

**Board of Health**

**Adams County:** Hastings Public Library, Meeting Room AB, 314 N Denver Ave, Hastings, NE  
September 4, 2024 9:00 a.m. following the Adjournment of the Budget Hearing

AGENDA		
Apprx. Time	Topic, Lead Person	Expected Outcomes
9:00 (4')	Welcome & Call Meeting to Order – President Sandra (Sam) Nejezchleb, Chair	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Meeting Call to Order, Open Meeting Statement</li> <li>2. Introductions – Roll Call</li> <li>3. Approve Agenda – <b>Board Action (Voice Vote)</b></li> <li>4. Board Conflict of Interest Declarations</li> </ol>
9:04 (1')	July 3, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes – Chair	Approve Minutes of July Meeting – <b>Board Action (Voice Vote)</b>
9:05 (10')	Finances – K. Derby Administration/Management - PHAB Domain 10, SP Goal 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial Report (Current Funding Sources, Outstanding Invoices, Balance Sheets, Profit &amp; Loss, Disbursements)</li> <li>• Update on Audit</li> </ul> Governance Function: <i>Resource Stewardship</i>	Awareness of financial health/funding sources/ budgetary needs; Grants/Funding/Contracts/Subawards Status  Accept Financial Report – <b>Board Action (Voice Vote)</b>
9:15 (10')	Finance Committee – C. Neumann <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FY 2025 Annual Budget</li> <li>• Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust (NPAIT) Enabling Resolution</li> </ul> Governance Functions: <i>Policy Development; Legal Authority</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Board approves FY2025 Annual Budget - <b>Board Action (Roll Call Vote)</b></li> <li>2. Approve NPAIT Enabling Resolution - <b>Board Action (Roll Call Vote)</b></li> </ol>
9:25 (25')	Staff in person Bi Monthly Report Governance Functions: <i>Partner Engagement, Oversight</i>	Board learns from staff about their programs/projects
9:40 (15')	Stretch & Move, follow up with staff	Board/Staff Networking
9:55 (5')	Bi Monthly Report, in Board Materials – M. Bever Governance Functions: <i>Partner Engagement, Oversight</i>	Accept Bi-Monthly Report – <b>Board Action (Voice Vote)</b>
10:00 (10')	Policy Committee – N. Shackelford <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SHDHD Vaccine Policy (for clients) - Informational</li> <li>• Revised Policies: HR 511 Bloodborne Pathogen, HR 100 Bereavement, HR 300 Disciplinary Action, HR 307 Employee Classification, HR 315 Badging Policy; Leadership Succession Plan</li> </ul> Governance Functions: <i>Policy Development</i>	Board approval of the revised policies and plan. <b>Board Action (Roll Call Vote)</b>
10:10 (5')	Communications from Exec. Director – M. Bever <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Executive Director’s Report Q and A</li> </ul> Governance Functions: <i>Policy, Oversight, Legal Auth., Resource Stewardship</i>	Board learns latest updates on other key issues, staffing, funding opportunities, legislative advocacy, training and conferences, annual report to legislature, emergency response actions, policy, and situational needs; CHA/CHIP Status
10:15 (15')	Communications from Board Members - Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NALBOH Annual Conference Report Out – S. Nejezchleb</li> <li>• Progress on Social Media &amp; Youth Mental Wellness initiative – B. Harrington, K. Amyot</li> <li>• Community/County Updates - Board Members (All)</li> <li>• Announcements/Upcoming Events – Calendar (next page) - Chair</li> </ul> Governance Function: <i>Partner Engagement</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board learns about take-aways from the National Association of Local Boards of Health annual conference</li> <li>• Board members share their community/county public health activities/issues and community or professional meeting updates</li> <li>• Board members have information to promote or participate in upcoming events and share at their upcoming meetings.</li> </ul>
10:30	Community Leader <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guest Community Leader: Tami Smith, CEO, Heartland Health Center (Federally Qualified Health Center)</li> </ul> Governance Functions: <i>Partner Engagement</i>	<b>Informational:</b> Board learns about opening and services of the new Heartland Health Center satellite health clinic: <i>Heartland Health Center – Hastings</i>
10:55 (5')	Public Comment - Chair	Opportunity for public comment
11:00	<b>Adjourn</b>	<b>Board Action (Voice Vote)</b> (Next Meeting, <b>November 6, 2024</b> , <a href="#">Nuckolls County</a> )

