

**IDAHO BOARD OF HEALTH AND WELFARE
MINUTES
May 14, 2015**

The Board of Health and Welfare convened at:
Pete T. Cenarrusa Building
450 W. State Street
Boise, Idaho 83720

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Darrell Kerby, Chairman
Richard Armstrong, Secretary
James Giufffré
Wendy Jaquet
Commissioner Tom Stroschein
Stephen Weeg
Janet Penfold
Tammy Perkins

STAFF PRESENT

Russ Barron, Deputy Director, Welfare, and Family and Community Services, Regional Directors
Denise Chuckovich, Deputy Director, Behavioral Health, Medicaid, and Public Health
Tamara Prisock, Division Administrator, Licensing and Certification
Elke Shaw-Tulloch, Division Administrator, Public Health
Dr. Christine Hahn, State Public Health Medical Director
Paul Spannkebel, Division Administrator, Operational Services
Ross Edmunds, Division Administrator, Behavioral Health
Rosie Andueza, Program Manager, Behavioral Health
Niki Forbing-Orr, Public Information Officer
Kim Thurston, Administrative Assistant to SHIP
Diane Foote, Administrative Assistant to the Board

OTHERS PRESENT

Nicole McKay, Lead Deputy Attorney General
Jared Tatro, Senior Budget & Policy Analyst

CALL TO ORDER

Following proper notice in accordance with Idaho Code, Section 67-2343, and pursuant to call by the Chairman, the meeting of the Idaho Board of Health and Welfare was called to order by Darrell Kerby, Chairman of the Board, at 9:11 a.m. Thursday, May 14, 2015, at the Pete T. Cenarrusa Bldg., 450 W. State Street, Boise, Idaho.

ROLL CALL

Director Armstrong, Secretary, called the roll. Roll call showed **eight (8)** members present. With **six (6)** voting members present, Chairman Kerby declared a quorum. Absent and excused were Dr. Robert Roberge, Senator Heider, and Representative Wood.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chairman Kerby opened the floor for public comment. There being none, the Board advanced to the next order of business.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM BOARD MEETING ON FEBRUARY 19, 2015

Motion: Stephen Weeg moved that the minutes of the February 19, 2015, Board meeting be adopted as prepared.

Second: Wendy Jaquet

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: **Giuffré, Jaquet, Kerby, Stroschein, Weeg**

Nays: None

Motion Carried

CEC UPDATE

Division Administrator Paul Spannkebel reported on a new parking policy that went into effect May 11th. He also reported on the Change in Employee Compensation (CEC), a three percent increase in personnel funding granted by the 2015 legislature for fiscal year 2016. Statute and guidance from the Governor’s office require the CEC be distributed based on merit. A total of 1,200 evaluations were completed over a five-week period. Early implementation of the raises was realized in employee paychecks received on May, 8th 2015. Below are details:

PE Rating	Count	Annual Cost
EX	587	\$ 1,349,500
SS	1,299	\$ 2,277,000
APS	545	\$ 691,200
DNA	25	\$ -
Probation	196	\$ -
Payline Move Only		\$ 5,100
Non-Classified		\$ 84,300
	2,652	\$ 4,407,100
Cost of 4 PP Early Implementation		\$ 678,000

OPE – OPTUM / FAIR HEARINGS PURCHASING STUDY

Division Administrator Paul Spannkebel presented a copy of a letter from Representative John Rusche to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee regarding behavioral health services concerns managed under the Medicaid contract with Optum Idaho.

Mr. Spannkebel discussed an OPE Evaluation Request on the subject of Administrative Hearing Officers and a possible conflict of interest when hearing officers are employed and contracted by DHW. A response has been for the hearing officers responsible for Medicaid becoming part of the Office of the Attorney General. A letter from Representative Luker and Senator Burgoyne to JLOC was presented to the Board listing questions on this subject.

A new appointed committee will meet next week to study purchasing laws and to make recommendations. Currently, purchases up to 25 million can be made without permission/oversight. Suggested changes meant the Board would have to oversee approximately twelve contracts on specific subject matter and be forced to reconfigure several contracts. (Update: The committee has been chosen and is as follows: Co-Chairs Sen. Fred Martin and Rep. Neil Anderson. Members are Senators Bart Davis, John Tippetts, Lori Den Hartog, Maryanne Jordan, and Representatives Maxine Bell, Brent Crane, John Vander Woude, and Mark Nye.)

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2015-03: EXPANDED ACCESS PROGRAM FOR EPIDIOLEX

Division Administrator Elke Shaw-Tulloch and Dr. Christine Hahn, State Public Health Medical Director, presented details on EO 2015-03 regarding an expanded access program for Epidiolex, a drug for treatment-resistant epilepsy for children ages 0-18. Division Administrator Shaw gave a brief overview of the drug which contains purified, plant-based cannabidiol (CBD) oil and the legislation surrounding it during Idaho's 2015 session. Alexis' Law, S1146, provided affirmative defense for families found with the oil which is considered a Schedule I drug.

Dr. Hahn presented the details of the Epidiolex compassionate use program. A preliminary agreement has been made with GW Pharma out of Great Britain and a memorandum signed by the Director. A local provider has begun the application process and Dr. Hahn hopes to have a contract signed in a few days. Once approved, providers and families statewide will be notified. The Idaho Medical Association will be assisting with the roll out of the program. A fact sheet with the study details was in each member's meeting binder.

2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION – RULES AND LEGISLATION

Division Administrator Tamara Prisock reported results on rules and legislation resulting from the 2015 session. Currently, an estimated 24 dockets are on the agenda for next year.

