

IDAHO BOARD OF HEALTH AND WELFARE
MINUTES
February 19, 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
Wendy Jaquet
Janet Penfold
Richard Roberge
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 Public Health
David N. Taylor, Deputy Director, Support Services
Lisa Hettinger, Division Administrator, Medicaid
Tamara Prisock, Division Administrator, Licensing and Certification
Elke Shaw-Tulloch, Division Administrator, Public Health
Paul Spannkebe, Division Administrator, Operational Services
Wayne Denny, Bureau Chief, Emergency Medical Services
Tom Shanahan, Manager, Public Information
Heidi Graham, Manager, Civil Rights
Niki Forbing-Orr, Public Information Officer
Bruce Cheeseman, Program Supervisor, Emergency Medical Services
Kim Thurston, Administrative Assistant to the Board

OTHERS PRESENT

Nicole McKay, Lead Deputy Attorney General

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 9:06 a.m. Thursday, November 20, 2014, at the Pete T. Cenarrusa Bldg., 450 W. State Street, Boise, Idaho.

ROLL CALL

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

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 NOVEMBER 20, 2014

Motion: Wendy Jaquet moved that the minutes of the November 20, 2014, Board meeting be adopted as prepared.

Second: Janet Penfold

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Board members proposed changing the May Board meeting to another day. After discussing options, Board members agreed to change the Board meeting to May 14, 2015.

REVIEW OF PRELIMINARY ORDER, CASE NO. 14-613

Case No. 14-613, Woodstone Assisted Living vs. Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. Idaho Department of Health and Welfare: Petition of Richard Drake, owner and administrator of Woodstone Assisted Living Center (Appellant), for the review of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Preliminary Decision (Preliminary Decision) issued by the Department of Health and Welfare (Department) hearing officer on September 29, 2014. The Board, having reviewed the record on appeal, including all briefs and exhibits, considered the issues presented on appeal and upon deliberation of the matter, affirmed the Preliminary Decision. The Board directed a Final Order in accord with their decision be issued thereafter. The Board did not hear oral argument on appeal.

UPDATE ON LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL OF RULES AND STATUS OF DEPARTMENT LEGISLATION

Division Administrator Tamara Prisock reported on the status of rules the Department will be presenting to the 2015 Idaho Legislature.

Ms. Prisock also reported on the status of the Department of Health and Welfare Legislative proposals for 2015 Legislative Session. Ms. Prisock stated that as of February 19, 2015, all of

the Department's rule dockets have been approved. Currently there are 65 bills that are relevant to the Department.

APPROVAL OF WAIVER REQUESTS

Gem County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Staffing Waiver Request

Presenter: Bruce Cheeseman, Program Supervisor, (EMS), presented the staffing waiver request for the Board's approval.

Due to an increase in service demands and changes to patient destination strategies Gem County EMS does not have adequate paramedic personnel and is requesting a one year waiver from IDAPA 16.01.03.520, requiring EMS Agencies to provide 24 hour Advanced Life Support services, pursuant to Idaho Code Section 56-1016(4).

Motion: Tom Stroschein moved the Board of Health and Welfare approve the request by Gem County EMS for a one year waiver from IDAPA 16.01.03.520 requiring EMS agencies to provide 24 hour Advanced Life Support services, pursuant to Idaho Code Section 56-1016(4).

Second: Dr. Roberge

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

Motion Carried.

Thompson Creek Mine Staffing Waiver Request

Presenter: Bruce Cheeseman, Program Supervisor, (EMS), presented the staffing waiver request for the Board's approval.

Thompson Creek Mine established a non-public ambulance service at the EMT level to care for injuries within the mine and is utilized for mine personnel only. The mine has recently decided to cut back operations to daytime only and does not require EMS responders 24 hours a day. Due to this cut back, Thompson Creek Mine is requesting a staffing waiver from IDAPA 16.01.03.520, requiring licensed EMS agencies to provide non-public twenty-four (24) hour ambulance services, pursuant to Idaho Code Section 56-1016(4).

Motion: Wendy Jaquet moved the Board of Health and Welfare approve the request by Thompson Creek Mine for a waiver of IDAPA 16.01.03.520, requiring licensed EMS agencies to provide non-public twenty-four (24) hour ambulance services, pursuant to Idaho Code Section 56-1016(4).