## SHDHD Calendar

### **Board Members - Please consider attending and/or helping us promote these upcoming events and observances:**

1. [South Heartland's Community Health Priority-Setting - September 23, 12:00 – 4:30 pm](#): Join us in Hastings or in one of the sites in each county (Clay Center, Superior, Red Cloud). Help determine which health issues we should focus on over the next 6 years (2025-2030).
2. [All Summer/Fall – Fight the Bite](#): Help us prevent illnesses caused by ticks and mosquitoes. Share information in your communities about how to prevent mosquito and tick bites. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is a good resource for getting up-to-date information about insect repellents, including what's in them and how to choose and use them: <https://www.epa.gov/insect-repellents>.
3. [Recommended Vaccines for Children and Adults](#): <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd/vaccines-age.html>
  - Hastings/Adams County Immunization Clinics:
    - September - October
      - Thursday September 5 - Vaccine for Children Clinic
      - Thursday September 12- Vaccine for Adults and Vaccine for Children
      - Tuesdays Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24 and Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - Walk in Clinics
      - Thursday October 3 – Vaccine for Children Clinic
  - Other locations for Vaccine for Children/Adults Programs in South Heartland District: Clay County Health Department (Clay Center), Brodstone Healthcare (Superior), Webster County Community Hospital (Red Cloud). For more information: <https://southheartlandhealth.ne.gov/what-we-do/immunizations/vaccines-for-children-program.html>
4. [Falls Prevention Awareness Week is September 23-27](#): Falls among older adults continue to be a national public health concern. Help us raise awareness on preventing falls, reducing the risk of falls, and helping older adults live without fear of falling. Promote *Tai Chi and Stepping On* classes in your county and raise awareness that falls are preventable. Encourage older adults to be falls free and independent!
5. [September is Preparedness Month](#): National Preparedness Month is an observance each September to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time. To learn about ways to prepare for emergencies go to: <https://www.ready.gov/september>
6. [October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month](#): Promote breast cancer screening for early detection!
7. [National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week \(NLPPW\), October 20-26](#): to reduce childhood exposure to lead by increasing lead poisoning prevention awareness. October is also Children's Health Month, a time to raise awareness about children's environmental health, including the dangers and potential health impacts of lead. NLPPW highlights the many ways parents, caregivers and communities can reduce children's exposure to lead and prevent its harmful health effects.
  - [October 17](#) – EPA Region 7 will be in Hastings to give an **Understanding Lead** session for interested community members and leaders to learn about lead, its impacts, and actions to reduce and prevent potential lead exposure. Contact us at 402-462-6211 for more details.
8. [Diabetes Prevention / Take a Diabetes Risk Test](#): <https://diabetesontrack.org/hastings/>
  - Visit SHDHD's Smart Hub for Diabetes Prevention for resources on healthy eating, physical activity, risk test, where to get screened for diabetes risk, who can help, and more: <https://southheartlandhealth.ne.gov/what-we-do/diabetes-prevention/>
  - Ongoing: 'Smart Moves' Classes (Evidence-based [Diabetes Prevention Program](#)) – Share the brochure and refer people who might be eligible. SHDHD's program has maintained Recognition status from the CDC! Contact Jessica Warner to find out more - 402-462-6211.
9. [Where to get Blood Pressure Checks](#): See SHDHD's website: [www.southheartlandhealth.ne.gov](http://www.southheartlandhealth.ne.gov). for a list of locations (by county) offering blood pressure checks.
10. [COVID is still circulating! Where to get tested/treated for COVID-19](#): Encourage your family and community members to keep COVID self-tests at home, in case they experience symptoms. Treatment is available to reduce severity of illness. Promote the **Test-to-Treat program**, available to help people quickly access lifesaving treatments for COVID-19 at little to no cost. Test-to-Treat is available at thousands of locations nationwide, including several pharmacies in Hastings. More information and a Test-to-Treat Site locator, can be found at the Test-to-Treat website: <https://aspr.hhs.gov/TestToTreat/>.



**Open Meeting Compliance:**

- Prior to this meeting a notice was posted in the newspapers in Adams, Clay, Nuckolls, and Webster Counties and that 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 the South Heartland District Health Department, 606 N. Minnesota Ave, Suite 2, Hastings, Nebraska and on the South Heartland website: [southheartlandhealth.ne.gov](http://southheartlandhealth.ne.gov). This meeting is being held in open session.
- A copy of the Nebraska Open Meeting Law has been posted in this meeting room and is available for the public’s review.

**South Heartland’s Guiding Principles:**

- We are committed to the principles of public health and strive to be a credible, collaborative and stable resource in our communities.
- We seek to perform our duties in a courteous, efficient and effective manner within the limits of sound fiscal responsibility.
- We work together to create a positive environment, listening carefully and treating everyone with honesty, sensitivity, and respect.

