

**IDAHO BOARD OF HEALTH & WELFARE
MINUTES**

February 16, 2017

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Darrell Kerby, Chairman
Tom Stroschein, Vice-Chair
Richard Armstrong, Secretary
James Giuffre'
Wendy Jaquet
Janet Penfold

STAFF PRESENT

Russ Barron, Deputy Director, FACS and Welfare Services
Lisa Hettinger, Deputy Director of Medicaid, Behavioral Health, Public Health and Health Policy Innovation
David Taylor, Deputy Director, Support Services
Kathie Brack, Special Assistant to the Director
Niki Forbing-Orr, Public Information Manager
Chris Smith, Public Information Officer
Tamara Prisock, Division Administrator, Licensing & Certification
Gary Moore, Division Administrator, FACS
Paul Spannkebel, Division Administrator, Operational Services
Tammy Perkins, Governor's Office Liaison

OTHERS PRESENT

Charina Newell, Deputy Attorney General
Elke Shaw-Tulloch, Division Administrator, Public Health
Dieuwke Dizney-Spencer, Deputy Administrator, Public Health
Ross Edmunds, Division Administrator, Behavioral Health
Traci Berreth, Division of Public Health
Jared Tatro, Legislative Services Office, Principal Budget and Policy Analyst
Sara Bartles, Optum Idaho

CALL TO ORDER

Following proper notice in accordance with Idaho Code Section 67-2343, and pursuant to call by the Chairman of the Board, the meeting of the Idaho Board of Health and Welfare

was called to order by Darrell Kerby at 8:05 a.m. Thursday, February 16, 2017, at the Pete T. Cenarrusa Bldg., 450 West State Street, Boise, Idaho.

ROLL CALL

Director Armstrong, Secretary, called the roll. Roll call showed six (6) members present. With five (5) voting members present, Chairman Kerby declared a quorum. Absent and excused were Members Dr. Robert Roberge, Mr. Stephen Weeg, Representative Fred Wood and Senator Lee Heider.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chairman Kerby opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was made; the Board moved to the next order of business.

ADOPTION OF NOVEMBER 17, 2016 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Upon Ms. Penfold's qualification that the date for the implementation of the MCNA contract referenced on page 9 be corrected from February 1, 2016 to February 1, 2017, Mr. Stroschein moved that the amended minutes be adopted. (Attachment 1)

Mr. Giuffre' seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Giuffre', Jaquet, Kerby, Stroschein, Penfold.

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Stroschein made a presentation regarding the Rural Crisis Stabilization Pilot Project approved by the Region 2 Behavioral Health Board. He presented a pamphlet describing the program, which Region 2 County Commissioners have approved. It proposes that crisis rooms be developed in each county hospital and staffed by a roving psychiatrist to serve rural communities and people in crisis. Mr. Stroschein has contacted Senator Johnson and other legislators in his area and is looking for support to fund the estimated \$1 million project with state general funds. The project is attempting to fill the void between crisis and recovery centers wherein people can be stabilized and given medication and sent on to recovery centers for treatment. The proposed go live date is January 2018. There was discussion and questions from Ms. Hettinger and Mr. Armstrong regarding funding sources. The project is estimated at \$1 million for each of the first three years and \$500,000 each year thereafter. Mr. Stroschein believes this model could be used throughout the state and should be supported because local

communities are reluctant to commit to ongoing funding for crisis centers after state funding ceases and the funding shifts to counties/cities and other funding sources.

Mr. Stroschein has met with the five hospitals and all county commissioners in his area and all are in support of the project. The current effort to build a crisis center in Lewiston would be replaced by this (proposed) concept. Reportedly, there have been three suicides in Lewiston in the last several months and the emergency room at Gritman Memorial Hospital is said to be “dire” on weekends. Mr. Stroschein believes this approach would help immensely to decrease suicides and is within the mission of the behavioral health boards. He indicated the Moscow recovery center has operating funds for the next year, but may not have funding beyond that. Board members were all supportive and discussed similar challenges in their respective areas.

Mr. Stroschein and Ms. Penfold are scheduled this date for Senate confirmation to additional four-year terms to the Board. Ms. Jacquet was confirmed for another term on February 15, 2017.

Mr. Giuffre’ commented on the infectious disease presentation Dr. Christine Hahn made to the Boise City Club in early February, noting that she is a super star; he also recognized the high quality of Department employees. Mr. Giuffre’ urged board members to educate legislators regarding pay increases for state physicians and other highly trained professionals when they are visiting the legislature. Mr. Spanknebel indicated that next year the Division of Human Resources will re-factor all pay grades under the Hay system to bring the entire pay matrix closer to market salary rates.

