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Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department Board of Health Meeting Minutes April 10th, 2025

A hybrid meeting of the Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department Board of Health convened at 7:00 pm, April 10th, 2025 at the office of Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department located at 404 West 10th St, McCook, NE and via Zoom.

The meeting was called to order by Jones at 7:02 pm. The open meeting law was noted and present in the meeting room.

Roll call was taken: Tecker, Jones, Pascoe, Sexton, Fornoff, Kolbet, Wertz, Wilson, Gans, Skolout, Dr. Jaeger present; Brown, Carpenter, Owens, Kutnink, Ervin, Bottom, Walrod, Dr. Tobias absent.

Ervin joined at 7:12 pm.

Health Director-Myra Stoney, Melissa Propp-RN and Office Manager April Wilson present.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The regular meeting minutes from February 13th, 2025, were reviewed. Motion made by Gans to approve the minutes. Kolbet seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

BOARD OF HEALTH EDUCATION

Melissa Propp, RN gave infectious disease update including measles, TB outbreak and rabies.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Health Director Stoney presented the treasurer's report. Tecker motioned to approve the treasurer's report and pay the bills totaling \$266,286.94. Wertz seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Tecker, Jones, Pascoe, Sexton, Fornoff, Kolbet, Wertz, Ervin, Wilson, Gans, Skolout, Dr. Jaeger. Motion carried with all ayes.

Stoney shared they have started using bill.com to pay the bills electronically and explained the approval/denial chain between Rita Jones or John Kutnink, Myra Stoney and Elaine Polly. She stated the checks will come from bill.com.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

Stoney discussed the Conduct and Discipline Policy and Conflict of Interest Policy. Motion was made by Gans to change the Conduct and Discipline policy for staff only and approve the Conflict of

Interest Policy for the board and employees. Skolout seconded the motions. Motion carried with all eyes.

Stoney discussed the Hiring and Orientation Policy with 3 changes. Motion was made by Pascoe to change the wording under 6.0 Postings of Openings to read “The Health Director or CFO may refuse to consider an applicant and place their name on an ineligibility list”. Under Regular Part-Time Class A, change from 40 to 30, “Employees that work less than 30 hours per week will not be eligible to take part in the health plan”. Under job descriptions, remove HR to read “Job descriptions are written by supervisors in conjunction with oversight from the Health Director”. Gans seconded the motion. Motion carried with all eyes.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Stoney gave updates on the Ogallala building search. Discussion was made about the current funding cuts. A motion was made by Gans to table the building search and revisit during the June 12th board meeting. Ervin seconded the motion. Motion carried with all eyes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS

Stoney shared update on LB261. Currently sitting in appropriations - \$1.5 million has already been cut. The health departments may ask for funds from the Healthcare Cash Fund. A lot of people sent letters in support of the health departments. \$301,560 for SWNPHD is at risk right now concerning the state general funds.

NEW BUSINESS

Stoney presented NPAIT (Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust), investment service information, to the board. The presenter was not able to attend the meeting today. The board would like to hear more from the representative before passing a resolution to put some or all money in NPAIT or deciding to use the service.

Stoney presented the Ethics Policy. There is an ethics team. Gans made a motion to approve the Ethics Policy. Tecker seconded the motion. Motion carried with all eyes.

Stoney discussed the first draft of FY26 budget. Budget is typically passed in June. We will have to do an amended FY25 budget in June and then pass the FY26 budget.

Mental Health – Discussion/questions about Credible Minds from Kolbet concerning emergency hotline and where people should call. 988 is the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. Stoney showed the Credible Mind website. She also shared the Q1 quarterly report – 470 users and 47 new users.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:18 pm made by Gans and seconded by Kolbet. Motion carried with all eyes.

The next meeting will be June 12th, 2025 at 7:00 pm CST the McCook office.



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Approval Date