

**IDAHO BOARD OF HEALTH AND WELFARE
MINUTES
February 20, 2014**

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Darrell Kerby, Acting Chairman
Richard Armstrong, Secretary
James Giufffré
Wendy Jaquet
Janet Penfold
Commissioner Tom Stroschein

STAFF PRESENT

Denise Chuckovich, Deputy Director, Behavioral Health, Medicaid, and Managed Care Services
Drew Hall, Deputy Director, Public Health, Welfare, and Family and Community Services
David N. Taylor, Deputy Director, Support Services
Ross Edmunds, Division Administrator, Behavioral Health
Tamara Prisock, Division Administrator, Licensing and Certification
Elke Shaw-Tulloch, Division Administrator, Public Health
Paul Spannkebel, Division Administrator, Operational Services
Kim Thurston, Administrative Assistant to the Board

OTHERS PRESENT

Peg Dougherty, Lead Deputy Attorney General
Jaren Tatro, Analyst, Legislative Services Office

CALL TO ORDER

Following proper notice in accordance with Idaho Code, Section 67-2343, and pursuant to call by the Acting Chairman, the meeting of the Idaho Board of Health and Welfare was called to order by Darrell Kerby, Acting Chairman of the Board, at 9:04 a.m. Thursday February 20, 2014, at the Pete T. Cenarrusa Bldg., 450 W. 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, Acting Chairman Kerby declared a quorum. Absent and excused were Richard Roberge, Stephen Weeg, Representative Fred Wood, Tammy Perkins, and Senator Lee Heider.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Acting 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 21, 2013

Motion: Janet Penfold moved that the minutes of the November 21, 2013, Board meeting be adopted as prepared.

Second: James Giuffré

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: **Giuffré, Jaquet, Kerby, Penfold, Stroschein**

Nays: None

Motion Carried

UPDATE ON LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL OF RULES AND STATUS OF DEPARTMENT LEGISLATION

Division Administrator Tamara Prisock distributed handouts that contained a summary of the Department of Health and Welfare Legislative proposals for 2014 Legislative Session. Questions regarding the status of these proposals were answered. She also stated that we are currently tracking 85 pieces of legislation that could possibly effect the Department.

Ms. Prisock also informed the Board members that all of the Department's rule dockets have been approved with the exception of Docket 16-0730-1301 which was approved in the House Health and Welfare Committee but is being held in the Senate Health and Welfare Committee pending approval of the Department's budget request to fund the crisis centers.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Dave Taylor, Deputy Director for Support Services distributed guest internet access codes for the Board members to access the Department of Health and Welfare's internet while attending meetings at the Department. Log in accounts were for the February 20, 2014, meeting only.

TIME SENSITIVE EMERGENCIES

Division Administrator Elke Shaw-Tulloch started her presentation by discussing time sensitive emergencies. She explained that time sensitive emergencies include trauma, stroke, and heart attacks. Idaho remains one of only a few states without an organized system of care for these types of emergencies. The Idaho Legislature passed House Concurrent Resolution 10 directing the Department of Health and Welfare to convene a working group to define the elements of,

funding mechanisms for, and an implementation plan for a comprehensive system of care for time sensitive emergencies in Idaho.

The elements of the system will include:

- An administrative state agency.
- A system of care state council that was appointed by the Governor and consists of experts in trauma, stroke, and heart attack response direction-setting and policy.
- Regional committees comprised of representatives from local emergency medical services, hospitals, public health, and others. The regional committees will be the venue in which a wide variety of work is conducted such as education, technical assistance, coordination, and quality improvement.

Handouts were distributed including an overview of the State of Utah's plan for time sensitive emergencies.

CRISIS CENTERS

Division Administrator Ross Edmunds began his presentation on crisis centers by distributing handouts and providing an overview of the Behavioral Health Regional Community Crisis Centers proposal. Mr. Edmunds stated that the purpose for this proposal is to develop three regional crisis centers that will serve area communities 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. The centers will serve people with mental illness and/or substance abuse issues that are in crisis or exhibit severe behavioral problems that put themselves and others in danger.

