



**Board of Health Minutes**  
**South Heartland District Health Department**  
**Brodstone Healthcare, 520 E 10th St, Superior, NE 68978**  
**July 6, 2022, 8:30am**

Topic, Lead Person	Comments/Actions		Roll Call/Vote	
	<b>Staff</b>	Michele Bever, Kelly Derby		
	<b>Guest</b>	Treg Vyzourek, CEO, Brodstone Healthcare		
	COVID-19 modifications: Masks required to enter the hospital, optional in the conference room			
<b>Welcome &amp; Public Comment</b> Board Chair	<p>The July 2022 Board of Health meeting was called to order by Board President, Nanette Shackelford at 8:30am</p> <p>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, NE and on the SHDHD website. This meeting is being held in open session.</p> <p>A link to the Nebraska Open Meeting Law was posted with Board Agenda on the SHDHD website.</p>			
<b>Determine Quorum</b>	Introductions/Roll Call  <i>Quorum met</i>		<b>Present</b>	Blecha, Kleppinger, Kohmetscher, Nejezchleb, Rempe, Shackelford, Shaw, Vance, Waechter-Mead, Harrington at 8:36, Neumann at 8:36
<b>Approve or Amend Agenda</b>	Board approval of July 6, 2022 Agenda <b>Motion</b> <b>Second</b> <i>Motion Passed (voice vote)</i>		<b>Ayes:</b> All <b>Nays:</b> None	
<b>Approve Minutes</b>	Board approval of May 4, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes <b>Motion</b> Shaw <b>Second</b> Blecha		<b>Ayes:</b> All <b>Nays:</b> None	

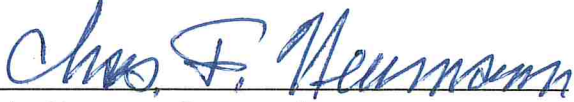
	<i>Motion Passed</i>		
<b>Board Business</b> Board Chair	<p>Megan McMeen has accepted appointment to the Board as the community-spirited representative of Nuckolls County. Webster County Board of Commissioners has not yet appointed a public-spirited representative to fill their vacancy.</p> <p>A summary of year-end Board survey data was presented and opened for discussion. Of the 14 areas queried, 6 showed a need for improvement, particularly that regarding meetings ending on time. No discussion followed.</p>		
<b>Local Community Leader</b> Treg Vyzourek, CEO, Brodstone Healthcare	<p>Vyzourek updated the Board on Brodstone's status as a critical access hospital that has recently rebranded as a "healthcare" facility (i.e, more than a hospital). The facility's focus on care is borne out in the high marks they receive across the nation, particularly as a patient-recommended facility. As a rural facility, they are seeing their service area's medical issues increasing, while care is increasingly being delayed. The COVID-19 pandemic was cited as a reason for delayed care that has become a habit. The facility is also increasingly seeing mental health as an issue that the area is ill-equipped to deal with.</p>		
<b>COVID-19/Monkey Pox Update</b> Bever	<p>Highlights presented by Bever regarding COVID-19 in the District: transmission remains high, confirmed testing low, and hospitalizations largely limited to the unvaccinated. The district now has vaccine available for ages six months and older.</p> <p>Monkey Pox is in NE (two cases) and is spreading more quickly than was originally expected. Bever shared examples of SHDHD communications on Monkeypox for health care providers, EMS and general public.</p>		
<b>Bi-Monthly Report on 10 Essential Services from Staff</b> Bever	<p>Bever-presented highlights. The Department is increasing its social media and broadcasting presence in an effort to encourage vaccination. The Department is participating in a new Diabetes prevention initiative as one of 2 pilot communities in Nebraska.</p>		<p>Ayes: All Nays: None</p>
	<b>Motion</b>	Harrington	
	<b>Second</b>	Nejezchleb	
	<i>Motion Passed (voice vote)</i>		

