



April 6, 2021
Board of Health Minutes
Two Rivers Public Health Department

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	
X*		Dan Lynch-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		Glenn Hofman – 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	Lori Reiner – Phelps County Citizen
X*		Dr. Brady Beecham – Physician
X*		Dr. Melissa Drain – Veterinarian
	X	Dr. Katherine Goodwin – Dentist
	X	Cecelia Perales – Minority Representative
	X	Open– Midlevel Practitioner

Also, present: TRPHD representatives: Jeremy Eschliman – Health Director; Misti Raburn-Administrative Assistant, Von Lutz-Clinical Services Supervisor, Katie Mulligan-Planning Section Supervisor; Chris Fankhauser – Healthcare Coalition Coordinator, Aravind Menon – Epidemiologist; Jesse Valenti – Finance Manager; Renae Jacobson – student nurse (MSN tract)

Recognized members of the public and other guests also present (in person or virtually): Tana Fye Henry* Legal Counsel.

*Attended virtually via Zoom

CALL MEETING TO ORDER.

The Board of Health (BOH) meeting was called to order at 6:06 PM virtually via Zoom with Hunter, Lynch, Grams, Hofman, Bader, Boehler, Brandon, Anderson, Krull, Malm, Beecham, Drain, and Eschliman 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: Hunter noted the meeting notice publication has occurred in 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 Raburn; 12 members present at time of roll call.

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

- Financials
 - 2.23.21 Finance Meeting Packet
 - BOH Financials – January 2021
 - CPA Proposal for 2020-2021
 - Finance Committee Meeting Agenda 2.24.2021
 - Finance Committee Meeting Minutes 1.28.2021
 - Finance Committee Meeting Minutes 2.24.2021
 - LB 1008 Guidance for Local Public Health Depts (REV)
 - 4.6.2021 Finance Meeting Packet
 - Board of Health – February 2021
 - BOH Financials – February 02
 - CPA Proposal for 2020-2021
 - Finance Committee Meeting Agenda 4.6.2021
 - Finance Committee Meeting Minutes 2.24.2021
 - FPHN Budget Update
 - Fwd_ Lease documents needed
 - Kyle Anderson – Bruning Bank (Email on Interest Rate)
 - Truck Lease Info
 - Additions to Packet
 - 2RPHD_Vaccine_Interlocal
 - 2020-2021 CNMR TRIMRS Contract 12-9-2020
 - 2021 Budget Proposal Summary NE Chamber summary
 - 57393_V3_Two-Rivers_Public_H
 - Clinical_Advisor_Contract_10
 - COVID Vaccination contract 1 final
 - COVID19 vaccine admin revenue 4.6.21 1 signature
 - Cync datasharing contract
 - FEMA VACCINATION PA LHD Reimbursement Summary
 - Mm7014e3-H
 - NALHD Business_Associate_Agreement

- RiR Suzanne_Holmes_RiR_Contract_
- TRIMRS_HHP_Subaward_2020-21_
- April 6, 2021 BOH Agenda
- BOH 2021-2023 Terms and Committees
- BOH Meeting Minutes February 2 2021
- BOH Presentation 04.06.21
- Buettner resignation 3.18.21
- Drain resignation 2.5.21
- Ethics committee meeting 2.25.21 Hospice COVID
- Lease resolution example
- Truck Proposals 2021

Eschliman recognized guests and acknowledged recent board resignations and openings:
 Dr. Melissa Drain (Veterinarian);
 Nicole Buettner (Mid-level practitioner)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA. Motion made by Beecham, seconded by Bader to approve agenda as presented. **Roll call vote, 12 ayes, 0 nays: Motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes from February 2, 2021 MEETING. Motion made by Krull, second by Brandon to approve minutes from February 2, 2021 meeting. **Roll call vote, 12 ayes, 0 nays: Motion carried.**

Board Education:

TRPHD is capturing different pictures from the district to illustrate the many different communities. Eschliman recommended board members send any representative pictures of their communities to include in future presentations.

Presentation by staff:

While overall trends for disease have been downward, Two Rivers has been the leader vaccinations in Nebraska. 27.3% of the TRPHD eligible population has been fully vaccinated so far-weekly reports continue to be sent out about the vaccines and population that is being covered. The vaccination clinics have been running smooth-kudos to all staff. TRPHD has included NE Strong at the Mass Clinics to promote good Mental Health in the district during this pandemic (CHIP priority). TRPHD has also increased access to minority populations by going to employers to administer COVID vaccinations. This bodes well for future partnerships in the district. Two Rivers has performed exceptionally well vaccinating the 65+ group, as this is the most isolated group due to not working. TRPHD is currently prioritizing work on college student vaccinations, followed closely by high school age. Vaccine in Nebraska will be available at any vaccination site to any state resident in the near future.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Eschliman briefly reviewed Ethics committee meeting notes from 2.25.21. Thank you to everyone involved in this. There are no exclusions for vaccinations for individuals on hospice at this time.

