



Board of Health Minutes
South Heartland District Health Department
Meeting Location: South Heartland District Health Department, Hastings, NE 68901
September 4, 2019

Topic, Lead Person	Comments/Actions	Roll Call / Vote
	Staff Present: Michele Bever, Joe Streufert, Janis Johnson, Jim Morgan, Dorrann Hultman, Jessica Warner, Odeth Mendez Peraza, Jean Korth, Brooke Wolfe, Alex Stogdill	
	Guests: Senator Dave Murman, District 38; Senator Steve Halloran, District 33; Hastings Police Chief Adam Story	
Welcome & Public Comment - Chair	The September Board of Health meeting was called to order by Board President Nanette Shackelford at 8:31 am Open Meeting Statement (read aloud by President N. Shackelford): Prior to this meeting a notice was posted in the newspapers in Adams, Clay, Nuckolls & Webster Counties, and that 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's review.	
Determine Quorum	Introduction /Roll Call <i>Quorum met</i> <i>Note: Nuckolls County has a vacant seat and Webster County Board Member Lonnie Knehans passed away 8/31/2019</i>	Present: Samuelson, Fegler-Daiss, Nejezchleb, Meyer, Neumann, Reimer, Shackelford, Brailita, Hallock, Kohmetscher, Kleppinger Absent: Keifer, Mead, Knehans
Approve or Amend Agenda	Motion by J. Reimer seconded by M. Kleppinger to approve Agenda. Voice vote. <i>Motion Passed</i>	Ayes: All Nays: None
Declare Conflict of Interest	None.	
Approve Minutes	Board Approval of July 10th, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes. Motion made by P. Meyer, Seconded by T. Kohmetscher. Voice vote. <i>Motion Passed</i>	Ayes: All Nays: None
Public Comments	None.	
Update on Board Member Appointments	Webster County Supervisor Lonnie Knehans, who was also appointed to the Board of Health, passed away 8/31/2019. A replacement will need to be appointed. Nuckolls County commissioner James Keifer had previously reported to the Board of Health that Nuckolls county has not yet identified a public-spirited individual to take the place of Matt Blum who moved away. Michele stated she spoke with the Nuckolls County Clerk who informed her that the Nuckolls County Board of Commissioners has a person in mind, but the commissioners had not completed the formal appointment.	
Legislative Update	State Senators Dave Murman and Steve Halloran were invited to share legislative updates. Senator Murman spoke about Medicaid expansion, keeping long term care facilities open, mental health issues, property taxes, the youth rehab center in Geneva, shared a list of Interim Studies, and encouraged the Board of Health to come to him with ideas for bills. Senator Halloran discussed property tax relief (connecting it to mental health for farmers, due to weather disasters impacting their livelihood), medical cannabis/CBD oil, concerns about legalizing gambling (social costs/addiction), and teacher predator interventions. Board members commented on roles of local public health in educating public on cannabis issues; the potential of taxing soft drinks and high sugar beverages and foods, just as alcohol and tobacco are taxed; insurance not covering cost of health care; and EMS squads appreciating that they now have access to epinephrine. Board members asked that the legislature prioritize funding to public health and requested that they protect the health care cash fund that was designated for public health.	