DIRECTOR’S UPDATE

The Director reported that he, Dr. Hahn and Elke Shaw-Tulloch made a presentation on the importance of immunizations to both germane committees at Sen. Heider’s request. Sen. Heider is currently the sponsor of a bill supported by people who are opposed to immunizations and to filling out the Department’s exemption form currently in use by schools. Opponents claim the statute does not require the use of a form and that those claiming an exception should be able to file their own exemption document. Dr. Hahn and Ms. Shaw-Tulloch have re-designed the form to a single page. The revised form removed some language that was offensive to opponents, but retained questions that would allow schools to identify which immunizations students have had.

The Director reported on two healthcare bills: Sen. Thayne’s bill is a version of direct primary care that will pay \$50.00 a month per participant to primary care doctors and a higher rate if the participant has a life coach. Rep. Wood plans to introduce a bill that is

substantially similar to last year's Primary Care Access Plan (PCAP) bill. Both bills propose using Millennium Fund money for funding. Both bills would provide limited healthcare to participants who fall in the coverage gap.

The Director indicated that it is his belief that Congress is now beginning to understand the ramifications to the states of eliminating the Affordable Care Act. He indicated that the National Governor's Association has gone to members of Congress and discussed getting rid of the gap in coverage and re-branding a new Republican plan in which Medicaid would include people below 100% FFPL and those over 100% FPL would be eligible for tax credits to assist with premiums. He also commented that the Department's current budget recommendation to provide care for parolees and probationers is a (partial) strategy for incrementally reducing the gap population.

Chairman Kerby asked whether the \$10 million is first-come-first-serve for participants and whether the Department would develop rules to administer the program. The Director confirmed that the Department would create rules to determine which people are at greatest health risk but would best respond to ongoing health care management. Neither bill will pay for expensive procedures. Chairman Kerby asked whether it would be more efficient to sell (and subsidize) insurance coverage through the state insurance exchange to this population rather than try to provide limited health care, noting that \$10 million is not going to provide much care and it might be more efficient to put those people into a high-risk pool. The Director noted that Rep. Wood's bill attempts to provide the broadest amount of care for the limited amount of money. Chairman Kerby noted that this is not a solution that is likely to keep people from ending up in indigent care or the CAT Fund.

The Director gave an update on the South West Idaho Treatment Center (SWITC) and indicated that because of the resistance of the Nampa City Council, the Department has abandoned its attempts to re-zone the property and sell it to a single developer, noting that the City had no political will or infrastructure to deal with a development of this magnitude. Adolescents currently housed at State Hospital South with adults will be moved to the Treasure Valley and a wing will be remodeled in Blackfoot to create a secure adult high-risk facility. The Director discussed the critical need for secure facilities to address increased worker injuries and worker compensation claims.

MEDICAID/BEHAVIORAL HEALTH/HEALTH POLICY INNOVATION PLAN UPDATE

Lisa Hettinger, Deputy Director of Medicaid, Behavioral Health, Public Health and Health Innovation Policy gave a report on the following topic:

SHIP

The SHIP has now signed up the next cohort of clinics bringing the total number of clinics to 110. SHIP is halfway through its four-year grant and is progressing steadily with transforming the healthcare delivery system to a value-based system.

Behavioral Health

Ross Edmunds, Deputy Administrator of Behavioral Health, reported on the ongoing progress of Youth Empowerment Services (YES) for children with serious emotional disturbances, which is now being implemented by the Division. The budget request for this program is working its way through the legislature.

Public Health

Public Health Division Accreditation

Elke Shaw-Tulloch, Division Administrator of Public Health, reported on the progress of the Division's national accreditation with the Public Health Accreditation Board. Ms. Shaw-Tulloch provided a copy of the December 2016 Status Report prepared for the Division of Financial Management and the Legislative Services Office (Attachment 2) along with a copy of "Journey to Accreditation" (Attachment 3), which describe the process and timelines for accreditation.

Public Health

Ms. Shaw-Tulloch also reported on possible changes to several statutes regarding the storage, transport, etc. of dead bodies and body parts. Attached are copies of her talking points and the effected statutes (Attachment 4).

Suicide Prevention

Ms. Shaw-Tulloch also reported on the Division's progress with respect to the new suicide prevention office and provided a copy of the Suicide in Idaho Fact Sheet (Attachment 5) and a copy of the Idaho Suicide Prevention Hotline report prepared by Jannus (Attachment 6).

