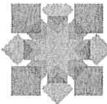




**Board of Health Minutes**  
**South Heartland District Health Department**  
**Meeting Location: ZOOM Video Conferencing (Virtual Meeting)**  
**May 6, 2020**

Topic, Lead Person	Comments/Actions	Roll Call / Vote
	Staff Present: Michele Bever, Joe Streufert, Janis Johnson, Brooke Wolfe (Producer for Online Meeting)	
	Guests: John Hodge, Nuckolls County Attorney	
<b>Welcome &amp; Public Comment - Chair</b>	The May Board of Health meeting was called to order by Board President Nanette Shackelford at 8:32 am	
	Open Meeting Statement (read aloud by Secretary/Treasurer Chuck Neumann due to audio difficulties for the Board President Nanette 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.	
<b>Determine Quorum</b>	Introductions / Roll Call  <i>Quorum met</i>  <i>Barbara Harrington, a retired nurse from Adams County, is attending her first meeting as she was appointed by Adams County to replace Judy Reimer on SHDHD's Board of Health upon her retirement from the board.</i>	<b>Present:</b> Brailita, Fegler-Diass, Hallock, Harrington, Kleppinger, Kohmetscher, Meyer, Nejezchleb, Neumann, Shackelford, Shaw, Vance, Waechter-Mead, <b>Absent:</b> Keifer, Stichka
<b>Approve or Amend Agenda</b>	Motion by Shackelford seconded by Kleppinger to approve Agenda. Roll Call. <i>Motion Passed</i>	<b>Ayes:</b> All <b>Nays:</b> None
<b>Declare Conflict of Interest</b>	None declared.	
<b>Approve Minutes</b>	Board Approval of March 4, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes. Motion made by Meyer, Seconded by Kleppinger. Voice vote. <i>Motion Passed</i>	<b>Ayes:</b> All <b>Nays:</b> None
<b>Public Comments</b>	None.	
<b>Local Community Leader – John Hodge, Nuckolls County Attorney</b>	John Hodge, the Nuckolls county attorney, spoke about his wife's dealing with a chronic pain issue as the result of a workplace accident and the worker's compensation and Medicaid abuse that happens in the U.S. While other parts of the country struggle with prescription drug abuse, our area suffers mostly from the effects of methamphetamine and opioids. 90% of non-violent offenses committed are drug-related. He is a firm believer in the Adams County's drug court approach to rehabilitation, but is aware that it is a very costly program.	
<b>PHAB Accreditation</b>	Janis Johnson and Michele Bever formally announced to the board the accreditation of the South Heartland District Health Department. Janis thanked the board for their continued support in helping the department reach this milestone.  <i>Nanette Shackelford left the meeting at 8:58am</i>	
<b>Financial Report</b>	Joe Streufert shared the year-to-date financial statement to the board. He explained that the balance sheet is in better shape compared to past months due to the large deposit of COVID19 funds provided by the State of Nebraska. He reminded the board that although we have these funds and have paid the line of credit back to zero, we will likely advance on the line again as the funds we received are for COVID19 expenses. Joe also explained the COVID-19 funds request process with the State – we request 2 months at a time based on our forecasted expenses. At the end of the pandemic, whenever that may be, SHDHD will need to show documentation of expenses and if there are excess funds, we will be required to return these to the State. Likewise, if the health department has underfunded themselves for COVID19 response work, they would have the opportunity to request those additional funds from the State.  Board Approval of Financial Statements: Motion made by Nejezchleb Seconded by Fegler-Daiss. Voice vote. <i>Motion Passed</i>	<b>Ayes:</b> All



		Nays: None
<b>Bi-Monthly Report</b>	<p>Michele Bever reviewed the Bi-Monthly Report from staff. The staff has been working tirelessly on all aspects of the COVID19 response from handling PPE requests to contact investigations. The board asked a few questions regarding reporting positive cases at the state and county level opposed to the town/city level. Michele and Dr. Brailita answered those questions.</p> <p>Board Approval of Bi-Monthly Report: Motion made by Meyer, seconded by Brailita. Voice vote. <i>Motion Passed</i></p>	Ayes: All Nays: None
<b>Coronavirus COVID-19 Situation Update</b>	<p>Michele reviewed the COVID-19 case data trends and demographics along with the data compiled from the National Guard testing events in our district. She described the Department's activities and the roles of staff and volunteers, including: resource/PPE management and distribution, case investigation, contact tracing, quarantine/isolation follow up, organizing testing events, education and social media presence, news releases, phone call triage, coordination with state and local partners, etc.</p> <p><i>Nanette Shackelford returned to the meeting at 9:28 am</i></p>	
<b>Policies/Agreements</b>	<p>Michele reviewed the Memorandums of Understanding that SHDHD completed with the Municipalities in the district regarding the delegation of disease prevention and control authority to SHDHD. At the time of the meeting, all MOU's had been signed with the exception of Clay Center, which is still under review. The Data sharing agreement and State Directed Health Measures were also discussed.</p> <p><i>Dr. Brailita left the meeting at 10:15 prior to the vote.</i></p> <p>Board Approval of MOU's and Data Sharing Agreement: Motion made by Nejezchleb, seconded by Meyer. Voice vote. <i>Motion Passed</i></p>	Ayes: All Nays: None
<b>Strategic Plan Update</b>	<p>SP Goal 2 Financial Sustainability: Michele informed the Board that SHDHD was participating in the annual Give Hastings Day. SHDHD should know on May 7<sup>th</sup> the total of funds donated to the district. She also gave an update on advocacy for additional state funding for the department. She noted that SHDHD has received a Medicaid ID # to allow for billing Medicaid.</p>	
<b>Communication from Executive Director</b>	<p>Michele gave a brief legislative update (LB1018 Appropriate Funding for LPH Departments and the Emergency Funding Bill), discussed staffing adjustments to meet demands of COVID-19 response (including cross-training and reassignments, temporary hires, contracted personnel and volunteers). She pointed out that the COVID response efforts have brought to light a number of ethical and legal issues requiring work with all 4 county attorneys and necessitating an emergency Ethics Committee meeting (deliberation summary included in the packet). She highlighted community partnerships for COVID response and shared her COVID-related standing meeting schedule. She reviewed conference opportunities for Board members.</p>	
<b>Communication from Board Members - Chair</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Nanette discussed her involvement with some of the Department's meetings regarding COVID-19 and again praised the SHDHD staff for their work.</li> <li>-There have been no SALBOH meetings to report on.</li> <li>-Chuck Neumann mentioned availability of COVID testing for pets.</li> <li>-Sam Nejezchleb described her experience with TestNebraska process (testing at the Grand Island TestNebraska site).</li> </ul>	
<b>Adjournment</b>	<p><i>Motion to adjourn by Neumann, seconded by Kleppinger</i>  <i>Adjourned at 10:55 am.</i>  <i>Voice Vote. Motion passed.</i>  <i>Next meeting: July 1, 2020 in Webster County</i></p>	Ayes: All Nays: None

Respectfully Submitted,

Signature: Charles F. Neumann Date: May 21, 2020

Charles Neumann, Secretary/Treasurer  
 Board of Health  
 South Heartland District Health Department