**Board of Health Principles of Good Faith\*:**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Regularly attend and actively participate in board of health and committee meetings. If unable to attend, be able to provide a valid excuse for absence.</li> <li>➤ Ensure that time at board of health meetings is set aside for updates on public health problems and what the health department is doing, or needs to do, in regard to such challenges.</li> <li>➤ Have a thorough knowledge of the duties and provisions found in the bylaws and charter of the organization.</li> <li>➤ Involve others in health department functions and funding efforts, special events, and activities to promote and support programs and services.</li> <li>➤ Heed corporate affairs and keep informed of the central activities and operations of programs.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Support majority opinions of the board.</li> <li>➤ Advocate for public health by communicating regularly with community leaders and elected officials about perceived needs and possible resources.</li> <li>➤ Ensure minimum statutory or technical requirements are met regarding filing annual report, withholding employee taxes, etc.</li> <li>➤ Record personal conduct and register dissents in the minutes, or by letter.</li> <li>➤ Avoid any semblance of self-dealing or enrichment; discourage any business transactions between directors and the organization.</li> <li>➤ Accept no pecuniary profits except that which is expressly provided in compensation or reimbursement within the bylaws or laws of the city, county, and state.</li> </ul> |
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\*Board of Health Handbook, page 32

## South Heartland District Health Department Strategic Plan 2020 - 2025

The South Heartland Strategic Plan (SP) is created by the Board and staff following completion of a Community Health Assessment and a Community Health Improvement Plan (CHA/CHIP/SP cycle). The 2019 strategic planning process included a review of the department's vision, mission and guiding principles, a visioning process, a SWOT analysis (**S**trengths, **W**eaknesses, **O**pportunities, and **T**hreats) and a discussion of three alternative future scenarios, followed by brainstorming to identify potential strategic actions. The SP is developed to support implementation of the CHIP and is linked to the Quality Improvement-Performance Management Plan and the Workforce Development Plan.

**Vision:** Healthy people in healthy communities

**Mission:** The South Heartland District Health Department is dedicated to preserving and improving the health of residents of Adams, Clay, Nuckolls and Webster counties. We work with local partners to develop and implement a *Community Health Improvement Plan* and to provide other public health services mandated by Nebraska state statutes.

### Guiding Principles:

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### Goal 1: Obtain and Maintain PHAB Accreditation

#### Goal 2: Secure Financial Stability

#### Goal 3: Prioritize Services and Programs

#### Goal 4: Optimize Human Resources

#### Goal 5: Advocate the "Why" of Public Health

### Goal 1: Obtain and Maintain PHAB Accreditation

- A. Allocate staff and resources to support accreditation activities
- B. Communicate to board and staff the value of accreditation status for supporting strategic plan goals
- C. Communicate to partners, stakeholders and our communities SHDHD's accreditation status and the value of accreditation

### Goal 2: Secure Financial Stability

- A. Explore alternative funding avenues
  - Expand partner and stakeholder involvement
  - Implement fee for services
  - Develop integrated primary care/public health relationships supported with healthcare reimbursement
  - Request city/county support
  - Explore foundation and benefactor opportunities
  - Create a fundraising arm (501c3)
- B. Practice enhanced financial stewardship
  - Develop proactive approaches and policies
  - Conduct regular risk assessment and risk mitigation activities
  - Work with Nebraska DHHS on quality improvement of funding processes for local public health (timeliness/efficiency/appropriateness of solicitation types, reporting and documentation, payment processing, etc.)
  - Adjust internal processes and priorities to accommodate funding fluctuations (QI-PM)

- C. Advocate for state and federal policy change
  - Advocate for foundational public health services funding
  - Support Health Care Cash Fund sustainability initiatives
  - Partner with professional membership organizations on funding advocacy initiatives (Nebraska Association of Local Health Directors, NALHD; Friends of Public Health, and National Association of County and City Health Officials, NACCHO; and others)

**Goal 3: Prioritize Services & Programs**

- A. Provide leadership and serve as backbone organization for implementing the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)
  - Recruit community partners to implement CHIP strategies, provide oversight to CHIP implementation and raise the visibility of the plan in our communities
  - Monitor implementation of the plan and success achieving targeted outcomes, encouraging the use of evidence-based practices and reliable, accurate and timely measures and data (Performance Management System)
- B. Narrow the scope of the department's services and programs
  - Maintain focus on prevention
  - Address health equity and disparities
  - Assure quality and effectiveness of programs (versus quantity of programs) (QI-PM)
- C. Use data effectively
  - Measure progress, prioritize and communicate success and value of programs and services (Performance Management System)
  - Analyze program financial feasibility and sustainability to support decisions to continue current or take on new programs

