



Board of Health Minutes
South Heartland District Health Department
United Church of Christ, 220 S Alexander, Clay Center, NE 68933
May 4, 2022, 8:30am

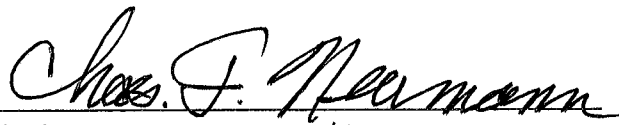
| Topic, Lead Person | Comments/Actions | | Roll Call/Vote | |
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| | Staff | Michele Bever, Kelly Derby, Janis Johnson | | |
| | Guest | Tory Duncan, Managing Editor, Clay County News | | |
| | COVID-19 Modifications: None - Masks/Hand Sanitizer available | | | |
| Welcome & Public Comment Board Chair | The May 2022 Board of Health meeting was called to order by Board President, Nanette Shackelford at 8:30am | | | |
| | Open Meeting Statement read aloud by Board President, Nanette Shackelford: Prior to this meeting a notice was posted in the newspapers in Adams, Clay, Nuckolls, and Webster counties. Each member of the Board received a copy of the proposed agenda. The agenda for this meeting was kept continuously current and was available for public inspection at South Heartland District Health Department (SHDHD), 606 N Minnesota, Ste 2, Hastings, Nebraska, and on the Department's website, southheartlandhealth.org . This meeting is being held in open session. A copy of the Nebraska Open Meeting Law has been posted in this meeting room and on the SHDHD website and is available for the public's review. | | | |
| Determine Quorum | Introductions/Roll Call | | Present | Blecha, Kleppinger, Nejezchleb, Neumann, Rempe, Shackelford, Shaw, Harrington at 8:36, Vance at 8:39 |
| | Quorum met | | | |
| | | | Absent | Fegler-Daiss, Kohmetscher, Stitchka, Waechter-Mead |

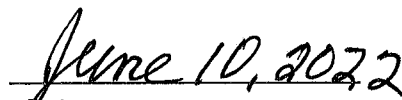
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| Approve or Amend Agenda | Board approval of May 4, 2022 Agenda | Ayes: All Nays: None |
| | Motion Neumann | |
| | Second Kleppinger | |
| | <i>Motion Passed (voice vote)</i> | |
| Conflict of Interest | <i>There were no Board member conflicts declared.</i> | |
| Public Comments | <i>There were no public comments.</i> | |
| Approve Minutes | Board approval of March 2, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes | Ayes: All Nays: None |
| | Motion Kleppinger | |
| | Second Harrington | |
| | <i>Motion Passed</i> | |
| Old Business Board Chair | Appointments for open seats on the Board, representing Webster and Nuckolls counties, are still up in the air. Vance says Webster has not appointed anyone yet. Rempe says Nuckolls' appointee has not officially accepted the position. Harrington agreed to sit on both the Policy and Ethics committees. Board approval of remaining Committee appointments. | Ayes: All Nays: None |
| | Motion Neumann | |
| | Second Nejezchleb | |
| | <i>Motion Passed (voice vote)</i> | |
| Local Community Leader Tory Duncan, Managing Editor, Clay County News | As the son of newspaper editors, Tory can vouch for the unprecedented nature of the time we're living in. The changes forced him to be creative, especially to regain lost advertising dollars. They relied on their printing business to keep them afloat. It was unfortunate that the health department news cycle and data availability did not coincide with the weekly newspaper cycle, but the paper took advantage of social media as much as they could. They caught some grief for what they printed during the height of the pandemic, but felt good about their involvement. They are currently rebuilding the business. | |
| COVID-19 Update Bever | Bever highlighted "What we know about COVID" from a presentation by Dr Lawler, Nebraska UNMC Global Center for Health Security, stressing increased transmissibility with each new variant, waning immunity, and vaccine as key to maintaining control. Message for all to support health department goal to address readiness. She also summarized the department's COVID dashboard: the latest variant is in the district and rates of the disease are low, but a reduction in testing is making the data less reliable. Waste water surveillance in the country is proving to be a predictor of COVID's presence. The district's waste water (as tracked in Hastings) currently shows little virus. | |

