

**IDAHO BOARD OF HEALTH AND WELFARE
MINUTES
August 21, 2014**

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Richard Roberge, Chairman
Richard Armstrong, Secretary
Wendy Jaquet
Darrell Kerby
Janet Penfold
Commissioner Tom Stroschein
Stephen Weeg

STAFF PRESENT

Russ Barron, Deputy Director, Public Health, Welfare, and Family and Community Services
Denise Chuckovich, Deputy Director, Behavioral Health, Medicaid, and Managed Care Services
David N. Taylor, Deputy Director, Support Services
Tamara Prisock, Division Administrator, Licensing and Certification
Elke Shaw-Tulloch, Division Administrator, Public Health
Wayne Denny, Bureau Chief, Emergency Medical Services
Tom Shanahan, Manager, Public Information
Patrick Guzzle, Program Manager, Public Health
Season Woods, Health Operations Field Coordinator, Emergency Medical Services
Kim Thurston, Administrative Assistant to the Board

OTHERS PRESENT

Peg Dougherty, Lead Deputy Attorney General
Charina Newell, Deputy Attorney General
Sara Stover, 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 Dr. Roberge, Chairman of the Board, at 8:34 a.m. Thursday, August 21, 2014, at the Pete T. Cenarrusa Bldg., 450 W. State Street, Boise, Idaho.

ROLL CALL

Director Armstrong, Secretary, called the roll. Roll call showed **seven (7)** members present. With **six (6)** voting members present, Chairman Roberge declared a quorum. Absent and excused were Tammy Perkins, James Giufffré, Senator Lee Heider, and Representative Fred Wood.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Dr. 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 MAY 15, 2014

Motion: Stephen Weeg moved that the minutes of the May 15, 2014, Board meeting be adopted as prepared.

Second: Janet Penfold

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: **Jaquet, Kerby, Penfold, Roberge, Stroschein, Weeg**

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

CONCURRENCE OF APPOINTMENT FOR LISA HETTINGER AS MEDICAID DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR

Director Armstrong introduced Lisa Hettinger to the Board members as the new Medicaid Division Administrator for the Department of Health and Welfare. He gave a brief description of her background and added that with her background and her depth of knowledge Ms. Hettinger will help lead the Department in the transformation of healthcare.

Motion: Wendy Jaquet moved that the Idaho Board of Health and Welfare concur with the Director's appointment of Lisa Hettinger as Medicaid Division Administrator for the Department of Health and Welfare.

Second: Stephen Weeg

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: **Jaquet, Kerby, Penfold, Roberge, Stroschein, Weeg**

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

BOARD APPEAL

Pursuant to Section 67-5240 the Board members heard oral argument from the parties in the matter of *Montie Page vs. Idaho Department of Health and Welfare*, Appeal No. 14-100. The Board deliberated and instructed that a decision be drafted to revoke the hearing officer's decision and uphold the Department's decision.

2015-2019 STRATEGIC PLAN

Tamara Prisock discussed the Department of Health and Welfare FY2015-FY2019 Strategic Plan, and handouts of this plan were given. The Department uses this to set a prioritized timeline for meeting measurable objectives to attain goals that better serve the people of our state. Ms. Prisock highlighted a number of important initiatives and opportunities the Department is implementing:

- Modernizing our public assistance eligibility system and processes to handle the requirements of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act
- State Healthcare Innovation Plan (SHIP)
- Behavioral Health Community Crisis Center

FOOD SAFETY AND SANITATION STANDARDS FOR FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS DOCKET NO. 16-0219-1401:

Presenter: Patrick Guzzle, Program Manager, Division of Public Health

Patrick Guzzle, Program Manager, presented the Food Safety and Sanitation Standards for Food Establishments, rule docket for the Board's approval.

