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# IDAHO ASSOCIATION OF DISTRICT BOARDS OF HEALTH

## Executive Council Conference Call Minutes

Friday, February 5, 2021

10:00 – 11:30 a.m. MST/9:00 – 10:30 a.m. PST

Conference Call Instructions below:

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<u>District</u>	<u>Executive Council Member/Trustee</u>	<u>District Directors</u>
1	Glen Bailey	Lora Whalen
2	Greg Johnson	Carol Moehrle
3		Nikki Zogg
4	Elt Hasbrouck	Russ Duke
5	Bob Kunau	Melody Bowyer
6		Maggie Mann
7	Bill Leake	Geri Rackow

Mike Kane, Seth Grigg, Kelli Brassfield, and Linda Montgomery

1. Call to Order & Roll Call ..... Bob Kunau
2. Remembering Ken Estep.....All  
Several EC members shared their appreciation and fond memories of Ken. Maggie expressed her gratitude for Ken’s dedication to D6’s board.
3. Welcome Commissioner Georgia Hanigan from District 3.....All  
Deferred until next call.
4. Additional Agenda Items ..... Bob Kunau
  - IAB In-person vs. Virtual  
Bob asked the group's preference for the IADBH platform. Elt suggested that we have an in-person with an option for remote access. Glen agreed. He felt maybe by June we could have everyone in person. Carol stated that D2's board voted for a Zoom conference because hosting IAB during COVID would be a very heavy-lift for D5's staff. Nikki echoed Carol's comments. She believed her board would be flexible. D5 was open to having the meeting in person or virtual. D6's board has not talked about it; however, in anticipation that we'll still be heavy into the COVID vaccination process, Maggie's personal preference is virtual. Bill suggested that we consider virtual to keep the workload manageable for D5's staff.

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- Only Commissioners to serve on health district boards

Bob asked the group about their feelings regarding having only commissioners serving on the board. D5 has three appointees on the board, including the board chair. Glen stated that D1 has appointees from the counties who communicate well with their commissioners. D2 has all five seated commissioners, a physician, and a nurse. D3 has six seated commissioners plus a physician. At one point during the past five years, they had a former commissioner who stayed on as an appointee for a while. D4 has seven members - three commissioners and four appointees, including a physician, a nurse practitioner, a legislator, and their board chair. Elt stated that to have only commissioners on boards, it would be too expensive for smaller counties to send commissioners to board meetings. Elt felt it would politicize the board too much. He hopes to keep a physician or two on the board. D5 has three appointees; another appointee resigned last year over a disagreement with the county commissioners. D6 board talked about this at their last meeting. Only the representative from Bannock County was adamant about board members being commissioners only; Butte County has always had a representative. A commissioner from Power County said that Ken, an appointee, communicated with them frequently, and the commissioner thinks it should be left to the counties to decide whom they want to appoint. D7 has seven commissioners, a physician, and Bill, an appointee and former commissioner. D7 board is comfortable with this composition. Bill suggested hearing Mike Kane's thoughts on this matter. Mike thanked all who helped with the presentations to both H&W committees. Some directors and board members traveled and spoke at the presentation. The presentation was well-received, and the feedback was very positive. Mike educated the legislators and the public about what we do and our governance structure. Additionally, he has been working with many legislators. Senator Vick's bill was approved and printed in the Senate to give county commissioners the ability to approve or disapprove any county-wide orders without interfering with the day-to-day business of PHDs.

With the printed bill, Mike was not expecting to see a bill requiring all BoH members to be only commissioners. In some counties, they cannot do it. For example, D4 has three commissioners and four appointees, including a physician. Mike expected the bill to get out of the Senate H&W Committee next week. Sen. Vick's bill has a softer touch than what others have proposed.

Mike expected the bill would go through the Senate smoothly without much controversy. Carol asked for the bill number. Elt asked when the hearing would be. He offered to testify. Elt asked Mike to get the draft bill to IAC's Legislative Committee as soon as possible to give to the rest of the counties for their approval. Kelli mentioned the advance online testimony registration for Mike's awareness of this step being possibly required.

Bill asked about HB33. Mike did not think this House bill would garner much support. He expected any future discussion would be to reconcile the two competing bills. Mike had no information on HB33 at this point. From IAC's perspective, Kelli concurred.

- 5. Discussion on Allowing Mid-Level Providers to Serve as Medical Consultants.....Bob Kunau  
Mike stated that, per statute, the board could appoint a nurse practitioner (NP) or physician assistance if no licensed physician is available for the medical consultant position. D4 has a physician and an NP. Elt thinks that if you cannot find a physician, you can appoint someone else. Mike added that some legislators are interested in forming an interim workgroup to look at public health. They prefer to see more physicians rather than fewer on health district boards. Bob thanked Mike for his excellent work.
  
- 6. Legislative Session Update .....Mike Kane  
See section 4, bullet number 2 above.  
Mike requested an executive session to consider records exempt from disclosure.
  
- 7. Executive Session - Idaho Code 74-206(1)(d) (Action Item) .....All  
Bill moved that we go into executive session to consider records exempt from disclosure as provided in Idaho Code 74-206(1)(d). Elt seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.
  
- 8. Action Taken as a Result of the Executive Session (Action Item) .....All  
Bob stated that the group is taking the discussion items under advisement. No action was taken.
  
- 9. Update on FEMA Incident Management Assistant Team and Vaccination Support .....District Directors  
Bob asked if other districts have received the FEMA Advisory information regarding assistance for vaccination. Elt said they received the info and passed it on. Lora gave an update on FEMA’s Incident Management Assistance Team. She met with the team, learned about their mission and goal for Idaho, and provided information for their assessment.  
  
Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.
  
- 10. Next regular meeting (Friday, February 12th, at 10 a.m. MST).....Bob Kunau