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

Division Administrator Tamara Prisock updated the Board on DHW strategic goals:

- Goal 1: Improve the health status of Idahoans.
- Goal 2: Increase the safety and self-sufficiency of individuals and families.
- Goal 3: Enhance the delivery of health and human services.

Details on the strategic objectives and initiatives to support these goals were also presented.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board member Wendy Jaquet addressed the concern of a backlash to immigrants and refugees in the Twin Falls area. She expressed concern for transgender children and their families looking for support. Division Administrator of Behavioral Health, Ross Edmunds, commented the division is promoting a national hotline service for the LGBT community which is sensitive to the spectrum of diversity.

STATE HEALTHCARE INNOVATION PLAN UPDATE (SHIP)

Deputy Director Denise Chuckovich updated the Board on the current status of the Idaho State Healthcare Innovation Plan (SHIP). SHIP received a state innovation model (SIM) grant for \$39,683,813. This grant will fund a four-year model test that began February 1, 2015. We are presently in year one, the pre-implementation year as we prepare for full implementation to begin 2/1/2016.

Staff has been hired with six of the eight positions filled. A detailed organizational chart was distributed with staff names noted. The organizational chart also displays the many IHC workgroups and external groups that advise the IHC as subject matter experts. The Idaho Oral Health Alliance has recently been added as an advisory group to the IHC on oral health/primary care integration.

Current contracts under development include a contract with the Idaho Health Data Exchange (IHDE) which will take the lead in connecting all the patient centered medical homes with the IHDE. We expect this contract to be in place by mid-June.

We are also developing contracts with Idaho's 7 public health districts which will stand up regional health collaboratives that assist local clinics transforming to patient centered medical homes. Our goal is to have these contracts in place by July 1, 2015.

Deputy Director Chuckovich recently returned from a conference hosted by the National Governor's Association and the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation where knowledge was shared between states on the transformation of their health care systems. It was announced at the conference that there would be no model test funding for the 19 Round 2 Model Design States that are currently in the planning phase. This reinforced how fortunate Idaho is to have already received model test funds.

RECOVERY IDAHO PRESENTATION

Division Administrator Ross Edmunds and Program Manager Rosie Andueza presented on Recovery Idaho. Program Manager Andueza and Board Member Stroschein have recently visited the Connecticut Community for Addition Recovery (CCAR) which is the model for Recovery Idaho. Topics ranged from community acceptance, employment, training, resources and referrals. While CCAR's focus is substance addiction, Idaho will also include mental health issues. Ada County's site is scheduled to open June 1st with other sites planned for Canyon, Gem, and Latah counties. Commissioner Stroschein has led the effort and also possibly secured a site on Main Street in Moscow.

DIVISIONS OF WELFARE AND FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATES

Deputy Director Russ Barron reported Gary Moore has been appointed Division Administrator of FACS. Mr. Moore was with the Department as SHN Administrator 2008-2011 and most recently, the CEO of Shoshone Medical Center in Kellogg. His first day will be May 27th.

Child Welfare direct service employees received salary increases which brought most staff up to at least 78% of policy. This action was needed to stabilize the workforce and reduce turnover.

Northwest Children's Home issues with licensing are being worked out with the ban on admissions being lifted soon.

The Division of Welfare staff was involved in processing an estimated 80,000 individuals for possible re-enrollment during open enrollment. An additional 40,000 new applications were also processed. As of May, those eligible and receiving the tax credit is approximately 105,000. The number of members who have selected a plan stands at 82,000 and 77,000 who have received an estimate. Approximately, 5000 life event changes are processed each month.

Mr. Barron commented the child support operations continued despite the outcome of the 2015 legislative session. The Director will provide more information regarding the upcoming Special Session.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

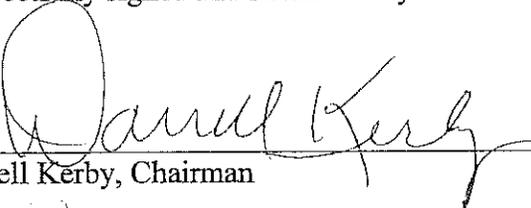
Director Armstrong updated the Board regarding the upcoming Special Session and HB 1 (Child Support Bill) and section amendments that have been added to the original bill (S1067). Monday, May 18th, at Special Session he will outline what the bill is, what it does and also, present information on what child support is and what it isn't.

The Director reported on the success of the insurance exchange and the focus now on those 78,000 in the gap who are too poor to receive federal assistance. The goal is to encourage hospitals to participate in the project where the state pays 10% and the federal government paying 90%. Currently fifty organizations have joined the Close the Gap Project.

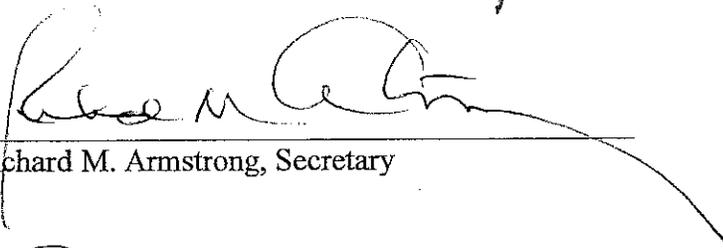
ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Idaho Board of Health and Welfare is scheduled to be held August 20, 2015. There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Kerby adjourned the meeting at 1:08p.m.

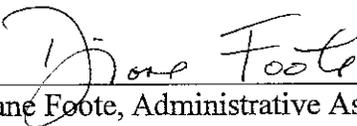
Respectfully signed and submitted by:



Darrell Kerby, Chairman



Richard M. Armstrong, Secretary



Diane Foote, Administrative Assistant