**Goal 4: Optimize Human Resources**

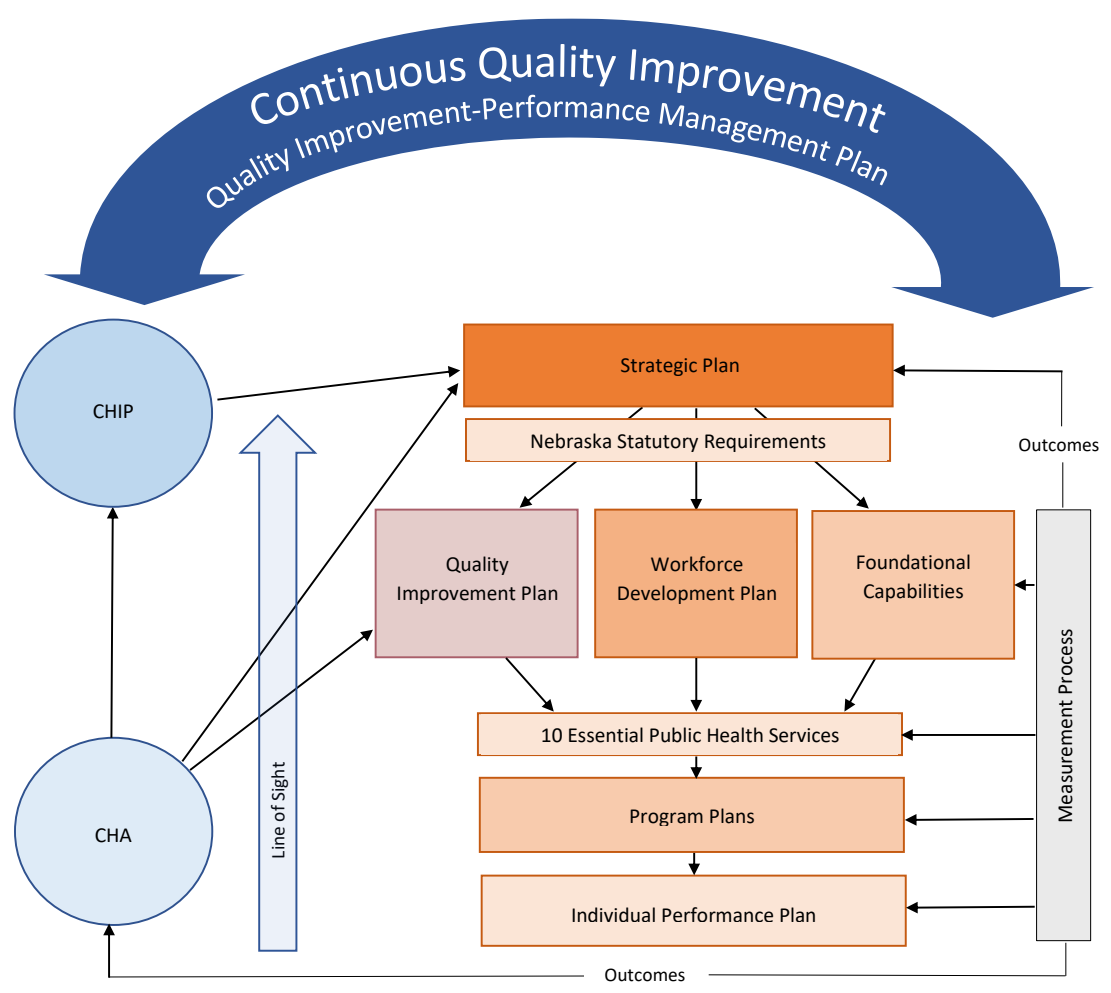
- A. Recruit community partners to implement CHIP strategies, provide oversight to CHIP implementation, and participate in CHIP performance management
- B. Support transitional strategies to move SHDHD toward level 5 of an organization wide culture of QI-PM
- C. Review and revise workforce development plan
  - Identify strategies to enhance Board and staff engagement
  - Identify strategies for recruiting and retaining a competent and diverse staff
  - Evaluate current state of organizational culture and set objectives to move toward desired state of organizational workforce culture
- D. Improve Board and staff knowledge and skills for quality improvement and performance management (QI-PM Goals)