Also distributed by Mr. Edmunds was a handout that included a chart illustrating the Public Behavioral Health System Redesign. The redesign chart describes:

- Referral sources
- System entry points
- Service delivery system
- Ongoing service system
- Transition and system exit

STATE HEALTH INNOVATION PLAN (SHIP) UPDATE

Deputy Director Denise Chuckovich updated the Board members on the status of the State Health Innovation Plan (SHIP). Ms. Chuckovich stated that the SHIP was submitted to the Center of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) December 26, 2013. The Steering Committee is still waiting for grant guidance for the Model Testing Proposal (MTP) that was expected from CMS by the end of January 2014. The Steering Committee has also developed a draft executive order with the Governor's office to establish the Idaho Healthcare Council which will guide Idaho's healthcare system transformation.

DIVISION OF SUPPORT SERVICES REPORT

Deputy Director David Taylor distributed a schedule for Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee budget setting sequence for Fiscal Year 2015 to the Board members. Also distributed and discussed was the Governor's Recommendation One-Time Replacement Items/Alterations/Repairs State Fiscal Year 2015 handout.

Next Mr. Taylor discussed The Department of Health and Welfare Management of Appropriated Funds, Highlights of Report 13-12 that was completed in December 2013 by the Office of Performance Evaluations, Idaho Legislature. The full report can be found at the Idaho Legislature website. Listed below are the topics in the Highlights of Report 13-12.

- Financial information is complex but understandable.
- Financial management systems are set up for Federal grant reporting.
- The Cooperative Welfare Fund serves a specific purpose.
- Physical organization is comparable with other states.
- What can be done:
 - Policymakers should consider making inquiries of Health and Welfare as early in the budget setting process as possible with the understanding that an answer may not be immediately available.
 - Policymakers should consider requesting a report from Health and Welfare that documents transfers the Department makes and the reasons for those transfers.
 - Health and Welfare should consider increasing the automation of the Department's year-end reporting process.

The last topic of Mr. Taylor's report was regarding the Data Governance Project Summary. The purpose of the project is to strengthen existing Department of Health and Welfare practices for protecting sensitive information while addressing opportunities for improvement by establishing a sustainable Data Governance program focused on privacy, security, and compliance.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

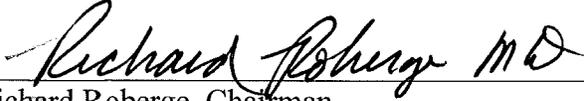
Director Armstrong gave a brief update on Idaho's health insurance exchange, Your Health Idaho. Your Health Idaho Board submitted two Requests for Proposals (RFP); one RFP for a project manager and the other RFP for independent verification and validation services. The results of the RFPs will be announced at the next Your Health Idaho Board meeting. Director Armstrong described the Department's involvement and stated that the next phase will be fast paced and will be presented in stages.

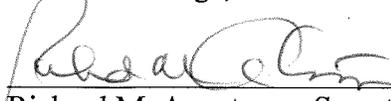
Director Armstrong started his next report by describing how the Idaho Private Option is exploring opportunities for Medicaid reform, taxpayer relief, and improved public safety by using a free market approach to provide medical coverage to low-income people through insurance exchange policies rather than an expanded Medicaid program. Director Armstrong outlined some of Idaho's options: preserving government's role as a safety net by not expanding traditional Medicaid; extending tax credit to all people below poverty to purchase private market insurance; and level the playing field so everyone purchases the same healthcare coverage.

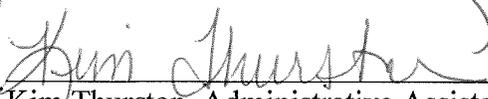
ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Idaho Board of Health and Welfare is scheduled to be held May 15, 2014. There being no further business to come before the Board, Acting Chairman Kerby adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully signed and submitted by:


Richard Roberge, Chairman


Richard M. Armstrong, Secretary


Kim Thurston, Administrative Assistant

