



Board of Health Minutes

South Heartland District Health Department

Meeting Location: Red Cloud Community Center, 142 W 3rd Ave, Red Cloud, NE 68970

May 5, 2021

Topic, Lead Person	Comments/Actions	Roll Call / Vote
	Staff Present: Michele Bever, Kelly Derby	
	Guest: Heidi Kauk, RN Webster Country Community Hospital;	
	COVID-19 modifications: masks	
Welcome & Public Comment - Chair	The May 2021 Board of Health meeting was called to order by Board President Nanette Shackelford at 8:32 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 posted with Board Agenda on the SHDHD website.	
Determine Quorum	Introductions / Roll Call <i>Quorum met</i>	Present: Fegler-Daiss, Hallock, Harrington, Keifer, Kleppinger, Kohmetscher, Meyer, Nejezchleb, Neumann, Shackelford, Vance, Waechter-Mead Absent: Blecha, Shaw, Stichka
Approve or Amend Agenda	Board approval of May 5, 2021 Agenda: Motion made by Kleppinger, Seconded by Meyer. 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 March 3, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Neumann, Seconded by Vance. Voice vote. <i>Motion Passed</i>	Ayes: All Nays: None
Local Community Leaders – Heidi Kauk, RN, Webster County Community Hospital	Heidi Kauk discussed her experience coordinating vaccination during the COVID-19 pandemic for the Webster County Community Hospital, where they have given ~900 shots since February 2021. The hospital’s vaccination process became known for its smoothness such that people drove from distant locations to get their shots there! The pace of vaccination has slowed, however, as it has elsewhere. The focus has shifted from scheduling people to reaching people and managing wasted doses.	
COVID-19 Update – M. Bever	Michele Bever highlighted several stats from the department’s COVID dashboard. She reported that the National Guard has been embedded at SHDHD as part of our vaccination clinics. She discussed challenges of the statewide vaccine scheduling and administration system. Case investigations continue, though at a slower pace. The end of the school year is a milestone the department is looking to reach since many schools are lowering their COVID prevention measures.	Vance left the meeting
Bi-Monthly Report on 10 Essential Services from Staff – M. Bever	Bi-monthly report from staff was included in the Board packet. Dr. Bever emphasized the various vaccination clinics designed to reach different populations, Accreditation annual report progress and Chamber of Commerce award to SHDHD. Board acceptance of Bi-Monthly Report: Motion made by Kohmetscher, Seconded by Meyer. Voice vote. <i>Motion Passed</i>	Ayes: All Nays: None
Finances – K. Derby/ M. Bever	Kelly Derby reported that the department continues to operate in the black – net income is ~\$60K. The biggest jumps in expenses at this point are for vaccine clinics, particularly for facility rental, which is up almost 10,000%. We currently have no balance on our line of credit, and we currently expect to receive ~\$28K on outstanding invoices with an additional ~\$103K yet to be invoiced.	



	<p>Michele Bever announced the upcoming annual Give Hastings Day on May 6 of this year. And she updated the Board on the status of our submission for a negotiated IDC rate.</p> <p>Board acceptance of the Financial Report: Motion made by Nejezchleb, Seconded by Harrington. Voice vote. <i>Motion Passed</i></p>	<p>Ayes: All Nays: None</p>
<p>Ten-Minute Break</p>		
<p>Committee Reports Policy Committee – P. Meyer Finance Committee – C. Neumann</p>	<p>Peggy Meyer summarized the minutes of the April 26, 2021 Policy Committee meeting in which the committee reviewed the edits by Joe Streufert to the Finance and Operations Policies with the intent to present them to the Board for approval. The revised Finance and Operations policies were included in the Board packet and copies provided at the meeting.</p> <p>Board approval of Finance/Operations Policies: Motion made by Policy Committee, Seconded by Waechter-Mead. Voice vote. <i>Motion Passed</i></p> <p>Charles Neumann launched a discussion regarding cyber insurance that was initiated at the April 26, 2021 Finance Committee meeting.</p> <p>Motion made by Neumann, Seconded by Hallock directing the Finance Committee to review and approve cyber liability insurance coverage. Voice vote. <i>Motion Passed</i></p> <p>Mr Neumann also welcomed ideas regarding staff appreciation beyond a bonus, stating it is as if “staff has been through a war” with this pandemic. He presented Resolution #2021-2 2021 Staff COVID Response Bonus from the Finance Committee for Board approval.</p> <p>Board approval of Resolution #2021-2, 2021 Staff COVID Response Bonus: Motion made by Finance Committee, Seconded by Nejezchleb. Voice vote. <i>Motion Passed</i></p>	<p>Ayes: All Nays: None</p> <p>Ayes: All Nays: None</p> <p>Ayes: All Nays: None</p>
<p>Accreditation Update – M. Bever</p>	<p>Dr. Bever reported that the department developed a customer satisfaction survey to utilize at vaccination clinics feedback regarding the process. She also requested Board members complete a survey on COVID vaccination, provided at the meeting, and noted the survey included questions asking the Board’s perception of the vaccine rollout and general pandemic response as well as level of satisfaction with communications from SHDHD to the Board. The Board discussed reasons why some people aren’t getting the vaccine and ways to encourage COVID vaccination.</p> <p>Dr. Bever also highlighted progress on Quality Improvement goals, including implementation of a customer satisfaction process and the recent policy revisions with a “crosswalk” our policies with policy best practices. She also reviewed progress on the strategic plan Goal 2: Securing Financial Stability and Goal 4: Optimizing Human Resources.</p>	
<p>Communication from Executive Director – M. Bever</p>	<p>A copy of Dr. Bever’s report was shared at the meeting. She reported that the department will be receiving additional funding from the state for infrastructure, which is the first increase of Public Health funding since 2001. She welcomed input on LB 83, which changed the Open Meetings Act to provide for virtual conferencing. Board discussed and came to consensus not to pursue virtual conferencing at this time. The NACCHO Annual meeting will be virtual June 29- July 1 and NALBOH conference is either virtual or will be in person in Grand Rapids, MI August 1-3, if anyone would like to attend. Health Directors to receive the UNMC Chancellor’s Distinguished Service Award for contributions in promoting health and preventing disease during the coronavirus pandemic. SHDHD was honored with the Max Award at the Hastings Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner for “significant and/or extraordinary contributions to the Hastings community or the Hastings Area” in the past year.</p>	
<p>Communication from Board Members</p>	<p>A question and discussion regarding the apparent high levels of COVID-19 positivity in Webster County, as reported in national media and which is not, in fact, borne out.</p> <p>A Board member reported that testing at UNL has kept COVID-19 positivity on campus low.</p>	
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Motion to adjourn by Fegler-Daiss, Seconded by Kleppinger. Voice Vote. <i>Motion passed.</i> Adjourned at 10:37 am.</p>	<p>Ayes: All Nays: None</p>



	Next meeting: July 7, 2021 in Clay County	
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Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: Charles F. Neumann Date: June 1, 2021

Charles Neumann, Secretary/Treasurer
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