

**IDAHO BOARD OF HEALTH AND WELFARE**  
**MINUTES**  
**March 1, 2012**

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

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Richard Roberge, Chairman  
Richard Armstrong, Secretary  
Dan Fuchs  
James Giuffré  
Darrell Kerby  
Janet Penfold  
Commissioner Tom Stroschein  
Stephen Weeg

**STAFF PRESENT**

Leslie Clement, Deputy Director, Behavioral Health, Medicaid, and Managed Care  
Drew Hall, Deputy Director, Health, Welfare, and Family Services  
David Taylor, Deputy Director, Support Services  
Peg Dougherty, Lead Deputy Attorney General  
Tom Shanahan, Public Information Manager  
Kim Thurston, Administrative Assistant to the Board

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Sara Stover, Financial Management Analyst Sr., Division of Financial Management

**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 Richard Roberge, Chairman of the Board, at **10:05** a.m. Thursday, March 1, 2012, at the Pete T. Cenarrusa Bldg., 450 W. State Street, Boise, Idaho.

**ROLL CALL**

Richard Armstrong, Secretary, called the roll. Roll call showed **eight** members present. Absent and excused were Senator Patti Anne Lodge, Representative Janice McGeachin, and Tammy Perkins. With **seven** voting members present, Chairman Roberge declared a quorum.

## **AGENDA AMENDMENTS**

Chairman Roberge opened the floor for any amendments pertaining to the agenda. There being none, the Board advanced to the next order of business.

## **APPROVAL OF AMENDED MINUTES FROM BOARD MEETING ON AUGUST 2, 2011**

Motion: **Darrell Kerby** moved that the Idaho Board of Health and Welfare approve the amendment to the minutes from the Board meeting held August 2, 2011.

Second: **Tom Stroschein**

Vote: Ayes: **Fuchs, Giuffré, Kerby, Penfold, Roberge, Stroschein, Weeg**  
Nays: None

Motion Carried.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Chairman Roberge 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 NOVEMBER 17, 2011**

Motion: **Steven Weeg** moved that the minutes of the November 17, 2011, Board meeting be adopted as prepared.

Second: **James Giuffré'**

Vote: Ayes: **Fuchs, Giuffré, Kerby, Penfold, Roberge, Stroschein, Weeg**  
Nays: None

Motion Carried.

## **BOARD ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

Peg Dougherty, Deputy Attorney General, discussed Idaho's commitment to an honest and ethical government. As a public official, it is the Board members' ethical duty to serve honestly and in the public's interest. Board members were given a copy of the Idaho Ethics In Government Manual. Ms. Dougherty discussed specific Legislation as follows:

- Legal authority and scope, emphasizing on Idaho Code §56-103(1) and §56-1005.
  - Board is charged with the oversight of Department and rulemaking as well as hearing functions relating to public health, licensure and certification standards.
  - Board is charged with the duty to protect the health of the state.
- Board members' roles and responsibilities.
  - Board members bring perspective and experience to their roles.
  - Board acts as a whole, not individually.
- Ethical considerations.

- When accepting a public appointment it is also an acceptance of the ethical duty to serve honestly and in the public interest.
- Board members are public officials & Board, stressing Idaho Code §59-703(10).
- Ethics in Government Act (Idaho Code 59, Chapter 7) and specifically conflicts of interest (Idaho Code §59-704) were discussed.

### **UPDATE ON LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL OF RULES AND STATUS OF DEPARTMENT LEGISLATION**

Deputy Director David Taylor updated the Board members on the Department's rules for the 2012 Legislative Session. Mr. Taylor explained how the Department monitors the status of rules throughout the legislative session. The current status of the Department's legislation and the results of the legislative review were discussed and handouts were given to the Board members.

### **DIVISION OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT**

Deputy Director Drew Hall reports the Division of Family and Community Services (FACS) continues to consolidate and standardize administration and practice across the State in all of its programs.

The Child Welfare Program is now organized into three administrative hubs: North, West, and East. The initiative to centralize child welfare intake calls is on schedule. This project will centralize and standardize intake; standardize regional response; and allow the Division to better control the front door to child welfare services.

Idaho's One Church One Child initiative took a major step forward with the federal approval of seven service members of AmeriCorps Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) for this project. One Church One Child is a way of recruiting foster and adoptive parents that emphasizes a church's and a community's obligation and ability to voluntarily provide support and acceptance for both children and the families who foster or adopt.

Southwest Idaho Treatment Center (SWITC) is continuing its ability to transition individuals back into the community. The plan for SWITC is to provide short term crisis management.

