



August 4, 2020

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		Nicole Thorell –Dawson County Citizen
	X	Scot Grams – Franklin County Supervisor
X		Mike Dallmann – Franklin County Citizen
	X	Glen Monter – Gosper County Supervisor
X*		Patty Bader – Gosper County Citizen
X*		Cindy Boehler – Harlan County Supervisor
X		Doris Brandon – Harlan County Citizen
X		Wayne Anderson – Kearney County Supervisor
X*		Cody Krull – Kearney County Citizen
	X	Barb Malm – Phelps County Commissioner
X		Tana Fye – Phelps County Citizen
X*		Dr. Brady Beecham – Physician
	X	Dr. Melissa Drain – Veterinarian
		Dentist – (OPEN position)
	X	Cecelia Perales – Minority Representative
X*		Nicole Buettner – Midlevel Practitioner

Also present: TRPHD representatives: Jeremy Eschliman – Health Director; Jesse Valenti-Finance Manager; Haleigh Cunningham-Health Educator, Misti Raburn- Administrative Assistant, Von Lutz-Health Educator, Dr. Aravind Menon – Epidemiologist, Chris Fankhauser – Emergency Response Coordinator

Members of the public also present (in person and virtually): Mary Jane – Kearney Hub, Ranea Aspen, Dr. Dennis Edwards, Chris Stum - NTV

*Attended virtually via Zoom

CALL MEETING TO ORDER.

The Board of Health (BOH) meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM virtually via Zoom with Hunter, Rickertsen, Thorell, Fye, Dallmann, Brandon, Anderson, Eschliman, Valenti, Menon, Cunningham, Lutz, Fankhauser and Raburn present in the Kearney office. Meeting was called

to order by Hunter. Hunter acknowledged the Nebraska Open Meeting Law was posted in the room with booklets available.

Meeting notices: Eschliman noted the meeting notice publication has occurred in all possible newspapers of record within each county of the district, in addition to an agenda being continually current and available at the TRPHD offices and on the TRPHD website. Roll call completed by Eschliman; 13 members present at time of roll call.

MATERIAL AVAILABLE ELECTRONICALLY PRIOR TO THE MEETING & AVAILABLE AT THE MEETING

- 7.22.20 Finance Meeting Packet
 - Board of Health Financials – June 2020 (Final)
 - Board of Health Financials – June 2020
 - Budget Proposal 2020-2021 (Updated 8-2-20)
 - Budget Proposal 2020-2021
 - Finance Committee Meeting Agenda 07.22.2020
 - Finance Committee Meeting Minutes 0.15.2020
 - Finance Committee Meeting Minutes 07.22.2020
 - Indirect Cost Rate Application 06-30-2019 (updated 06.25.20)
- 2020 FY TRPHD ICR Request packet
- 2020-2021 Budget Narrative
- Approved Salary Schedule for 2020-2021
- Aravind Presentation 8.05.20
- August 4, 2020 BOH Agenda
- BOH 2020-2022 terms and committees
- BOH Meeting Minutes June 15, 2020
- Budget Proposal 2020-2021 (Updated 8-2-20)
- Clinical Services Committee Minutes 7.30.20
- COVID report_Aug04_draft_BOH
- Health Equality Task Force Invite – Jeremy Eschliman
- Interlocal Cooperation Agreement TriBasin
- Letter of Interest Katherine Goodwin
- Letter to Jeremy re Virtual Meetings 07.27.2020
- Londer's Auction 6.23.20
- Medicaid Expansion Public Presentation – Community Partners
- Resolution No. 2020-1 Face coverings DRAFT
- Test NE Locations
- TRPHD Continuity of Operations Plan 5.16.19
- TRPHD Continuity of Operations Plan 7.20.20

APPROVAL OF AGENDA. Motion made by Thorell, seconded by Dallmann to approve agenda as presented. **Roll call vote, 13 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.**

Eschliman introduced current and new employees attending board meeting.

Approval of Minutes from June 15, 2020 MEETING. Motion made by Dallmann, second by Thorell to approve minutes from June 15, 2020 meeting. **Roll call vote, 11 ayes, 0 nays, 2 Abstains: Brandon and Buettner Abstained as not at June 15, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.**