Second: Janet Penfold

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 updated the Board members 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 01, 2015. Program goals are listed below:

- Transform primary care practices across the state into patient-centered medical homes (PCMHs)
- Improve rural patient access to PCMHs by developing virtual PCMHs
- Establish seven (7) Regional Collaboratives to support the integration of each PCMH with the broader medical neighborhood
- Improve care coordination through the use of electronic health records (EHRs) and health data connections among PCMHs and across the medical neighborhood
- Build a statewide data analytics system
- Align payment mechanisms across payers to transform payment methodology from volume to value
- Reduce healthcare costs

The SHIP model test period began February 1, 2015, and extends over four (4) years. The Department will hire eight (8) staff to provide support for the federal grant, the Idaho Healthcare Coalition and workgroups, and to manage the multiple contracts.

**DIVISION OF WELFARE AND FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES (FACS)
UPDATE**

Deputy Director Russ Barron reported that the Division of Family and Community Services is still looking at hiring a Division Administrator. Until one is hired Mr. Barron will remain acting Division Administrator.

Mr. Barron discussed the status of Southwest Idaho Treatment Center (SWITC). SWITC currently has 24 residents with 4 more discharges scheduled by the end of February. The population should remain between 15-20 residents.

Child Protection began implementing IV-E Waiver activities in January. The Department is looking at a waiver that will allow the Department to use these funds for creating better outcomes for children in foster care by promoting evidenced-based parenting.

Mr. Barron informed the Board members that the open enrollment through Your Health Idaho (YHI) closed February 15, 2015. Staff is currently working on the remaining applications and should be done by end of business February 19, 2015.

July 1, 2016, the Department will be issuing food stamps evenly over the first 10 days of the month. Funding for this will come from federal incentive dollars. Food stamp participation continues to increase.

Last item reported by Mr. Barron was regarding Turbo Tax and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Turbo Tax included a program this year that referred a tax filer to their state's SNAP Program based on certain information that was provided. Due to some issues that arose, Turbo Tax has discontinued this practice until further notice.

DIVISION OF SUPPORT SERVICES REPORT

Deputy Director David Taylor discussed the lawsuit between Syringa Networks and the Department of Administration over the contracts establishing the Idaho Education Network. The District Court clarified its November 10, 2014, ruling and declared that the underlying contracts and the amendments are void. The Department of Administration remains determined to continue agency services without interruption.

Mr. Taylor distributed excerpts applicable to the Department from "The State's Use of Legal Services" report that was issued by the Office of Performance Evaluations (OPE). Recommendations specific for the Department of Health and Welfare comprise of assessing the option to insource Child Support legal services. The Department will engage in dialogue with the Attorney General's Office to discuss expanding their role in child support legal services.

Mr. Taylor discussed the S1384 Intent Language in Section 9, Appropriation by Fund that he presented to the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee. Presentation handouts were distributed to the Board members.

The General Fund Decision Units – Governor's Recommendation handout was distributed and discussed. Handout shows:

- Total Supplementals – State Fiscal Year 2015
 - One-time - (\$16,495,000)
 - On-going -\$736,500
- Maintenance – State Fiscal Year 2016
 - One-time - 0
 - On-going - \$30,247,100
- Line Items – State Fiscal Year 2016
 - One-time - (\$16,736,200)
 - On-going - \$6,109,000

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Armstrong presented Fun Facts and Myths of the Department of Health and Welfare. Highlighted in the Director's presentation are listed below:

- The Department does not drug test. The Department does do a screening for cash assistance. If an applicant scores high, they are referred to a drug treatment program as a condition for receiving benefits. The Department would be reluctant to cut benefits with children in the home. Due to their parent's addiction children are already struggling and bringing hunger into their lives would only cause more harm.
- The urban legend of the deadbeat dad is slowly dying. Director Armstrong discussed what The Department is doing to recover Child Support payments.

- Facts regarding drug addictions, including alcohol abuse.
- Undocumented immigrants have never been eligible for Food Stamps.
- Myth that Welfare spending on non-working people is sinking the US Budget.
 - Only 12% of the federal budget goes to safety net programs.

Medicaid Division Administrator Lisa Hettinger discussed why the Department chose Optum to manage Idaho's Behavioral Health Plan. The decision to use managed care came out of the Department's identified need for mental health providers to change their practice from "business based models" to become "evidence based models". Optum is contracted to ensure that reimbursement is only for services that have been proven to be effective.


ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Idaho Board of Health and Welfare is scheduled to be held May 14, 2015. There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Kerby adjourned the meeting at 1:39 p.m.

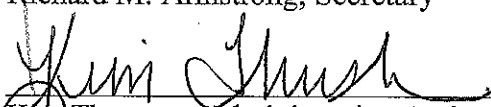
Respectfully signed and submitted by:



Darrell Kerby, Chairman



Richard M. Armstrong, Secretary



Kim Thurston, Administrative Assistant