



September 4, 2018

Board of Health Minutes

Two Rivers Public Health Department

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	
X		Dennis Reiter – Buffalo County Commissioner
X		Sue Hunter – Buffalo County Citizen
X		Dennis Rickertsen – Dawson County Commissioner
	X	OPEN– Dawson County Citizen
X		Steve Hogeland – Franklin County Supervisor
	X	Mike Dallmenn – Franklin County Citizen
X		Glen Monter – Gosper County Commissioner
X		Patty Bader – Gosper County Citizen
	X	Rodney Metzger – Harlan County Supervisor
X		Doris Brandon – Harlan County Citizen
X		Wayne Anderson – Kearney County Supervisor
	X	Cody Krull – Kearney County Citizen
	X	Sheryl Brenn – Phelps County Commissioner
X		Tana Fye – Phelps County Citizen
X		Dr. Brady Beecham –Physician
X		Dr. Melissa Drain – Veterinarian
X		Dr. Robert Butz –Dentist
	X	OPEN – Minority Representative
X		Nicole Buettner – Midlevel Health Physician

Also present: Jeremy Eschliman – Director TRPHD, Laura Steele – Assistant Director TRPHD, Katherine Mulligan – Health Educator TRPHD, Jesse Valenti – Finance Manager TRPHD, David Murman – Candidate for Legislature District 38, and Kim Klein – Realtor, Holdrege Citizen

**The Board of Health (BOH) meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by Hunter. Hunter stated the Nebraska Open Meeting Law was posted. Roll call completed by Steele, 13 present.**

**Public Comment.**

**Dave Murman, Candidate for Legislature District 38**

Dave Murman presented his platform regarding the upcoming election for District 38. He discussed the need for income tax relief in order to attract more individuals to the agriculture economy. Murman related his personal experience utilizing Nebraska’s health services. When asked about the expansion of Medicare, Murman explained that he would support the decision made by Nebraskan’s. Two questions from the board regarding water rights, Murman responded that the aquifer could not be used in excess of the replenishment rate, but required control that balanced water access and need.

Murman also expressed his favor for the cigarette tax. He explained that Nebraska is ranked 49<sup>th</sup> in the nation in terms of cigarette tax. He was in favor of raising the tax as another source of revenue.

**Board Comment for the good of TRPHD – None.**

**Employee Comment – None.**

**Approval of Agenda. Motion made by Anderson to approve the agenda as revised by the move of the Old Business agenda item to after the Approval of Minutes from June 5, 2018, second by Fye. Roll call vote, 13 ayes, motion carried.**

**Approval of Minutes from June 5, 2018. Motion made by Anderson to approve the Minutes from the June 5, 2018 board meeting as presented, second by Reiter. Roll call vote, 7 ayes (6 abstain {Hogeland, Monter, Bader, Brandon, Drain, Buettner}), motion carried.**

### **Old Business**

**Consideration of 815 4<sup>th</sup> St, Holdrege building (Dier-Osborn-Cox building).**

The board discussed the possibility of purchasing a building in Holdrege. Eschliman presented a cost analysis on purchasing versus renting a building. The discussion concentrated on if office locations should be determined by geography or population need. Board members also mentioned the need for adequate office space in Kearney, and a new office in Lexington to support the needs in the western portion of the jurisdiction. The discussion also included determining the location of TRPHD headquarters, and if directors and support staff should be located with program coordinators.

**Motion made by Reiter to not make an offer on the 815 4th St, Holdrege building (Dier-Osborn-Cox building), second by Butz. Roll call vote, 10 ayes, 1 nay (Fye), (2 abstain {Beecham, Drain}), motion carried.**

### **Director's Report**

Steele presented on the Director's report, and highlighted several programs and activities over the last month. During July, TRPHD responded to a potential disease outbreak, which was later ruled to be a series of false positives associated with contaminated media in laboratory testing. TRPHD became the new fiscal agent to TRIMRS, which is intended to introduce new efficiencies in reporting expenditures to the state. The chronic disease prevention program is winding to a close in September, and Steele mentioned the work of the Move Kearney group.

Mulligan presented on the current status of Accreditation activities at TRPHD. She explained that documentation had been provided in June, and that TRPHD was currently

on the path to become accredited. In late July, documentation had been returned for updates/fixing errors, and the second round of documentation was submitted in late August. The accreditation body will review the documentation, and conduct a site visit in the March/April timeframe, at which point the Board of Health is invited to participate.

Eschliman noted the receipt of resignation by Jessie Perez, Minority Representative, from the board of health effective August 1, 2018. Eschliman noted the resignation of state medical director Dr. Williams, and DHHS CEO, Dr. Phillips.

## **Standing Committees**

### **Executive (Butz, Hunter, Monter, Anderson)**

**Ratify action taken to cancel NALBOH attendee: Jesse Perez**

**Motion to ratify action taken by the executive committee made by Anderson, second by Beecham. Roll call vote, 13 ayes, motion carried.**

### **Finance (Monter, Anderson, Hunter, Krull)**

**Recommendation to approve May and June 2018 financial report. Motion made by Buettner, second by Reiter. Roll call vote, 13 ayes, motion carried.**

**Personnel (Butz, Cruise, Hunter, Monter) – None.**

## **New Business**

### **2018-2019 Budget Hearing**

**Motion to open 2018-2019 Budget public hearing made by Beecham, Hogeland second. Roll call vote, 13 ayes, motion carried. Time noted at 7:54 PM.**

Valenti presented on the budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. Valenti discussed grant funding sources ending (1422-chronic disease and NE Teeth Forever grants). The new budget takes these items into account, and also accounts for increased salaries. There is also an anticipated increase in contractor expense associated with Rooted in Relationships expansion. Eschliman stated the budget presented is a balanced budget with a priority of maintaining current staffing.

**Motion to close 2018-2019 Budget public hearing made by Monter, second by Fye. Roll call vote, 13 ayes, motion carried. Time noted at 8:03 PM.**

**Motion to approve the 2018-2019 budget as presented made by Fye, second by Buettner. Roll call vote, 13 ayes, motion carried.**

## **Strategic Framework**

Eschliman discussed the cumulating of the 2018 community health needs assessment and strategic planning process with key community stakeholders interviews, board, and staff resulting in the priorities included in the data report. Eschliman discussed the 2018 strategic plan including the revised mission, vision, guiding principles, and goals/priorities.

**Motion by Fye to approve the 2018 Strategic Plan, Mission, Vision, Guiding Principles, Goals and Priorities, second by Brandon. Roll call vote, 13 ayes, motion carried.**

**Next scheduled meeting**

**Next board of health meeting decided by consensus to be held on December 4, 2018.**

**Adjournment by consensus.**

The Two Rivers Public Health Department Board of Health meeting was called to adjourn at 8:03 PM by Hunter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert Butz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and "B".

Dr. Robert Butz,  
Secretary (LS/JE)