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| Bi-Monthly Report on 10 Essential Services from Staff Bever | <p>Bever provided overview and noted that the department had five attendees at Nebraska's annual Public Health Conference. She recommended that the Board take a look at the department's report on the 10 essential services that is part of the Board packet. She stated that high pathogenic avian flu, as well as syphilis, are current public health issues for the department. She also said highlighted Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) implementation with oversight by community steering committees.</p> <p>Board acceptance of Bi-Monthly Report</p> <table><tr><td>Motion</td><td>Rempe</td></tr><tr><td>Second</td><td>Blecha</td></tr></table> <p><i>Motion Passed (voice vote)</i></p> | Motion | Rempe | Second | Blecha | Ayes: All Nays: None |
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| Second | Blecha | | | | | |
| Financial Report Derby | <p>Derby stated that the department is still running cash heavy. This means two things: 1) we continue to fund COVID activities via various grants (not via FEMA dollars), and 2) it provides a cushion for the department's frequent net losses (no loans necessary). IDC is 28% of total expenses and will need to be negotiated up from the de minimus of 10%. Outstanding invoices amount to \$200K.</p> <table><tr><td>Motion</td><td>Shaw</td></tr><tr><td>Second</td><td>Kleppinger</td></tr></table> <p><i>Motion Passed (voice vote)</i></p> | Motion | Shaw | Second | Kleppinger | Ayes: All Nays: None |
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| Second | Kleppinger | | | | | |
| Finance Committee Update Neumann | <p>Neumann updated the Board on entities interested in allocating some of their ARPA funds for health department projects: Juniata and Adams County have shown interest. He also reported that he continues to receive positive feedback regarding the use of ARPA funds on a mobile clinic. Bever reported that a pilot "mobile clinic" is being planned for Roseland to acknowledge the funds that they have already given the department. Neumann also initiated a discussion on needing to assure fair/equitable nursing salaries, which he advised the Board and the department leadership to pay attention to going forward.</p> | | | | | |
| Policy Committee Update Nejezchleb | <p>Nejezchleb summarized that several policies will be minimally revised, and that a discussion on the Bylaws was tabled for later.</p> | | | | | |

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| Accreditation Update Johnson | Johnson reported that the second annual accreditation report was submitted 5/2/22. She explained the performance management process, using the department's Access to Care goal as an example. The Community Health Assessment included a Minority Focus group, which is leading to the creation of a Minority Advisory Group to help guide access to care initiatives and to help South Heartland better collaborate with and meet the needs of our minority populations. She also informed the Board of fees for reaccreditation and will be determining payment amount and schedule. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Communications from Executive Director Bever | Bever updated the Board on progress with the following: immunization clinic renovations (coming along), a backup generator (due in July), staffing (27 staff including volunteers, ERC position still open, Communication Specialist hired), and Give Hastings Day (focus on mental health). | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Communications from Board Board Chair | Shackelford reported that the new pool in Clay Center will open this summer on 5/23/22. She encouraged recruitment of volunteers for the Building Healthy Families program happening this summer (a partnership of Hastings YMCA, South Heartland Mary Lanning and UNL Extension, and funded by a grant from UNK). She welcomed Ken Rempe to the Board. Board members agreed that the replacement of paper copies with ipads was a good move for board meetings. Regarding the Department's accreditation status, Dr. Kleppinger stated that it is "important to stay accredited." | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Adjourn | <table><tr><td colspan="2">Motion to adjourn</td></tr><tr><td>Motion</td><td>Kleppenger</td></tr><tr><td>Second</td><td>Harrington</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">Motion Passed (voice vote)</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">Adjourned at 10:37</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">Next Meeting: July 6, 2022, Nuckolls County</td></tr></table> | Motion to adjourn | | Motion | Kleppenger | Second | Harrington | Motion Passed (voice vote) | | Adjourned at 10:37 | | Next Meeting: July 6, 2022, Nuckolls County | | Ayes: All Nays: None |
| Motion to adjourn | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Motion | Kleppenger | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Second | Harrington | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Motion Passed (voice vote) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Adjourned at 10:37 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Next Meeting: July 6, 2022, Nuckolls County | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Respectfully submitted,


Charles Neumann, Secretary/Treasurer
Board of Health
South Heartland District Health Department


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