<b>Financial Report</b> Derby	Derby reported that the three indicators she watches each period -- cash, net income, and IDC rate -- have remained consistent for the last three periods. Cash remains at approximately \$300K, which roughly mirrors the amount of net income. The IDC rate finished the year at 27%, which was the amount successfully negotiated for the Department's use in grant proposals for the next two years. She also commented that she is in progress figuring the next budget, which will be based on prior year actuals as opposed to estimates as it was last year.  Board acceptance of Financial Report <b>Motion</b>   Kohmetscher <b>Second</b>   Kleppinger <i>Motion Passed (voice vote)</i>	Ayes: All Nays: None
<b>Finance Committee Update</b> Neumann	Neumann presented resolution #2022-4, which stipulates setting aside \$5,600/year for five years in order to meet the required fee of reaccreditation in 2025. (Approximately one-third of the \$28,000 total would be set aside in each of the next 3 years).  Board passage of Resolution #2022-4 <b>Motion</b>   Neumann <b>Second</b>   Waechter-Mead <i>Motion Passed (voice vote)</i>	Ayes: All Nays: None
	Neumann summarized the Committee's recommendation of a 6% increase for all staff as well as additional adjustments for various staff based on comparison studies.  Board approval of salary adjustments <b>Motion</b>   Neumann <b>Second</b>   Harrington <i>Motion Passed (voice vote)</i>	Ayes: All Nays: None
<b>Policy Committee Update</b> Nejezchleb	Nejezchleb reported that one new policy and four minimally-revised policies were recommended by the Committee for approval.  Board approval of new and revised policies <b>Motion</b>   Nejezchleb <b>Second</b>   Neumann <i>Motion Passed (voice vote)</i>	Ayes: All Nays: None

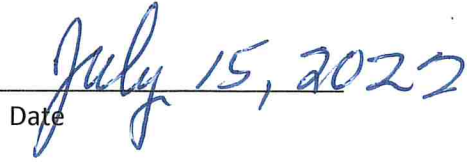
	<p>Shackelford added that a discussion regarding the addition of Juneteenth as a holiday centered around whether to increase the number of holidays to 13 or to leave the number at 12. She entertained a motion to go with 13. [Note: this would be effective for calendar year 2023]</p> <p>Board approval of an additional holiday for staff</p>	<p>Ayes: All Nays: None Abstentions: 3</p>						
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<p><b>Ethics Committee Update</b> Bever</p>	<p>Bever reported that the Ethics Committee has been reactivated. The Committee met June 27 to discuss the Department's legal authorities and deliberate the Department's ethical responsibilities regarding treatment for infectious disease in the circumstances when non compliance may adversely affect an unborn child. Deliberations will be summarized on the Department website.</p>							
<p><b>Communications from Executive Director</b> Bever</p>	<p>Bever highlighted that the Department has some new partnerships with United Way, and UNMC regarding diabetes prevention. The remodel of the vaccination clinic is expected to be completed in July/August. Additional renovation ideas are being considered with COVID vaccination funds: to create a drive-through vaccine/testing capability and to add additional office space to accommodate staffing.</p>							
<p><b>Accreditation Update</b> Bever</p>	<p>Bever reported that the Department is awaiting comment on submission of its second annual PHAB report. Additionally, the Department is prototyping some dashboards of performance measures intended to keep staff on track and provide a summary for the Board. She also explained how the Department's approved org chart will accommodate the departure of the Clinic Coordinator (i.e., temporary adjustments in the supervisory assignments)</p>							
<p><b>Communications from Board</b> Board Chair</p>	<p>Nejezchleb reminded the Board of the annual breast cancer fundraiser at the Crooked Creek Golf Course. Bever noted that the National Association of Boards of Health will have their annual meeting in Grand Rapids and encouraged board members to consider attending. (SHDHD budget will support board member attendance)</p>							
<p><b>Adjourn</b></p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td colspan="2">Motion to adjourn</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Motion</b></td> <td>Neumann</td> </tr> </table>	Motion to adjourn		<b>Motion</b>	Neumann	<p>Ayes: All Nays: None</p>		
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<b>Second</b>	Harrington
<i>Motion Passed (voice vote)</i>	
Adjourned at 10:46	
Next Meeting: September 7, 2022, Adams County	

Respectfully submitted,



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

  
Date