



December 1, 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*		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		Nicole Buettner – Midlevel Practitioner

Also, present: TRPHD representatives: Jeremy Eschliman – Health Director; Misti Raburn-Administrative Assistant, Von Lutz-Health Educator, Haleigh Cunningham-Health Educator; Katie Mulligan-Planning Section Supervisor; Hayley Jelinek-Emergency Response Coordinator; Jodi Sowl-Community Health Nurse; Aravind Menon\* – Epidemiologist; Jesse Valenti\* – Finance Manager

Members of the public and other guests also present (in person or virtually): Leah Gleason\* for Fye Law office

\*Attended virtually via Zoom

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER.**

The Board of Health (BOH) meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM virtually via Zoom with Hunter, Rickertsen, Dallmann, Anderson, Krull, Buettner, Eschliman, Mulligan, Valenti, Menon, Cunningham, Lutz, Jelinek 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:** Hunter 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 Raburn; 12 members present at time of roll call.

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

- Financials
  - 10.29.20 Finance Meeting Packet
    - BOH Financials – September 2020
    - Finance Committee Meeting Agenda 10.29.2020
    - Finance Committee Meeting Minutes 09.17.2020
    - Finance Committee Meeting Minutes 10.29.2020
    - Five Nines – Two Rivers\_2021 Budget
  - 12.1.20 Finance Meeting Packet
    - Subaward and contracts
      - UHC Contract Amounts
    - 3) Delta Dental Renewal Rates for 2021
    - 3) TRPHD – Employee Benefit Plan Premium for VSP (2021)
    - 6) Audit Proposal – Dana Cole
    - 6) Audit Proposal – KSO CPA
    - 6) SHDHD – Year End Audit
    - 56765 Y3 Two Rivers PHD Covid Capacity Building Subaward
    - BOH Financials – October 2020
    - Finance Committee Meeting Agenda 12.1.20
    - Finance Committee Meeting Minutes 10.29.20
    - TRPHD – COVID Testing Subaward
    - TRPHD – Flu Capacity Building Funding
- BOH 12.1.20 agenda
- BOH Meeting Minutes October 6, 2020
- City of Kearney Executed Copy of Ordinance No. 8467
- Community Health Improvement Plan 2020 KM
- COVID19 Test Site by weekly results 11.30.20
- December 1, 2020 BOH agenda
- EO 20-34
- Fye Legal Analysis Letter to Jeremy re Mechanisms for Ordinances 10.30.2020
- Immunizations One Page Handout 11-30-2020
- JG Elliott Award\_The Public Health Directors of Nebraska\_Eschliman\_10222020

- Masks for COVID Nov23
- Two Rivers Communications Plan 2020
- Two Rivers Pledge Receipts (3)

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA.** Motion made by Krull, seconded by Buettner to approve agenda as presented. **Roll call vote, 10 ayes, 0 nays, 2 Abstain (Reiter, Beecham): Motion carried.**

Eschliman introduced new Board Member, noting in person meet | greet postponed due to pandemic: Lori Reiner- having filled BOH Phelps Citizen position, attending board meeting virtually. Reiner commented that she has worked in public service and is a licensed mental health provider in Holdrege for the last 30 years. She also works in public relations as the Foundation Director at Holdrege Memorial Homes, bringing a long term care facility prospective.

Eschliman also introduced new temporary Emergency Response Coordinator for TRPHD, Hayley Jelinek who started on Oct 19, 2020. Jelinek noted her work experience in governmental and non-profit sector work for 30 years. Jelinek is working on vaccinations, planning, and helping with anything Mulligan needs help with.

**Approval of Minutes from October 6, 2020 MEETING.** Motion made by Buettner, second by Malm to approve minutes from August 6, 2020 meeting. **Roll call vote, 6 ayes, 0 nays, 6 Abstain (Reiter, Anderson, Krull, Reiner, Beecham, Drain): Motion carried.**

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

The number of cases appear to be going down however this is due the testing being down over the holiday season. Increase in cases over the next 3-4 weeks is likely based on current trajectories. Masking policies can create immediate and long term reduced transmission of the disease thus improving health outcomes. Immunization report was provided with approximately 2000 flu shots given this year, compared to 900 last year. Discussed implementation of additional education for clients to connect with medical homes. State vaccination distribution plan was discussed with frontline hospital workers and clinics being the first to receive, next teachers, police, long term care facilities workers then the residents.

**Old Business**

No old business noted from the board

**New Business**

Valenti presented 2020-2021 budget key items, monthly financials, and answered questions.

Recommendation to approve September and October 2020 Financial report.

Motion by Beecham, second by Buettner to approve September and October 2020 Financial report. **Roll call vote, 12 ayes, 0 nays.**

**Enter Closed Session** Re: Potential litigation

Motion by Krull, second by Rickertsen to enter into closed session. **Roll call vote, 12 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.** Entered closed session at 7:31 PM

Motion by Rickertsen, second by Buettner to exit closed session. **Roll call vote, 12 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carried.** Exited closed session at 7:47 PM.

**Recommendation to Approve Communications Plan.** Motion by Beecham, second by Dallmann to approve Communications Plan **Roll call vote, 11 ayes, 0 nays, 1 Abstain (Reiner).**

**Recommendation to Approve 2020 Community Health Improvement Plan.** Motion by Beecham, second by Krull to approve 2020 Community Health Improvement Plan. **Roll call vote, 11 ayes, 0 nays, 1 Abstain (Reiter).**

Approval of additional board signatories (Currently: Krull, Anderson, and Malm) Motion by Anderson, second by Dallmann to approve Nicole Buettner to be added to financial signatory list. **Roll call vote, 11 ayes, 0 nays, 1 Abstain (Buettner).**

Discussion of Legislative Advocacy


Eschliman discussed continuation of biweekly meeting with state senators. Ad Hoc committee for this purpose is under development.

**Public Comment.** The board accepted public comments.

**Adjournment:** Motion made by Krull and second by Beecham to adjourn. The Two Rivers Public Health Department Board of Health meeting was called to adjourn by consensus at 8:17 PM by Hunter.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING: February 2, 2020, Annual Reorganization, location TBD.**

Respectfully submitted,



Wayne Anderson,

Vice-president (Adhoc secretary) (MR/JE)