WELFARE/FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE

Russ Barron, Deputy Director of Welfare and FACS, reported that the Food Stamp enrollment continues to decline, however there was a slight increase in the number of participants in January. He also stated that open enrollment has ended for the Health Insurance Exchange and more than 106,000 individuals have enrolled. The Division of Welfare processed the subsidy applications and 93,000 individuals were eligible for the Advanced Premium Tax Credit (APTC).

The Office of Performance Evaluation (OPE) report on Foster Care has been released. The Department's official comment on the report included: (1) rather than creating a new standing legislative committee, if a few more legislators were added to the existing Child Welfare Executive Steering Committee, it could fulfill the role of the systems approach recommended in the Report; and, (2) the necessity of making the Department a party in child protection cases, along with additional Deputy Attorneys General to represent the Department in contested child protection cases.

The FACS Division is presenting a bill this session that will allow the Department to add secure features to a unit at SWITC. This will help the Department provide better care to dangerous residents and help reduce injuries to staff.

Board Concurrence on the Appointment of Jamie Newton as Administrator of SWITC
After a presentation by Ms. Newton regarding her qualifications and work history, the Board voted unanimously to approve Ms. Newton's appointment. Attached is a copy of Ms. Newton's *curriculum vitae* (Attachment 7).

Motion: Mr. Stroschein moved for the board's concurrence with Ms. Newton's appointment as the Administrator of SWITC.

Second: Ms. Jaquet

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Giuffre', Jaquet, Kerby, Stroschein, Penfold

Nays: None

SUPPORT SERVICES

Information & Technology

Michael Farley, Division of Information and Technology reported on the state's efforts to comply with the findings of the Lt. Governor's Idaho Cybersecurity Cabinet Task Force (Attachment 8). Mr. Farley discussed various cybersecurity threats to government organizations and reported that the Department is well ahead of other agencies in effectively deterring IT security threats. Mr. Farley also provided copies of "State CIOs See Strong Intergovernmental Partnership on Cybersecurity" (Attachment 9) and "Implement NIST CSR with the Top 20 CSCs" (Attachment 10).

Dave Taylor, Deputy Director, Support Services provided an update on the Department's FY2017 second quarter budget review (Attachment 11). He also reported that the Legislative Services Office completed its financial audit of the Department and issued its

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for FY16, which found that the Department's financial operations met all acceptable standards and complied with all laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements. Furthermore, there were no findings or recommendations to report (Attachment 12).

Mr. Taylor also provided the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee budget setting sequence for FY2018 (Attachment 13).

School-Based Services

Mr. Taylor provided an update on the current audit activity of providers and public schools that provide Medicaid services to K-12 students (Attachment 14).

Licensing & Certification

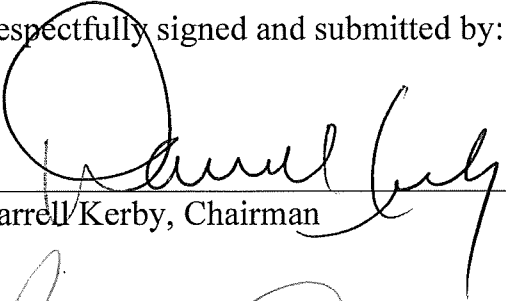
Tamara Prisock, Division Administrator of Licensing and Certification provided a report on the status of the Department's Administrative Rules before the Legislature (Attachment 15). All of the rules were either approved or extended.

Ms. Prisock also provided a report on the status of the Division's workload (Attachment 16). Currently there are no overdue surveys and 13 pending complaint investigations (9 – skilled nursing facilities, 4 – residential assisted living facilities).

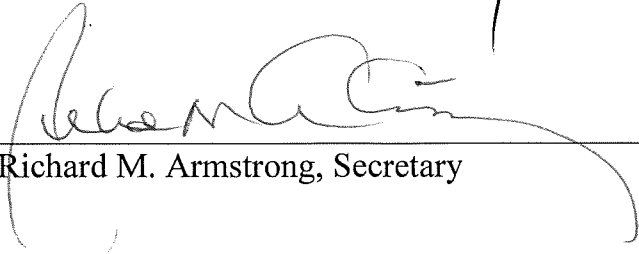
ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Idaho Board of Health & Welfare is scheduled to be held May 18, 2017. There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Kerby adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully signed and submitted by:



Darrell Kerby, Chairman



Richard M. Armstrong, Secretary



Kathie Brack, Special Assistant to the Director