**Goal 5: Advocate the "Why" of Public Health**

- A. Build capacity for advocacy
  - Develop relationships with local, state and federal policymakers
  - Strengthen relationships with and engage partners to advocate on behalf of local public health
  - Provide training in stakeholder analysis and persuasive communication for Board and staff to expand capabilities in effective communication (Workforce Dev Plan)
- B. Communicate the value of public health
  - Share advocacy messages and talking points with Board members to facilitate communication with their constituents and community members
  - Use health literate methods to share data and stories that communicate why we do what we do, our programs and services, our outcomes and successes, and our needs
  - Enhance public relations and visibility, expanding use of social media and other directed communications
  - Assure frequent, regular communication with city/county/state government and other key stakeholders

Draft Revised PM Framework – March 2023

### SHDHD Performance Management System



March 2023

## The Governance Functions

NALBOH is the national voice for the boards that govern health departments and shape public health policy. Since its inception, NALBOH has connected with board of health members and elected officials from across the country to inform, guide, and help them fulfill their public health responsibilities in their states and communities. Driven by a mission to strengthen and improve public health governance, NALBOH worked with CDC and other national partners to identify, review, and develop the following model of six functions of public health governance.

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**Policy development:** Lead and contribute to the development of policies that protect, promote, and improve public health while ensuring that the agency and its components remain consistent with the laws and rules (local, state, and federal) to which it is subject. These may include, but are not limited to:

- Developing internal and external policies that support public health agency goals and utilize the best available evidence;
- Adopting and ensuring enforcement of regulations that protect the health of the community;
- Developing and regularly updating vision, mission, goals, measurable outcomes, and values statements;
- Setting short- and long-term priorities and strategic plans;
- Ensuring that necessary policies exist, new policies are proposed/implemented where needed, and existing policies reflect evidence-based public health practices; and
- Evaluating existing policies on a regular basis to ensure that they are based on the best available evidence for public health practice.

**Resource stewardship:** Assure the availability of adequate resources (legal, financial, human, technological, and material) to perform essential public health services. These may include, but are not limited to:

- Ensuring adequate facilities and legal resources;
- Developing agreements to streamline cross-jurisdictional sharing of resources with neighboring governing entities;
- Developing or approving a budget that is aligned with identified agency needs;
- Engaging in sound long-range fiscal planning as part of strategic planning efforts;
- Exercising fiduciary care of the funds entrusted to the agency for its use; and
- Advocating for necessary funding to sustain public health agency activities, when appropriate, from approving/appropriating authorities.

**Legal authority:** Exercise legal authority as applicable by law and understand the roles, responsibilities, obligations, and functions of the governing body, health officer, and agency staff. These may include, but are not limited to:

- Ensuring that the governing body and its agency act ethically within the laws and rules (local, state, and federal) to which it is subject;
- Providing or arranging for the provision of quality core services to the population as mandated by law, through the public health agency or other implementing body; and
- Engaging legal counsel when appropriate.

**Partner engagement:** Build and strengthen community partnerships through education and engagement to ensure the collaboration of all relevant stakeholders in promoting and protecting the community's health. These may include, but are not limited to:

- Representing a broad cross-section of the community;
- Leading and fully participating in open, constructive dialogue with a broad cross-section of members of the community regarding public health issues;
- Serving as a strong link between the public health agency, the community, and other stakeholder organizations; and
- Building linkages between the public and partners that can mitigate negative impacts and emphasize positive impacts of current health trends.

**Continuous improvement:** Routinely evaluate, monitor, and set measurable outcomes for improving community health status and the public health agency's/governing body's own ability to meet its responsibilities. These may include, but are not limited to:

- Assessing the health status of the community and achievement of the public health agency's mission, including setting targets for quality and performance improvement;
- Supporting a culture of quality improvement within the governing body and at the public health agency;
- Holding governing body members and the health director/health officer to high performance standards and evaluating their effectiveness;
- Examining structure, compensation, and core functions and roles of the governing body and the public health agency on a regular basis; and
- Providing orientation and ongoing professional development for governing body members.

**Oversight:** Assume ultimate responsibility for public health performance in the community by providing necessary leadership and guidance in order to support the public health agency in achieving measurable outcomes. These may include, but are not limited to:

- Assuming individual responsibility, as members of the governing body, for actively participating in governing entity activities to fulfill the core functions;
- Evaluating professional competencies and job descriptions of the health director/health officer to ensure that mandates are being met and quality services are being provided for fair compensation;
- Maintaining a good relationship with health director/health officer in a culture of mutual trust to ensure that public health rules are administered/enforced appropriately;
- Hiring and regularly evaluating the performance of the health director; and
- Acting as a go-between for the public health agency and elected officials when appropriate.

All public health governing entities are responsible for some aspects of each function. No one function is more important than another. For more information about the six governance functions, please visit [www.nalboh.org](http://www.nalboh.org).

*Approved by the NALBOH Board of Directors - November 2012*

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