

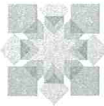


Board of Health Minutes
South Heartland District Health Department
Meeting Location: Clay County Fairgrounds
November 4, 2020

Topic, Lead Person	Comments/Actions	Roll Call / Vote
	Staff Present: Michele Bever, Kelly Derby, Janis Johnson	
	Guest: Senator Dave Murman, District 38 Guest: Jeff Hofaker, City of Sutton Guest: Julie Otero, SCNUSO #5	
	COVID-19 modifications: Board members sat two each at 8-foot tables and tables were set in a large rectangle in the Activity Building. Hand sanitizer was available at the entrance. All board members and staff present were wearing masks or cloth face coverings.	
Welcome & Public Comment - Chair	The November Board of Health meeting was called to order by Board President Nanette Shackelford at 8:30 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 copy of the Nebraska Open Meeting Law is available for public review.	
Determine Quorum	Introductions / Roll Call <i>Quorum met</i>	Present: Brailita, Fegler-Daiss, Hallock, Harrington, Kleppinger, Kohmetscher, Meyer, Nejezchleb, Neumann, Shackelford, Shaw, Stichka, Wachter-Mead Absent: Keifer, Vance
Approve or Amend Agenda	Motion by Kleppinger, Seconded by Hallock to approve Agenda. Voice vote. <i>Motion Passed</i>	Ayes: All Nays: None
Declare Conflicts of Interest	None declared.	
Public Comments	Senator Murman provided remarks: The HHS Committee has discussed Covid-19, distance learning, and telehealth. General comments: we're doing well, but he wanted to express his doubt regarding the effectiveness of wearing masks. He also mentioned the he agreed with local control when it comes to making decisions regarding Covid-19.	
Approve Minutes	Board Approval of September 2, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes. Motion made by Nejezchleb, Seconded by Shaw. Voice vote. <i>Motion Passed</i>	Ayes: All Nays: None
Local Community Leaders – Jeff Hofaker, City of Sutton, and Julie Otero, South Central Unified School District	Jeff Hofaker, City Administrator for Sutton, highlighted the town's progress in meeting the COVID-19 threat, including requiring masks in the library, closing the community center, upping their insurance coverage, and keeping the pools open while requiring waivers. They lost money, but kept some sense of normalcy while keeping folks safe. He mentioned the success of SHDHD's efforts on the Walkability Program in Sutton (SHDHD's Brooke Wolfe facilitates these efforts). And he also commented on the prevalence of bullying by those who don't agree with the restrictions imposed by the pandemic. Julie Otero, Superintendent of South Central Unified Schools, highlighted her school district's efforts regarding COVID-19, but she started by stating that the communication maintained by Drew Harris (ESU-9 director) and Michele Bever had been essential in their success. The district closed all schools in March. All students have mobile technology so online schooling began, following the model used by HPS. They served lunch to all students the entire time (over 500/day) and through the summer. When they went back to school, they copied the model used by KPS. IEPs were revisited and served. They started without masks, but have reversed that decision. In answer to board questions: They had enough supplies to do what they needed. And participation in online learning was about 90%. Dr Brailita commented that her summary was a prime example of a job well done.	