### **DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT**

The Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Information System (WISPr) went live statewide on February 1, 2012. The new Immunization Reminder and Information System (IRIS) will be brought online and the old IRIS will be taken offline on March 1, 2012. Testing of the new system has gone well, legacy data are being migrated from the old system to the new system. We have every expectation that the new IRIS will be successfully rolled out.

### **DIVISION OF WELFARE REPORT**

The Division of Welfare continues to meet or exceed federal and state performance requirements in all areas, even as caseloads continue to break all-time high levels each month. Mr. Hall was

happy to report, the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee (JFAC) appropriated almost \$1.7 million in general funds to the Child Support Program to make up for federal cutbacks. This allows the program to match additional federal funds to prevent a \$4.9 million total funding loss in the program.

Mr. Hall reviewed a handout titled, Medicaid Readiness:

- Health Insurance Exchange - The Department of Insurance is responsible for the Health Insurance Exchange. The Department of Health and Welfare's role was to assist the Department of Insurance in applying and obtaining the grant for funding.
- Medicaid Readiness – The Department of Health and Welfare is responsible for the Medicaid Readiness. Funding for this was approved by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and is a 90/10 participation cost-sharing fund. The Department of Health and Welfare has 22 months to move forward and is preparing for requirements outlined in the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Three basic requirements for Medicaid Readiness are: Modernization, Expansion, and Connection to an Exchange.

### **DIVISION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH REPORT**

Deputy Director Leslie Clement highlighted the Division's plans to amend Title 39, Chapter 31 next legislative session in order to move forward with planned transformational activities consistent with the six core hallmarks of system transformation which include: local input/influence; integrated substance abuse and mental health treatment; clearly defined roles and responsibilities; the elimination of service gaps; improving efficiency and effectiveness; and be consumer driven/recovery oriented. Ms. Clement said that the capacity for addressing local needs, such as recovery supports, will be developed incrementally. Legislation would recognize, through a fiscal impact statement, that there is a need for funding local entities during a start-up phase. This proposal only reflects the Department of Health and Welfare's transformed model related to the Behavioral Health Division. A white paper has been developed and will be shared with community boards and other stakeholders over the next several months with the objective of incorporating the public's comments into a final legislative proposal.

### **DIVISION OF MEDICAID REPORT**

Ms. Clement provided an updated report on the implementation of House Bill 260, the Medicaid legislation that significantly reduced trustee and benefits costs in state fiscal year 2012. Overall cost savings are meeting expectations.

Other key Medicaid Division updates included:

- Medicaid Incentive Payments for Electronic Health Records – funding to eligible providers will be available in July.
- Idaho Home Choice – this five-year federal grant helps transition individuals from institutions into communities. Six individuals have been transitioned to date.

- Certification of the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) – is still pending final federal decision. Exit interview feedback from the December federal survey team was favorable.

### **MEDICAID MANAGED CARE REPORT**

Ms. Clement provided Board members with copies of her Health and Welfare Germane Committees presentation on Medicaid Managed Care. A number of initiatives are underway, including the development of a behavioral health managed care carve-out, a comprehensive and integrated plan for dual eligibles, and Medical Home models that focus on chronic care supports along with practice transformation.

### **DIVISION OF SUPPORT SERVICES REPORT**

Deputy Director David Taylor reported the progress of the Department of Health and Welfare's supplemental appropriation legislation. Mr. Taylor provided the Board members with a handout titled Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee (JFAC) Prep, a tool that is used to track the process and changes of the legislative actions. Mr. Taylor stated, at this time the Department of Health and Welfare is pleased with the overall results of the budget.

Fiscal Year 2012 Second Quarter Review report was given to the Board members. Mr. Taylor discussed the budgetary breakdown of the total projection of this fiscal year.

Mr. Taylor referred to the State of Idaho Internal Control Report Findings and Responses for the Year Ended June 30, 2011, handout that had been emailed to the Board members prior to the Board meeting for their review. There were five audit findings. All five findings were related to the Department's issuance of interim payments to its Medicaid providers. There will be a ninety (90) day follow-up report that will be sent to the Board members upon its completion.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Armstrong reported that the requested spending authority for the Southwest Idaho Treatment Center (SWITC) Master Plan was approved by the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee (JFAC). The Department of Health and Welfare is working with the City of Nampa to reconstruct a safer access into SWITC.

A Blue Ribbon independent panel was convened by Director Armstrong to provide a technical review of the tragic death of Robert Manwill. Recommendations made by the panel for the Department of Health and Welfare are being integrated into child protection protocols.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting of the Board of Health and Welfare is scheduled to be held May 10, 2012. There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Roberge adjourned the meeting at 1:57 p.m.

Respectfully signed and submitted by:

  
Richard Roberge, Chairman

  
Richard M. Armstrong, Secretary

  
Kim Thurston, Administrative Assistant