The Department is adopting a temporary rule for individuals that have harvested wild game meat and would like to donate to food banks and other organizations that help feed Idaho's citizens that are hungry and are willing to accept wild game meat to feed their families. The temporary rule is needed in order to allow hunters to donate during this year's hunting season. The provisions in this temporary and proposed rule provide a way for these organizations to be able to accept donated wild game meat.

Motion: Wendy Jaquet moved that the Idaho Board of Health and Welfare adopt the "Temporary" rules for the "Food Safety and Sanitation Standards for Food Establishments (The Idaho Food Code)," presented under Docket No. 16-0219-1401, effective September 1, 2014.

Second: Stephen Weeg

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

Motion Carried.

**IDAHO HEALTHCARE COALITION/
STATE HEALTHCARE INNOVATION PLAN (SHIP) UPDATE**

Deputy Director Denise Chuckovich discussed the Statewide Healthcare Innovation Plan (SHIP) and gave an overview of the Model Test Proposal (MTP). This will allow Idaho to test a statewide model to transform the healthcare delivery system and demonstrate that the State's entire healthcare system can be transformed through effective care coordination.

MEDICAID/ADVANCED PREMIUM TAX CREDIT ELIGIBILITY

Deputy Director Russ Barron reported on Your Health Idaho, describing the status of the State Based exchange. Mr. Barron distributed a simplified and detailed draft flow chart showing how the renewal process will work as it shifts from a federally facilitated market place to a state based exchange.

Mr. Barron informed the Board members of changes in the Family and Community Services (FACS) Division. FACS Division Administrator, Rob Luce, has left the Department. Currently Mr. Barron is Acting Division Administrator for this division. The Department anticipates hiring a new Division Administrator after the first of next year.

DIVISION OF SUPPORT SERVICES REPORT

Deputy Director David Taylor gave an overview of State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2014 funds for each division.

Mr. Taylor also discussed the Department's proposed requests for SFY2016. Items are listed below:

- The first item of the budget discussed was Supplemental Appropriations. By definition Supplemental Appropriations are changes to the appropriation that add to or adjust spending authority in the current fiscal year.
- The second item of the budget discussed was Maintenance of Current Operations. These are resources needed to continue current levels of service.
- The last item of the budget discussed was Line Items. These are additional decision units requesting funding for new or expanded activities after maintenance of current operations.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Armstrong addressed the Board, stating that since the Board has authority over licensing and certification functions in the Department, he wanted to use his time to brief the Board about a couple of situations the Licensing and Certification division is currently handling. He asked Tamara Prisock, Administrator of the division, to brief the Board. Tamara provided the Board with information about a complaint investigation the Residential Care and Assisted Living Program is conducting concerning a complaint involving a resident death at Morningstar Assisted Living in Idaho Falls. Tamara also briefed the Board about the difficulties the division

is facing in completing initial Medicare certification surveys for new skilled nursing facilities in the state. The contract the division has with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) requires the division to follow a work priority ranking prescribed by CMS. Ongoing surveys and complaint investigations are considered higher priority work by CMS. Initial surveys for new facilities are considered the lowest priority unless the facility can demonstrate that there is a shortage of skilled nursing facility beds in the geographic area. Staff turnover has created a backlog of higher priority work; meaning new facilities are waiting 18-24 months to get certified. This delay has caused problems for communities in various parts of the state, most recently in Coeur d'Alene and in Rexburg. The 2014 Legislature approved funding for pay increases for surveyors which is helping with the turnover, and the Department continues to work on ways to retain experienced and fully trained surveyors.

APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Idaho Code requires the annual election of a Board chair and vice-chair. Chairman Roberge requested that the Board have an informal election for the next Board meeting and omit the nominating committee this year.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Idaho Board of Health and Welfare is scheduled to be held November 20, 2014. There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Roberge adjourned the meeting at 2:59 p.m.

Respectfully signed and submitted by:



Richard Roberge, Chairman



Richard M. Armstrong, Secretary



Kim Thurston, Administrative Assistant

