

**Board of Health Meeting Minutes   
May 24, 2021**

Board Secretary, John Sheehan, called the meeting to order at 5:30p.m., at the Sarpy County government offices, located at 1210 Golden Gate Drive, Papillion, NE 68046.

**Roll Call:**

Erin Ponec, Acting Recorder

**Roll call States as follows:**  Autumn Sky Burns – present; Dr. Brandon Grimm – present; Dr. John Harris – present; Deb Jones – not present; Don Kelly – present; Janet McCartney – excused; Dr. Matt Neumann – excused; Dr. Arman Pajnigar – not present; John Sheehan – present.

**Staff Present:** Sarah Schram, Director; Jenny Steventon, Assistant Director; Erin Ponec, Acting Recorder   
  
**Guest(s) Present:** None

**Approval of Agenda:   
Per the Open Meetings Act the agenda may not be altered after 24 hours prior to the meeting, unless an emergency arises.**Dr. Harris moved, seconded by Kelly to approve the agenda as submitted. Roll call states as follows: Burns– aye; Dr. Grimm – aye; Dr. Harris – aye; Jones – not present; Kelly – aye; McCartney – excused; Dr. Neumann – excused; Dr. Arman Pajnigar – aye; Sheehan – aye.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:**    
Kelly moved, seconded by Dr. Grimm to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2021, meeting minutes as submitted. Roll call states as follows: Burns– aye; Dr. Grimm – aye; Dr. Harris – aye; Jones – aye; Kelly – aye; McCartney – excused; Dr. Neumann – excused; Dr. Arman Pajnigar – aye; Sheehan – aye.

**Treasurer’s Report:**Kelly moved, seconded by Jones to approve the Treasurer’s Report as submitted. Roll call states as follows: Burns – aye; Dr. Grimm – aye; Jones –aye; Kelly – aye; McCartney – aye; Dr. Pajnigar – aye; Sheehan – excused. **Director’s Report:**   
  
Dr. Grimm moved, seconded by Burns to continue the Emergency Compensation for employees until the end of July 2021.Roll call states as follows: Burns– aye; Dr. Grimm – aye; Dr. Harris – aye; Jones – aye; Kelly – aye; McCartney – excused; Dr. Neumann – excused; Dr. Arman Pajnigar – aye; Sheehan – aye.

**Other Business:**None

**Standing Committee Reports:   
Nomination Committee**:   
Nomination of Officers is tabled until the July 26, 2021 meeting.   
**Finance Committee:**  Nothing to report **Policy Committee:** Nothing to report  
**Personnel Committee**: Nothing to report  
**Program Committee**: Nothing to report  
**Medical Director’s Report**: Nothing to report   
  
**Approval needed for the following items:**Purchase of Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS) software through IBM for $11,730.00 for a 1-year subscription. Jones moved, seconded by Dr. Grimm to approve the purchase amount of $11,730.00 for a 1-year subscription of the SPSS software or purchasing a monthly subscription if it can be done at a lower cost. Roll call states as follows: Burns– aye; Dr. Grimm – aye; Dr. Harris – aye; Jones – aye; Kelly – aye; McCartney – excused; Dr. Neumann – excused; Dr. Arman Pajnigar – aye; Sheehan – aye.

**Public Input:**   
None

**Information:   
Announcements:** None  
**Correspondence:** None  **Next Meeting: July 26, 2021, at 5:30pm**

**Adjournment:**

Dr. Harris moved, seconded by Burns t adjourn the meeting at 6:35pm. Roll call states as follows: Burns– aye; Dr. Grimm – aye; Dr. Harris – aye; Jones – aye; Kelly – aye; McCartney – excused; Dr. Neumann – excused; Dr. Arman Pajnigar – aye; Sheehan – aye.

John Sheehan, Secretary

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**ATTEST:**

Dr. Janet McCartney, Vice President  
Sarpy/Cass Board of Health



Health Directors Report

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State & Federal Legislative Update:

* LB585 (Senator Vargas) Appropriate funds for local public health departments
  + Signed by the Governor.
  + July 2021 – June 2022 $83,333 (infrastructure) for SCHD
  + July 2022 – June 2023 $163,999 (per capita at $.79/residents) for SCHD
* American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 – $1.9 trillion dollar package intended to combat the COVID-19 pandemic, including the public health and economic impacts.
  + $65.1 billion provided in direct aid to counties
    - Cass County - $5,098,366
    - Sarpy County - $36,360,628
    - Allowable uses for funds include: response to or mitigate the public health emergency with respect to the COVID-19 emergency or its negative economic impacts.
    - Deadline to spend funds is December 31, 2024

Administrative Updates:

* Current COVID-19 Related Funding -
  + Coronavirus Relief Funding:
    - Transitioning away from this funding source.
    - State will accept requests for COVID-19 operational expenses incurred through June 30, 2021.
    - State will accept requests for COVID-19 staff payroll and benefits incurred for July 1 – July 30, 2021.
  + Enhanced Epi and Lab Capacity for Infectious Disease:
    - $240,000 (Federal Pass Through) total award for additional contact tracing support through November 18, 2022.
  + Vaccine for Children – COVID-19:
    - $26,455 (Federal Pass Through) total award for COVID-19 vaccine efforts through June 30, 2021.
  + FEMA Funding:
    - Federal funds
    - April 2 – April 30, 2021
    - Reimbursement for services interlocal agreement of $40/vaccine provided.
* Potential Upcoming Funding Opportunities-
  + Nebraska Immunization and Vaccines for Children Program:
    - $248,500 (Federal Pass Through) for services to increase vaccination capacity, ensure high-quality administration, ensure equitable distribution, increase vaccine confidence, promote vaccination efforts, and utilization of information systems to support vaccinations.
  + Minority Health Initiative:
    - $303,655 – working on clarification on timeline and deliverables for this opportunity.
  + Nebraska Sexual Transmitted Illness Program
    - Potential 4 year funding opportunity for outreach, education and disease investigations.
    - Meeting with program staff on Thursday
* Staffing Update -
  + Resignation of Public Health RN accepted – last day May 31, 2021
  + Resignation of Public Health RN – verbal – last day June 4, 2021
  + Filled positions
    - Public Health RN – Marianne Toledo
* COVID-19 Update –
  + Data Overview
  + Directed Health Measures Update
    - Governor Ricketts announced today that current DHM will expire at 11:59 pm tonight.
  + Public Health Emergency Compensation
    - Request for continued approval through July 2021.