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IDAHO ASSOCIATION OF DISTRICT BOARDS OF HEALTH

Executive Council Special Meeting Minutes

Friday, June 4, 2021

10:00 a.m.– 11:00 a.m. MST/9:00 – 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
4	Elt Hasbrouck	
5	Bob Kunau	Melody Bowyer
6	Vaughn Rasmussen	Maggie Mann
7	Bill Leake	Geri Rackow
Guests	Mike Kane	

1. Call to Order & Roll Call Bob Kunau
Bob called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.
2. Additional Agenda Items..... Bob Kunau
None
3. Legislative Session Update/SupportMike Kane
No new update.
4. Discussion Regarding Potential for Benefits from Opioid Settlements (Action Item).....Mike Kane
Mike informed the group that he had been approached by the AG office, more specifically, Bret DeLange, the head of the Consumer Affairs Unit . Bret has been involved in the opioid litigation for quite some time. Knowing that Mike is lobbying for the PHDs, Bret contacted Mike. Idaho is one of the many states involved in opioid lawsuits. Local entities such as Ada county, Boise city, and others involved as well. Idaho state and local entities are plaintiffs in the opioid lawsuits. These are the two distinctive groups from Idaho that are part of this overarching large lawsuit worth billions of dollars. Based a lawsuit in New York involving two defendants, there appears to be incentive toward settlement. In Mike’s conversation with Bret about the settlement money, PHDs came up as a possible third party beneficiary of any potential settlement funds. Recently passed house bill 315 is designed to address

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the opioid resolution settlement fund at the state level. For the local part of the funds, it is thought the money will funnel to the various PHDs so that districts can set up an opioid relief program, similar to that of tobacco cessation work currently being done at districts.

Bret asked Mike the following questions:

- 1) Are the PHDs interested in potentially receiving the money through the settlement?
- 2) Who is going to work with the AG office to handle the fine details and potentially draft the implementation?
- 3) Who is going to receive the money?

Mike had a preliminary meeting with the district directors; the group recommended discussing the issue with the EC Committee. At this point, many questions and details are yet to be worked out. The money will come directly from the pharmaceutical companies, bypassing the state appropriation. The dollars will be funneled through some entity who is a plaintiff in the lawsuit then be distributed to various PHDs.

While there are plenty of details to be worked out, Mike asked the group:

- Is this some you are interested in pursuing?
- Do you want to authorize me to work with the settling parties to find ways to distribute the funds to PHDs?

Mike does not have an estimate for the settlement, but hundreds of thousands of dollars could be directed to PH. Bob thought the lawsuit settlement info was interesting. The feasibility of PHDs being the beneficiary depends on what is expected of us by the settlement funds. Glen expressed that D1 is interested in this money. Mike stated that he expects multi-year payout for approximately 10 years or more. Bill stated that it would be a good idea for Mike to represent PHDs and periodically update the EC. Elt agreed with Bill that we should research more to see what programs can be used to do the work. Greg asked how we are going to do that and who is going to receive the money and how the money would be distributed to the PHDs. Mike said it would need to be determined. Mike asked for a vote on whether the EC Committee wants him to act on PHDs' behalf to work with the parties involved.

Elt moved to authorize Mike to proceed with the parties involved and update the EC in a month or two with more info on this possible funding opportunity; Glen seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Bob thought it would be a good idea to retain Mike for the next legislative session in case there are potential changes that would impact the county indigency program or the PHDs. Greg thinks that we probably will need Mike's services again in the next legislative session. Carol stated that she was preparing for the IAB budget. She asked if we should add two columns for Mike's services? One column for opioid lawsuit settlement and another for PH lobbying work. She asked if the two legal costs should be kept separately. Bob thought it

would be good idea to keep them separate. Mike expressed interest to continue to work for the PHDs.

5. Approval of May 7th Meeting Minutes (Action Item).....All
Glen moved to approve the meeting minutes. Bill seconded. All in favor. Minutes approved.
6. Discuss Board Member Compensation.....All
Bob expressed concerns about full-time commissioners “double dipping” when getting paid for attending public health district board meetings during county business hours. Greg stated that one county in D2 pays their part-time commissioners an additional amount if they attend meetings outside the regular commissioners’ meetings. D2 pays both full-time and part-time commissioner board members for attending board meetings. Bill suggests that we leave it to each county to work it out with their representatives and to sort it out at the county level. Vaughn advised that Idaho code states that the board members are to be paid. Mike stated that D4 had a full-time commissioner who left the board recently after losing her election. Prior to her departure, because she was a full-time commissioner, she was not paid. The senior management at PERSI informed D4 that the districts are required to pay board members the fee. Additionally, the fee triggers districts’ PERSI contributions on their behalf. D4 had to pay both the fee and district’s portion of PERSI contribution. There was no option to waive the fee for board members. Bob wanted to make sure that we are not doing anything deemed inappropriate by the counties who fund us. Elt reminded us that we are paid by the state until 3/1/2021. Another topic of discussion is the IAC dues paid by the counties and public health districts. Should they be combined? Bob stated that PHDs are not county entities. The group agreed that these issues can be future discussion topics.
7. Discuss County Appropriation Funding Formula.....All
Blaine has raised a concern about their increased apportionment due to very high property assessment values. Bob ask if anyone has any comment on the funding formula. Geri commented that H0316 allows each budget committee to determine the funding formulation for the additional county aid. Bill stated that perhaps the statute needs to be changed or eliminated to allow each district to determine the formula. Mike recommended that we work closely with IAC to further explore this topic. Bob suggested that we postpone the discussion until FY-2023. Glen agreed that we need to wait to see the effects of H0316 first.
8. Review Draft IAB Business Meeting AgendaBob Kunau
The group decided to leave the funding formula discussion off the agenda for now because it is too premature with so many unknowns right now.
9. Review Expiring IAB Resolutions (4 total).....All

Group discussed the four updated resolutions. Glen commented that the resolutions could be written more clearly. He would like to have links to the references for easy access and transparency. Readers will want to know the sources of the information.

Bob adjourned the meeting at 11:02 a.m.