Eschliman reviewed recent contracts, MOAs, located in additions to the BOH packet, signed since the last board meeting.

Eschliman reviewed the State budget process and budget proposed by the appropriations committee (including a NE Chamber summary-in packet) including:

State Budget 3.4% growth with a \$10 Million shift in health funds from healthcare cash fund to general funds. Additionally, specific LHD funding in the coming 2 years (respectively): 1.5 Million next year, 3 Million following year.

Eschliman discussed personnel transitions: Misti Raburn transitioning out of organization, Jodi Sowl going from full time Community Health Nurse to PRN.

Old Business

No old business noted from the board

New Business

Recommendation to approve January and February 2021 Financial report.

Valenti presented budget key items, monthly financials, and answered questions.

Motion by Grams, second by Beecham to approve January and February 2021 Financial report.

Roll call vote, 12 ayes, 0 nays.

Recommendation to approve auditor for 2020-2021 year.

Valenti presented 2020-2021 Financial auditor and Krull discussed recommendations by Finance committee to approve. Dana Cole was recommendation for the next year, with review by Board at that time.

Motion by Brandon, second by Bader to approve 2020-2021 Financial auditor as Dana Cole. **Roll call vote, 12 ayes, 0 nays**

Recommendation to approve lease resolution for new fleet vehicle acquisition.

Eschliman and Lutz discussed the need for a lease for a new pickup for the Trailer that TRPHD recently received via state procurement.

Motion by Hofman, second by Grams to approve Eschliman to sign lease for new 2021 Dodge fleet vehicle acquisition. **Roll call vote, 12 ayes, 0 nays.**

Recommendation to approve addition/removal of board signatories.

Eschliman discussed need to remove Nicole Buettner from board signatory list due to her resignation from the board, effective 3.31.21. Board suggested Eschliman discuss additional signatory duties with additional board members before next meeting.

Motion by Brandon, second by Bader to approve removal of board signatory (Nicole Buettner) and continue with current list of signatories:

- Jeremy Eschliman
- Wayne Anderson
- Cody Krull
- Barb Malm

with revisit of this issue at a future meeting. **Roll call vote, 12 ayes, 0 nays.**

Discussion of legislative advocacy/potential actions

Eschliman review legislative BOH priorities as noted below:

- Discuss previous priorities by BOH:
 - Local control of Directed Health Measures
 - LB637 Vargas (HHS Committee)-stuck in committee
 - Open Meetings act allowance for perpetual virtual meetings
 - LB83 Flood (Government committee)
 - Additional sustainable funding or local health district
 - LB585 Vargas (Appropriations)
 - Incorporated into State Budget \$1.5 Million LHSs; \$3 Million LHDs
 - \$10 Million shifted from healthcare cash fund to state budget
 - Telehealth services policy advancement
 - Senator Arch bill

Closed session RE: Health Director evaluation:

Motion by Bader, second by Malm to enter closed session RE: Health Director Evaluation

Roll call vote, 12 ayes, 0 nays

Close Session Begin: 7:32 PM

Motion by Krull, second by Lynch to exit closed session RE: Health Director Evaluation.

Roll call vote, 12 ayes, 0 nays

Close Session Ends: 8:02

Discussion of Health Director evaluation

General comment: no concerns with Health Director performance. Appreciate all the work this last year-doing a good job.

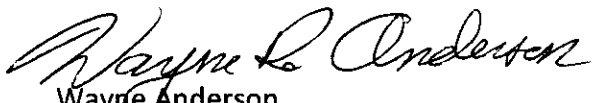
Motion by Krull, second by Anderson to table compensation and health director evaluation discussion until June BOH Meeting for comparisons of other districts low/med/high wage. **Roll call vote, 12 ayes, 0 nays**

Public Comment. The board accepted public comments.

Adjournment: Motion made by Lynch and second by Grams to adjourn. The Two Rivers Public Health Department Board of Health meeting was called to adjourn by consensus at 8:12 PM by Hunter.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: June 1, 2021, 516 W 11th St Kearney.

Respectfully submitted,


Wayne Anderson,
Vice president, Interim Secretary (MR/JE)