

**IDAHO BOARD OF HEALTH AND WELFARE  
MINUTES  
August 30, 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  
Daniel Fuchs  
James Giuffre'  
Darrell Kerby  
Janet Penfold  
Senator Patti Anne Lodge

**STAFF PRESENT**

Drew Hall, Deputy Director, Health, Welfare, and Family Services  
David N. Taylor, Deputy Director, Support Services  
Peg Dougherty, Deputy Attorney General  
Ross Edmunds, Division Administrator, Behavioral Health  
David Simnitt, Deputy Division Administrator, Medicaid  
Tamara Prisock, Administrative Services Manager  
Tom Shanahan, Public Information Manager  
Nikki Forbing-Orr, Public Information Officer  
Kim Thurston, Administrative Assistant to the Board

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Tammy Perkins, Office of the Governor  
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 9:09 a.m. Thursday, August 30, 2012, at the Pete T. Cenarrusa Bldg., 450 W. State Street, Boise, Idaho.

**ROLL CALL**

Richard Armstrong, Secretary, called the roll. Roll call showed **five (5)** members present. Absent and excused were, Representative Janice McGeachin, Commissioner Tom Stroschein, and Stephen Weeg. With **five (5)** voting members present, Chairman Roberge declared a quorum.

## AGENDA AMENDMENTS

Motion: **Dan Fuchs** moved that the Idaho Board of Health and Welfare Pursuant to Idaho Code §67-2343 4(c), amended the agenda for this meeting as follows:

To add an Executive Session to consider records that are exempt from disclosure as provided in Chapter 3, Title 9 Idaho Code. Specifically, the recently received letter to the Board members from a constituent.

The reason this item was not included in the original agenda is because of the recent receipt of the letter.

Second: **James Giuffre`**

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: **Fuchs, Giuffre` Kerby, Penfold, Roberge**

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 MAY 10, 2012

Motion: **Darrell Kerby** moved that the minutes of the May 10, 2012, Board meeting be adopted as prepared.

Second: **Janet Penfold**

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: **Fuchs, Guiffre', Kerby, Penfold, Roberge**

Nays: None

Motion Carried

## COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Chairman Roberge discussed a new network of care for public health assessment and wellness. The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) has partnered with the Network of Care for Public Health and the National Association of Counties to develop a web portal product for local community health indicators, public health assessment, and accreditation. Chairman Roberge gave a demonstration of the web portal.

### NOMINATION OF CHAIR

Motion: **Darrell Kerby** moved that **Dr. Roberge** be elected as Chair, for the Board of Health and Welfare.

Second: **Dan Fuchs**

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: **Fuchs, Guiffre`, Kerby, Penfold**

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

### NOMINATION OF VICE-CHAIR

Motion: **Darrell Kerby** moved that **Janet Penfold** be elected as Vice-Chair, for the Board of Health and Welfare.

Second: **Dan Fuchs**

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: **Fuchs, Guiffre`, Kerby, Roberge**

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

### MEDICAID EXPANSION

Director Armstrong reported, in April 2012, the Department of Health and Welfare contracted with Leavitt Partners to conduct and provide analysis, design, product review and recommendations to address the then mandatory 2014 Medicaid expansion. After the Supreme Court ruled Medicaid expansion was optional, the Governor appointed a working group under the Idaho Health Care Council to evaluate the potential impacts of an expansion. The information and data from the Leavitt report will help inform the Department and the working group of what its Medicaid environment may look like in an expansion scenario. A preliminary report was presented to the working group at their first meeting on August 6, 2012.

### INSURANCE EXCHANGE

Director Armstrong reported that the Idaho Health Insurance Exchange Committee is meeting with sub committees to strategize options for Idaho to develop an Idaho Health Insurance Exchange.

Deputy Director Drew Hall discussed some of the complications the state of Idaho and other states have had in working to develop an insurance exchange.

## **2013-2017 STRATEGIC PLAN**

Tamara Prisock discussed the Department of Health and Welfare's FY2013-FY2017 Strategic Plan. The Department uses this to set a prioritized timeline for meeting measurable objectives to attain goals that better serve the people of our state. Handouts of the Strategic Plan were given to the Board members.