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- a. American Communications Group, Eric Gerrard spoke through zoom: Eric said he and his team have spoken with selected TRPHD staff, BOH Members and many community members to develop an understanding of overall attitudes and beliefs of TRPHD-viewed pre COVID, during the pandemic and what the perception will be after. Significant goals include development of strategic communications plan based on continuing assessment.
- b. Legislative update
Eschliman discussed unicameral approval of mainline budget (within 1 year increased public health funding) and banning of indoor vaping.
The measures now head to Gov. Pete Ricketts, who has until Thursday to sign them into law or veto them. Each passed with at least 33 votes in favor and no more than a handful in opposition.
- c. COVID19 update
Fankhauser and Menon gave a presentation with public perceptions in addition to analysis of current COVID trends. Dr. Menon stated the upswing recently is a cause of concern because not just a single point outbreak but wider now. Cities in district have accumulated caseloads, with regional hotspots emerging. He noted women are more likely to get tested but men are more likely to be positive when they get tested. Also showed a graph on the symptoms to show some of the preexisting issues that may cause complications saying more tests are being done on these. Symptoms may include: ENT (Smell, taste), Respiratory (Cough), GI (Diarrhea). Menon also said that not many children have been symptomatic but rather asymptomatic which could cause a lot of trouble in the long run because may pass on to older family members parents, grandparents.
- d. Lutz talked about more test sites opening up and provided a list of test sites established by TRPHD in the district.

Old Business

No old business noted from the board

New Business

- a. Enter Closed Session Re: Personnel

Motion by Rickertsen, second by Anderson to enter into closed session at 6:58pm. **Roll call vote, 13 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.**

Motion by Fye, second by Anderson to move out of closed session. **Roll call vote, 12 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstain (Krull). Motion Carried. Closed session ended at 7:20 PM.**

- b. Approval of additional salary ranges
 - i. Clarification on previous salary ranges that were not presented at last meeting

Buettner left meeting (7:20PM) due to technical difficulties

Motion by Fye, second by Anderson to approve additional salary ranges. **Roll call vote, 12 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.**

- c. Recommendation of approval of Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP)
 - a. This is TRPHD back up plan in case of emergency.

Motion by Rickertsen, second by Fye to approve Continuity of Operations Plan. **Roll call vote, 12 ayes, 0 nays.**

- d. Recommendation to approve Dr Katherine Goodwin for Board of Health – Dentist.

Motion by Brandon, second by Thorell to approve Dr. Katherine Goodwin for BOH – Dentist. **Roll call vote, 12 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.**

- e. Recommendation of approval additional Personnel committee members.
 - a. Only have 2 members on the Personnel Committee would like to have 4. Nicole Thorell and Nicole Buettner volunteered at recommendation by Jeremy Eschliman. Appointed by board chair with board consensus.
- f. Recommendation of approval of board signatories.
 - a. Recommendation to have Wayne Anderson added as a signatory going back to January 2020. Also, clarification on all signatories. From this point onward the Signatories for TRPHD will be:
 - i. Jeremy Eschliman, Barb Malm, Cody Krull, Tana Fye Henry, and Wayne Anderson
 - ii. This will exclude all other previous signatories.

Motion made by Dallmann, second by Bader for Approval of Signatories as recommended in addition to removal of all previous individuals. **Roll call vote, 9 ayes, 0 nays, Anderson, Krull, Henry abstaining.**

Buettner returned to meeting (7:36 PM)

- g. Recommendation to approve June 2020 Financial Report.
 - a. Valenti discussed June 2020 Financial report, answering questions. Motion by Fye, second by Brandon to approve June 2020 financial report. **Roll call vote, 13 ayes, 0 nays, Motion carried.**
- h. Public hearing for 2019-2020 budget revision.

Motion to go into Public Hearing by Fye, second by Anderson. **Roll call vote, 13 ayes, 0 nays, Motion carried. Public hearing began at 7:43 PM.**

Valenti discussed 2020-2021 budget key items and answered questions.

Asked for public comment: No public comment

Motion by Fye, second by Rickertsen to come out of Public Hearing. **Roll call vote, 13 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carried. Public hearing closed at 7: 50 PM.**

Motion by Fye and second by Rickertsen to approve the 2020-2021 budget as presented. **Roll call vote, 13 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carried.**

- i. Recommendation of Approval of resolution No. 2020-1 Face covering.
 - a. Eschliman discussed the development of the resolution in addition the to the current science supporting mitigation of COVID19 with face masks. Resolution recommends that all people over age of 5 wear face masks. Additional discussion on the face masks-consensus to strike “while indoors” on page 2 paragraph 1, and also strike “ with anyone who is not their household member;” in same paragraph.

Motion by Beechum and second by Rickertsen to approve the resolution No. 2020-1 Face covering as revised. **Roll call vote, 11 ayes, 1 nay (Anderson), 1 abstain (Henry). Motion carried.**

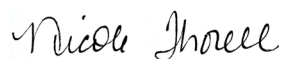
Public Comment:

The board accepted public comments.

Adjournment: Motion made by Fye and second by Thorell to adjourn. The Two Rivers Public Health Department Board of Health meeting was called to adjourn by consensus at 8:40 PM by Hunter.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: October 6, 2020, location TBD.

Respectfully submitted,



Nicole Thorell,

Secretary (MR/JE)