
CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD OF HEALTH | MINUTES
707 N Armstrong Place, Boise, ID | Video Conference
Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 4 p.m.

Note: Due to COVID 19, meetings of the Board for the remainder of 2020 will be held via video conference unless otherwise noted.

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I. IN THE MATTER OF CALL TO ORDER

Representative Megan Blanksma, Board Vice Chair, called the Central District Health (CDH) Board of Health meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

II. IN THE MATTER OF ROLL CALL

The Board of Health members were identified by roll call: Commissioner Ryan Stirm; Commissioner Elt Hasbrouck, Trustee; Jane Young, DNP; Ted Epperly, MD; Commissioner Diana Lachiondo; Representative Megan Blanksma, V-Chair; and Betty Ann Nettleton, RN (Ret), Chair (joined late)

Others present were CDH staff members Russell A. Duke, District Director; Kimberly Link, Communicable Disease Manager; and Donna Mahan, Recorder; and Mike Kane, CDH's Legal Counsel

ACTION ITEMS:

III. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

No changes nor approval required.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. *Vote on minutes from August 4, 2020 Board meeting*

Motion: Commissioner Elt Hasbrouck made a motion to approve the August 4, 2020 Board of Health minutes as presented; seconded by Dr. Jane Young. By voice vote, Commissioner Ryan Stirm, Commissioner Elt Hasbrouck, Dr. Jane Young, Dr. Ted Epperly, Commissioner Diana Lachiondo, and Representative Megan Blanksma voted aye. Motion carried.

2. *Discussion on Criteria for Determining Quarantine and Restriction Orders for Ada County led by Kimberly Link, Central District Health, Community & Environmental Health*
(Chairwoman Betty Ann Nettleton joined and chaired the remainder of the board meeting.)

Kimberly Link, Communicable Disease Control Program Manager, shared with the Board how decisions regarding COVID-19 have been made since the pandemic began and how it has continued to evolve based on the science and data. Ms. Link walked the Board through the guideline, "Criteria for Determining Quarantine and Restriction Orders for Ada County."

3. *Valley County Public Health Orders: Discussion and Vote regarding potential actions to protect life, health, and safety within the District as to the COVID-19 Pandemic, to include public health orders for Valley County specifically mandating face coverings in public places*

Valley County Commissioner Elt Hasbrouck lead the discussion supporting the draft Valley County order that would mandate face coverings to be worn indoor and outdoor public places when social distancing cannot be maintained in Valley County. This is a proactive measure that will provide support for local businesses requesting patrons to wear face coverings, slow down the spread with the number of people traveling from Ada and Canyon counties to Valley County, and not overwhelming the hospital systems.

Motion: Dr. Ted Epperly made a motion to accept the Order to mandate wearing mask in Valley County; seconded by Commissioner Elt Hasbrouck. By voice vote, Commissioner Elt Hasbrouck, Dr. Jane Young, Dr. Ted Epperly, and Commissioner Diana Lachiondo voted aye. Representative Megan Blanksma and Commissioner Ryan Stirm voted no. Motion carried.

4. Ada County Amended Public Health Orders: Discussion and Vote regarding potential actions to protect life, health, and safety within the District as to the COVID-19 Pandemic, to include amendments to current public health orders for Ada County to restrict the size of social gatherings to either no more than 10 people OR to no more than 25 people

Russ Duke, District Director, stated that current data did not support gyms being a significant source of transmission at this time; therefore, the possibility of closing gyms was not included in the proposed modification of the Ada County order. The key proposed change to the Order focuses on social gatherings. Through our case investigations, it is apparent that an activity producing a significant number of positive COVID-19 cases is through social gatherings like backyard barbeques, birthday parties, weddings, and such. To help drive down cases in Ada County, the Order was drafted to reduce the size of social gatherings to groups of 10 people or less or to groups of 25 people or less where physical distancing of six feet cannot be maintained. The goal is to reduce the number of infections associated with social gatherings to help drive down cases and ultimately be able lessen the current restrictions.


Motion: Dr. Ted Epperly made a motion to restrict social gathering to less than 10 people; seconded by Commissioner Diana Lachiondo. After further discussion, Dr. Ted Epperly restated his motion to be that we accept the red line changes in the document and adopt the language as written for social gatherings "of no more than 10 people"; re-seconded by Commissioner Diana Lachiondo. By voice vote, Commissioner Ryan Stirm, Commissioner Elt Hasbrouck, Dr. Jane Young, Dr. Ted Epperly, and Commissioner Diana Lachiondo voted aye. Representative Megan Blanksma voted no. Motion carried.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The next Board meeting will be Friday, August 21 at 8:30 a.m. The Board adjourned at 5:49 p.m. by a motion.

Motion: Commissioner Elt Hasbrouck made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Dr. Jane Young. By voice vote, Commissioner Ryan Stirm, Commissioner Elt Hasbrouck, Dr. Jane Young, Dr. Ted Epperly, Commissioner Diana Lachiondo, and Representative Megan Blanksma voted aye. Motion carried.

Attest:


Betty Ann Nettleton
Board Chair



Russell A. Duke, District Director
Secretary to the Board

Board Minutes approved on August 21, 2020.