<p>Local Community Leader</p>	<p>Hastings Chief of Police Adam Story stated that the police department does more than crime and enforcement. They work with youth and are involved in mental health issues and substance abuse prevention, including marijuana and vaping. The department is also involved in pre-planning and education for mass casualty events. Chief Story spoke about the new Hemp Farm Act and law enforcement's concern about unintended consequences of this act - marijuana possession is basically unenforceable now because the state lab does not have a quantitative test of THC content that would differentiate between hemp and recreational marijuana. There are also enforcement issues because drug tests cannot distinguish between detect medical and recreational marijuana. As a matter of public safety, he also stated concerns about lack of regulation for the amount of THC in CBD oil. The Hastings ordinance enforces possession rather than consumption. Alcohol used to be the primary issue with youth; now the HPD has daily marijuana cases with youth and vaping. He discussed "popcorn lung" and that without regulation, there is no quality control of the contents in vaping cocktails.</p> <p>Board members commented on the recent Health Alert regarding health impacts of vaping; parents not understanding the health hazards of vaping, and SHDHD's e-cigarette policy and resolution in 2014 to promote including electronic cigarettes in tobacco-free policies.</p> <p>Chief Story was excused from the meeting.</p>	
<p>Bi Monthly Report on 10 Essential Services from Staff</p>	<p>Staff members present introduced themselves and gave highlights from their programs. Jim Morgan, public health risk coordinator, talked about his work on SHDHD's Emergency Response Plan, emergency exercises to test the plan, and West Nile virus education. Dorrann Hultman, community health services coordinator, and Odeth Mendez, bilingual community health worker, spoke about the Every Woman Matters program and connecting people to colorectal cancer and breast cancer screenings in order to diagnose cancers early. Jean Korth, program assistant for chronic disease and health literacy, gave an update on the department's partnership with local libraries in all the communities for local access to health and public health information. Jessica Warner, health surveillance coordinator, discussed disease investigation and outbreak management, focusing on recent mumps cases in Nebraska and South Heartland District and highlighting the roles of public health and key consideration during outbreak situations. Brooke Wolfe, health promotions and prevention coordinator, gave an update about the Walkable Communities initiative and partnerships in Sutton. Janis Johnson, standards and performance manager, spoke about quality improvement and performance management efforts and provided an update on PHAB Accreditation Action Plan progress, which requires documentation be submitted by the December 3, 2019. Michele Bever reported that Liz Chamberlain, falls prevention coordinator and community health worker, was out of the office conducting Falls Prevention activities. Alex Stogdill, program assistant and receptionist, discussed the ways he is supporting several of the department's programs.</p> <p>Board members asked about efficacy of MMR vaccine.</p>	
<p>Break</p>	<p>Staff members (except Streufert, Johnson and Bever) were excused from the meeting. Senator Halloran and Senator Murman were excused from the meeting.</p>	
<p>Budget Hearing</p>	<p>10:00 am - Motion by M. Kleppinger seconded by E. Samuelson to Open the Budget Hearing. Voice vote. <i>Motion Passed</i></p> <p>Michele Bever reviewed SHDHD's Fiscal Year 2020 Budget. There were no public comments.</p> <p>10:15 am - Motion by P Meyer seconded by M. Hallock to Close the Budget Hearing. Voice vote. <i>Motion Passed</i></p>	<p>Ayes: All Nays: None</p> <p>Ayes: All Nays: None</p>
<p>FY 2020 Budget/ Finance Committee</p>	<p>Charles Neumann gave an overview from the previous Finance Committee Meeting. Additional questions regarding the FY 2020 budget were answered by Michele Bever and Joe Streufert.</p> <p>Motion by D. Brailita seconded by S. Nejezchleb to approve the FY 2020 Budget. Voice vote. <i>Motion Passed</i></p>	<p>Ayes: All Nays: None</p>



Finances	<p>Joe Streufert reviewed the bank statements for July with the board along with the financial report ending 8.31.2019. He also shared a report of the current outstanding invoices. Joe also noted that SHDHD's Line of Credit balance was \$33K, but would be paid down as soon as the larger outstanding invoices were paid.</p> <p>Board Approval of Financial Statements: Motion made by P. Meyer, Seconded by T. Kohmetscher Voice vote. <i>Motion Passed</i></p>	<p>Ayes: All Nays: None</p>
Policy Committee Report	<p>P. Meyer reviewed the minutes from the Policy Committee with the board.</p> <p>Motion to approve <i>Policy on Contracts and Other Formal Signed Agreements</i> was made by P. Meyer and seconded by E. Samuelson. Voice vote. <i>Motion Passed</i></p>	<p>Ayes: All Nays: None</p>
Communication from Executive Director	<p>Dr. Bever referred to the executive director report included in the meeting materials. The report included a legislative update on interim study hearings for LR 116 (Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund sustainability) and LR 223 (sustainable and adequate state funding to local public health departments); a proposed federal rule change for sharing information; Surgeon General warning on the health risks associated with cannabis use on the developing brain; and a NACCHO policy statement on the use of recreational and medicinal cannabis. The report also included financial/operational updates on subaward agreements; facility/equipment needs; and funding, grants and subawards that are new/ongoing, submitted, in progress or planned. The report also included updates on PHAB accreditation process, workforce development/staffing, Community Health Improvement Plan implementation, and SHDHD strategic planning.</p>	
Communication from Board Members - Chair	<p>1. SALBOH update: Reimer – No Meeting.</p> <p>2. General Communications from Board Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nejezchleb – Thanked SHDHD for their contribution of information to the golf tournament / breast cancer awareness event held in Clay County. 72 ladies received the information. The money they collected goes to assist women with expenses related to medical care for breast cancer. • Hallock – Informed the group that Webster Co Hospital is hosting a BBQ Ribfest fundraiser at the city park in Red Cloud. • Shackelford – Clay Center is having a fundraiser for a new X-Ray Machine for local clinic. 	
Adjournment	<p><i>Motion to adjourn by S. Nejezchleb, seconded by P. Meyer.</i> <i>Adjourned at 10:55 am.</i> Voice Vote. <i>Motion passed.</i> Next meeting: November 6, 2019 in Webster County.</p>	<p>Ayes: All Nays: None</p>

Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: Charles F. Neumann Date: Sept. 17, 2019

Charles Neumann, Secretary/Treasurer
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