. <i>Motion Passed</i>	Ayes: All Nays: None
Local Community Leaders – Dorin Vaipan and Kerry Davidson, Good Samaritan Village Society	Kerry Davidson, Good Samaritan Village in Hastings and Superior, reported on the state of long-term care at their locations. Challenges during the COVID pandemic have been many: Lost staff due to fear and long hours, as well as quarantining from the virus itself. Frequent testing takes staff “off the floor.” Constant donning and removing of PPE. Dorin Vaipan, Administrator, Perkins Pavilion, provided additional details of their pandemic response. PPE has been costly, regulations have been numerous and constantly changing, reporting is 3x the prior levels. Death, sickness, and isolation have required ingenious ways of boosting morale. They created a COVID unit when residents tested positive. Successes included early adoption of monoclonal antibody treatment to reduce severity of symptoms, staff “champions”, innovative ways to boost morale of staff and residents, strong corporate support, partnership with SHDHD and ICAP (Infection Control Assessment & Promotion Program).	Present: Hallock arrived during Mr. Vaipan’s presentation
Finances – K. Derby/M. Bever	Kelly Derby reported that expenses are rising proportionately to the rise in income. The Balance Sheet has been cleaned of a lingering journal entry from 2016 needing resolution. The LOC (Line of Credit) is in the process of being renewed. Outstanding invoices have been collected.	

	<p>Michele Bever provided an update on the status of grant funding.</p> <p>Board acceptance of the Financial Report: Motion made by Nejezchleb, Seconded by Meyer. Voice vote. <i>Motion Passed</i></p>	<p>Ayes: All Nays: None</p>
Insurance Proposal – K. Derby/M. Bever	<p>Michele Bever summarized the annual insurance proposal. The cost of Medical Professional Liability has more than doubled due to the virus. Otherwise, costs are roughly the same as last year.</p> <p>Board approval of the Annual Insurance Proposal: Motion made by Neumann, Seconded by Nejezchleb. Voice vote. <i>Motion Passed</i> at discretion of ED regarding COVID coverage yet to be confirmed</p>	<p>Ayes: All Nays: None</p>
Ten-Minute Break		
Brian Bassett, Ellerbrock-Norris Insurance	<p>Brian Bassett, provided further explanation and answered questions regarding the increased cost of Medical Professional Liability. He reported on what we can expect in terms of cost and carrier: \$8,405.54 with Evanston.</p>	
Health Insurance Resolution – K. Derby, M. Bever	<p>Michele Bever introduced the annual resolution to provide health insurance premiums to eligible staff, Board of Health Resolution #2021-1: Health Insurance. No change is requested in the amount of the premium.</p> <p>Board approval of Resolution #2021-1: Motion made by Meyer, Seconded by Fegler-Daiss. Roll call vote. <i>Motion Passed</i></p>	<p>Ayes: 9 Nays: None Unable to respond: 3</p>
Policy Committee Report – P. Meyer	<p>Peggy Meyer summarized the Minutes of the December 9, 2020 Policy Committee meeting. The entire Policies & Procedures Handbook has been edited, clarified, and amended by Joe Streufert.</p> <p>Board Approval of Policies & Procedures Handbook: Motion made by Shackelford, Seconded by Harrington. Voice vote. <i>Motion Passed</i></p>	<p>Ayes: All Nays: None</p>
Bi-Monthly Report on 10 Essential Services from Staff – M. Bever	<p>Michele Bever referred to the latest staff report on the 10 Essential Public Health Services. She highlighted a number of things, including the first vaccines in our District, and the new grants recently approved.</p> <p>Board approval of Bi-Monthly Report: Motion made by Fegler-Daiss, Seconded by Kleppinger. Voice vote. <i>Motion Passed</i></p>	<p>Ayes: All Nays: None</p>
Communication from Executive Director – M. Bever	<p>Michele Bever provided highlights of the written E.D. report, which included: 1) SHDHD incorporation of the newly launched revised framework of the 10 Essential Public Health Services, 2) Legislative Update, including NE legislature convening, LR 406 interim study to examine COVID-19 issues, 3) Financial/Operational/Personnel, including staffing update, EAP program, COVID testing for staff, and COVID emergency funding and announcing that Janis Johnson will be acting Assistant Director for the next 6 months, filling a long-standing gap in the organizational chart, 4) FOIA requests have been cumbersome and time-consuming for SHDHD, requiring legal advice, 5) Training opportunities for the Board, 6) Presentations/Statements, including mask recommendations for City of Hastings Board of Health and Hastings City Council in support of the City's consideration of a local mask policy, participating in virtual town hall for NTV, and serving as commencement speaker at UNMC College of Public Health December graduation convocation.</p>	
Performance Management – J. Johnson/M. Bever	<p>Janis Johnson reported that the Quality Improvement Performance Management plan has been reviewed and will remain mostly the same. Unmet 2020 goals were moved into the 2021 Action Plan. The Strategic Plan is being reviewed and revised as needed to be presented to the Board in March.</p>	
Pre-Annual Meeting Business (March 3) – N. Shackelford/M. Bever	<p>Per Michele Bever, the next Board Meeting is the "Annual Meeting." It will look different than other years due to COVID, but it is uncertain at this point how it will look instead. Michele referred to the Annual Report to the State as the basis for our annual report, with the addition of the COVID dashboard and our financials. If anyone has any ideas, we need to replace Dr. Brailita as the physician representative Board member. Drs Blecha and Reimer, of Superior and Hastings respectively, were mentioned.</p> <p>Nanette Shackelford reviewed the members of the Public Health Awards Committee and the Nominating Committee. Members confirmed that they will continue on for another year.</p>	



Communication from Board Members	Nanette Shackelford raised that she is seeing continued mask issues, especially in Clay County.	
Adjournment	<i>Motion to adjourn by Kleppinger, Seconded by Nejezchleb. Voice Vote. Motion passed. Adjourned at 10:38 am.</i> Next meeting: March 3, 2021 in Adams County, Annual Meeting activities TBD due to COVID	Ayes: All Nays: None

Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: Charles F. Neumann Date: Feb. 5, 2021

Charles Neumann, Secretary/Treasurer
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