## **DIVISION OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES, PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES, AND WELFARE SERVICES REPORT**

Handouts on the Divisions of Public Health Services, Family and Community Services and Welfare Services were given to the Board members.

Deputy Director Drew Hall discussed the complex work that has been completed on the mandated Medicaid changes. Some concern does exist around the time table for development of a Health Insurance Exchange. The concern is centered on the requirement for connectivity between the Medicaid systems and the Health Insurance Exchange.

## **MEDICAID AND MANAGED CARE SERVICES REPORT**

Deputy Administrator David Simnitt gave handouts that reported on the status of several areas in the Medicaid Division.

Areas discussed are:

- House Bill 260
  - Meeting projected savings.
- Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) certification.
  - An on-site review conducted by CMS found no actionable findings and the State received full certification in July 2012.
- Electronic Health Record (EHR) incentive program.
- Idaho Home Choice (Money Follows the Person grant):
  - As of August 17, 2012, Idaho Home Choice has transitioned 31 participants into home and community based settings. Another 31 participants are in the active process of transitioning.
- Medicaid Managed Care Development
  - Medicaid Mental Health Managed Care
  - Integrated Care of Dual Eligible (Medicare and Medicaid)
  - Governor's Multi-payer Patient Centered Medical Home Collaborative, Medicaid Health Home, and Children's Health Improvement Collaborative.
  - Community Care Network

## **DIVISION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH REPORT**

Division Administrator Ross Edmunds reported the Division of Behavioral Health continues to transform Idaho's behavioral health system.

Three (3) waves of transformation were described:

- Moving Medicaid to managed care.
- The potential expansion of Medicaid to the child-less adult population.
- Effort by the Department to create community behavioral health boards. These boards will, following a period of transition and implementation, eventually take over the responsibility of the services that are considered recovery support services.

Handouts with Behavioral Health performance updates were given to the Board members.

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

Deputy Director David Taylor gave the Board members hand-outs and discussed each subject:

- FY2012 Recap:
  - Summary of fiscal year 2012 funds for the Department of Health and Welfare was discussed.
- Federal Fund Inventory:
  - The Governor instructed agency directors to provide an inventory of current federal funds and an analysis of the impact of anticipated federal budget cuts.
  - The Department was also instructed to provide any information on anticipated reductions and their impact on the state.
  - Additionally, the Department was instructed to update the Department of Financial Services (DFM) with any new information received throughout the rest of the year.

DFM supplied specific forms to be used in reporting this information. Samples of Federal Funds Inventory Forms were given to the Board members.

- 2014 Budget Request.
  - Report showing the Department's proposed request was distributed and discussed with the Board members. The proposed request discussed the following three areas:
    1. Supplemental Appropriations: Describe changes to the appropriation that adds to or adjusts spending authority in the current fiscal year (SFY 2013).
    2. Maintenance Items: Resources needed to continue current levels of service (SFY 2014).
    3. Line Items: Additional decision units requesting funding for new or expanded activities after maintenance of current operations (SFY 2014).

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Deputy Attorney General Peg Dougherty deemed it unnecessary to require Executive Session for discussion of letter submitted by constituent. Identifying information as provided in Chapter 3, Title 9 Idaho Code was omitted from discussion. Letter discussed, and the Board members were updated on actions taken by the Department.

**Next meeting moved to November 8, 2012**

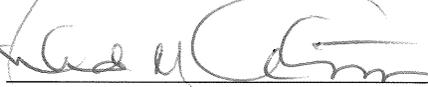
**ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting of the Board of Health and Welfare is scheduled to be held November 8, 2012. There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Roberge adjourned the meeting at **2:54 p.m.**

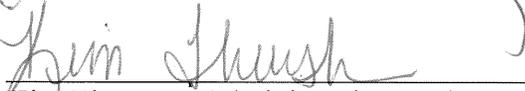
Respectfully signed and submitted by:

  
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Richard Roberge, Chairman

  
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Richard M. Armstrong, Secretary

  
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Kim Thurston, Administrative Assistant