<p>COVID-19 Status Update – M. Bever</p>	<p>Exec Director Michele Bever commented on the COVID-19 Risk Dial and reviewed highlights of the Department’s mid-pandemic after action report, including progress on AAR Improvement Plan: a material management process is in place, internal communication between case investigators has increased, we have shared a lot of information with the public and are reinvigorating our prevention messages. Dr. Bever focused her comments on our goal to keep illness, disability, and death as low as possible until a vaccine is available. In that effort, she highlighted the deaths, positivity, and hospitalizations from the Department’s COVID-19 dashboard. Regarding hospitalizations, she asked Dr Brailita to comment on the status of the local health system: Hospitalizations have shifted to us from Lincoln and Omaha. He’s seeing mostly the highest risk folks. The transfer process has improved since the beginning. Dr Bever provided a vaccine update: discussing possible issues such as limited access to ultracold freezers needed for one of the vaccine products, and limited doses and the need to prioritize who will get them. She also discussed the different types of COVID-19 tests with PCR test being most accurate and available free at testnebraska.com.</p>	
<p>Bi-Monthly Report – M. Bever</p>	<p>The staff’s bi-monthly report to the Board was included in the Board Packet.</p>	
<p>Announcement of Dr Brailita’s resignation from the Board</p>	<p>Dr Brailita commented on his resignation, stating that he had taken a position at UNMC, and would be commuting until his high school senior graduates.</p>	
<p>Ten-Minute Break</p>	<p><i>Dr. Brailita was excused.</i></p>	
<p>Accept the Bi-Monthly Report</p>	<p>Board Approval of the Bi-Monthly Report: Motion made by Kohmetscher, Seconded by Harrington. Voice vote. <i>Motion Passed</i></p>	<p>Ayes: All Nays: None</p>
<p>Resolution in Response to COVID-19 – M. Bever</p>	<p>Dr Bever presented a resolution in response to COVID-19: a resolution of the Board of Health for South Heartland District Health Department (SHDHD) related to COVID-19 and urging the use of evidence-based, prevention strategies to stem the spread of the coronavirus in the four-county health district.</p> <p>Board Approval of Resolution #2020-4: Motion made by Fegler-Daiss, Seconded by Neumann. Voice vote. <i>Motion Passed</i></p>	<p>Ayes: All Nays: None</p>
<p>Policy Committee Report – P. Meyer</p>	<p>Peggy Meyer provided an update on the Policy Committee meeting October 16, 2020. She mentioned that Joe Streufert will be working on updating and clarifying the policies as they stand today. His first work is on the Benefits section. She presented the Travel Expense Reimbursement Policy that Joe created in response to an audit recommendation.</p> <p>Board Approval of Travel Expense Reimbursement Policy: Motion made by Meyer, Seconded by Neumann. Voice vote. <i>Motion Passed</i></p>	<p>Ayes: All Nays: None</p>
<p>Financial Report – K. Derby, M. Bever</p>	<p>Kelly Derby stated that the District’s net “income” is up 60% over last year at this time, the result of a 100% increase in funding, mostly for COVID-19, and only a 50% increase in expenses during that time. Expenses largely increased in the areas of communications, computers, and personnel. The outstanding invoices will largely cover the current net loss. Outstanding payables are minimal and to be expected. Cash on hand averages \$47,000 plus \$5,000 in savings. The line of credit is still \$0 as we continue to receive COVID-19 funding.</p> <p>Board Approval of Financial Statements: Motion made by Meyer, Seconded by Waechter-Mead. Voice vote. <i>Motion Passed</i></p> <p>Michele Bever provided an update on our grant funding. She also presented a Personnel Status correction for the board’s approval. Upon re-evaluation Jean Korth will retroactively be full-time with benefits. As such, back-benefits will be owed.</p> <p>Board Approval of Personnel Status Correction: Motion made by Shaw, Seconded by Kohmetscher. Voice vote. <i>Motion Passed</i></p>	<p>Ayes: All Nays: None</p> <p>Ayes: All Nays: None</p>
<p>Communication from Executive Director</p>	<p>No Executive Director report items. Comments were limited explanation of pharmacy involvement in vaccine administration.</p>	



Communication from Board Members - Chair	Nanette Shackelford mentioned that temperature-taking is happening in schools and the courthouse. She feels there is pandemic fatigue, but that the continuation of such practices is a good thing.	
Executive Session – Chair	<p>Nanette Shackelford reiterated the issues with public backlash and presented a letter to the public that she drafted for the board to sign.</p> <p><i>Motion to call Executive Session by Nejezchleb, Seconded by Neumann. Voice Vote. Motion passed.</i></p> <p><i>Motion to close Executive Session by Meyer, Seconded by Kleppinger. Voice Vote. Motion passed.</i></p>	<p>Ayes: All Nays: None</p> <p>Ayes: All Nays: None</p>
Adjournment	<p><i>Motion to adjourn by Kleppinger, Seconded by Meyer. Voice Vote. Motion passed.</i></p> <p><i>Adjourned at 11:00 am.</i></p> <p>Next meeting: January 6, 2021 in Nuckolls County</p>	<p>Ayes: All Nays: None</p>

Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: Charles F. Neumann Date: Jan. 3, 2021

Charles Neumann, Secretary/Treasurer
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