

## Sweetwater County District Board of Health

June 25, 2014

Present:

Board members:

Chuck Sykes, Chairperson

Brianne Crofts, Vice Chairperson - absent

Mark Sanders

David Okano

Craig Wolfing

Cathie Hughes - absent

Donald West, Secretary - absent

Board of Health Director:

Grant Christensen

Board Attorney:

County Health Officer

Dr. Jean Stachon

Commissioner Reid West

Nursing Staff/Environmental Health Staff

Guest – Neil Johnson

Rocket Miner Newspaper

Meeting opened by Chuck, Chairperson at 7:15 AM.

Motion to add an executive session and report on Coxsackie B Virus to the agenda was made by Craig, seconded by Mark. Motion carried.

Motion to approve May minutes was made by Craig, seconded by Dr. Okano. Motion carried.

Motion to approve June vouchers was made by Dr. Okano, seconded by Craig. Motion carried.

Grant reported the Sweetwater County Commissioners met last night to finalize the 2014-2015 budgets. Reid explained to Grant that there will be a 5% increase to our budget due to insurance premiums rising. Reid asked Grant to provide him with the figures it will cost for the District Board of Health employees for the 2014-2015 budget. Grant told Reid and the board it will cost an additional \$13,252.61. Reid explained that the County is going to reimburse the 5% increase. Motion to approve the 2014-2015 budget was made by Mark, seconded by Craig.

Grant asked the board to take action to approve phasing out home health services by not taking new patients and transfer remaining home health clients to a different home health agency. He discussed home health services are not a large part of Community Nursing Service with two other home health agencies to compete with especially since this is all they do is home health. Out of 23 counties we are the only county that has home health services. He would like to set a date to discontinue home health services. He feels like the MCH program will replace the money for the loss of the home health service program. He discussed that Medicare home health reimbursement is already seeing cuts. He reported the agency will focus on public health issues in the community

such as STD testing and follow up, adult clinics and long term care assessment to name a few. Grant feels like he will be able to keep the nurses that do most of our home health patients and they will be able to do more public health programs. Craig asked Grant if this change would impact the budget next year. Grant said he didn't see any changes for next year's budget. He explained that 80% of monies are going to salaries and benefits. Craig also asked if there would be more grants available and if this will increase revenue. Reid was asked how this is going to affect the agency if there was no county subsidy available. Mark said that he felt like this discussion should be done in a special meeting that includes board of health members and the County Commissioners. Mark asked Grant to set up a workshop that includes both parties.

Grant presented a Memorandum of Understanding contract from Maternal Child Health program to be approved. He announced this program would bring in about \$20,000 a month and will not exceed \$477,556. Motion to approve MCH contract was made by Craig, seconded by Dr. Okano. Motion carried.

Dr. Stachon, CHO reported on her monthly report which was given out at the meeting.

Environmental Health reported on their monthly report which was in the packet that was mailed out. Paul announced that there will be a MOU from the DEQ for septic systems that will need to be signed by Grant and the board chairperson.

Grant reported on his monthly report which was in the packet that was mailed out. In addition Grant asked Trista one of the MCH nurses to present the new brochure called "Sweetwater County Resource Network" for the MCH program. The agency received grant monies from the Office of Rural Health, Health Readiness and Response Section, Public Health Division to use on the brochures. She announced that she and other agencies have been working on the brochure to promote the programs that are available in Sweetwater County. Some of the board members took offense and thought that this was more advertising and the brochure was inclusive on what services are available. Grant and Trista agreed but made it clear that this was not their intention. Grant said that they would work on the brochure at the County staff meeting.

Discussion on Coxsakie Virus B which is an illness ranging from mild gastrointestinal distress to full -fledged pericarditis and myocarditis. Mark experienced this virus personally and feels very strongly that all providers should be aware of this virus. He feels people are critically ill and going to the emergency room and the emergency room is flying them out to Salt Lake City and then coming back to Rock Springs diagnosed with the Coxsakie virus. He feels like there is solid evidence and people can be tested for the virus. He thinks people are misdiagnosed and there are issues with charting in order for the health department to get involved. He said follow up care is the treatment for this virus and very critical. He knows around 20 people have had the testing done and have been positive. Dr. Stachon reported the State Department of Health is not convinced this is an issue.

Motion was made to go into executive session by Craig, seconded by Dr. Okano.  
Motion carried.

Motion to come out of executive session was made by Mark, seconded by Dr. Okano.  
No actions made out of executive session.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting was made by Dr. Okano, seconded by Craig.  
Motion carried.

Next DBOH meeting will be July 30, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

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