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# IDAHO ASSOCIATION OF DISTRICT BOARDS OF HEALTH

## Executive Council Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday, March 19, 2021

10:00 to 11:00 a.m. MST/9:00 to 10:00 a.m. PST

Conference Call Instructions below:

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### Executive Council

<u>District</u>	<u>Member/Trustee</u>	<u>District Directors</u>
1	Glen Bailey	Lora Whalen
2	Greg Johnson	Carol Moehrle
3	Georgia Hanigan	Nikki Zogg
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5	Bob Kunau	Melody Bowyer
6	Vaughn Rasmussen	Maggie Mann
7	Bill Leake	
<b>Guests</b>	Mike Kane, Kelli Brassfield, Seth Grigg, Linda Montgomery, Bryon Reed	

1. Call to Order & Roll Call ..... Bob Kunau  
Bob called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.
2. Additional Agenda Items..... Bob Kunau  
None
3. Legislative Session Update .....Mike Kane  
Mike reported that the legislature will suspend today since 8 members came down with COVID. Mike, IAC, and the bill sponsor testified at the Senate H&W Committee for an hour yesterday. The Committee hearing ran out of time for the opponents to testify. The earliest the hearing would resume would be April 6<sup>th</sup>. The hospital representatives from St Luke's, InterMountain, etc., came out en masse; however, most of the questioning came from the democrats on the Committee and Senator Agenbroad. One issue was the time period for people to enroll for insurance. There was push back from Seth and the sponsor that we need to set an end date. There is no guarantee that everyone is going to enroll. The real issue was which entity is going to carry the medical debt. The counties have been doing that for a while. Maybe it is time for the hospitals to do that. Some senators think that it is time to change the way we look at the issue. Mike thinks that that there may be an amendment offered to extend the enrollment period to December 31, 2021 or January 1, 2022.

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Mike is concerned about another amendment that would delete a portion of the bill that releases the counties from paying for involuntary mental holds. If that is the case, then IAC will move to kill the bill. It is not clear how many votes we have in support of the bill and it is certainly a very dynamic situation. The recess gives us and the IHA time to work with the legislature. Mike stated that we don't want to get into amending the order; Kelli agreed. Greg commended Mike and Seth for their excellent presentations at the Committee hearing. He strongly opposed adding any amendments to muddy the waters. Vaughn expressed his concern about the financial burden the bill places on rural hospitals supported by their counties. This could lead to counties to increase taxation or hospitals to increase their rates. He agreed that more study is needed to understand the unknowns and the true cost to the hospitals. Seth stated that from the counties' financial stand point, the only way the bill is going to work is if the involuntary mental hold and the Indigency program go away. Seth is not concerned about the delay in implementation, but he is very concerned about the deletion of the involuntary mental hold section proposed by the hospitals. Bill suggested that the State pick up the cost of the involuntary mental health hold as an interim solution.

Mike brought up a bill that would ban all governmental agencies from imposing a mask order or restriction. The bill got out the House H&W Committee on a party line vote and was pulled back for friendly amendment. Mike anticipates that it will still pass the House. He wondered if the group wanted to take a position. Since the EC has not seen the bill, Mike is going to share the printed bill with the group. Since the legislature is expected to recess, Mike suggests that we cancel next week's meeting.

- 4. Action on Pending Bills (Action Item).....All  
No action was taken.

Bob adjourned the meeting at 10:34 a.m.

- 5. Next regular meeting (To be determined).....Bob Kunau  
TBD