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# IDAHO ASSOCIATION OF DISTRICT BOARDS OF HEALTH

## Executive Council Special Meeting Agenda

Friday, April 9, 2021

10:00 – 11:00 a.m. MST/9:00 – 10:00 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	Georgia Hanigan	Nikki Zogg
4	Elt Hasbrouck	Russ Duke
5	Bob Kunau	Melody Bowyer
6	Vaughn Rasmussen	Maggie Mann
7	Bill Leake	Geri Rackow
<b>Guests</b>	Mike Kane, Seth Grigg, Linda Montgomery	

1. Call to Order & Roll Call ..... Bob Kunau  
Bob called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

2. Additional Agenda Items..... Bob Kunau  
None

3. Legislative Session Update .....Mike Kane

The hospital representatives gave a one-hour presentation at the Senate H &W Committee hearing for H0316. The members voted to send the bill to amendment. There was only one no vote from Senator Stennett.

Seth met with Senators Lee, Agenbroad and Martin regarding the amendment. So far, the primary focus of the amendment is the implementation date for making all changes at once. Chair Martin prefers 7/1/22 implementation date, whereas Senators Lee and Agenbroad suggest 1/1/22 or later 3/1/22 implementation date. The house leadership prefers an earlier, rather than later implementation date, but no later than 1/1/22. Mike asked about potential response from the hospital and whether they will propose their amendment; Seth did not think so. He also confirmed that Chairman Wood and Representative Van Woude are comfortable with the 1/1/22 implementation date.

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Elt stated that 1/1/2022 would be a good implementation date for the counties due to timing of property tax collection and budget planning. He also emphasized the importance of releasing the counties from the involuntary mental holds responsibility. Seth confirmed that it is still the intent of the legislature to remove involuntary mental holds from the counties.

Mike raised the question whether the PHDs want to leave the 1/1/2022 implementation date as it is or move the implementation date up for the language in Section 4 of the bill – to release the Governor/DHR from decisions pertaining to hiring, firing and setting pay rates. Bill stated that we should keep things as simple as possible to avoid confusion for the Senate.

Bob asked about the possibility of forming an interim committee to study over the summer; Mike did not think so. Mike was concerned the hospitals would try to delay the implementation. Vaughn expressed concern about the impact of this bill on the rural hospitals, especially about the mental holds. Seth confirmed that Brian Whitlock with IHA wants to delay implementation until 7/1/22. Seth is actively working with the hospital association to find a solution to fund the mental holds. Vaughn stated that the hospitals he talked to don't think enough study was done on this bill and their main concern is the cost. Glen agreed with Vaughn about delaying the implementation. He much preferred the 7/1/22 implementation date.

Bob expressed his concern about people who refuse to buy insurance. Seth stated that there are people who will not buy insurance regardless of requirements. At this point, the legislature is no longer interested in continuing the Indigent Care and Cat programs. They want to address the involuntary mental hold issue.

Mike asked if there was an appropriation for the PHDs. Seth confirmed there is an appropriation, adding Chairman Martin, Senators Lee and Agenbroad will advance H0316 in the Senate. Mike stated that we want to ensure that everything the PHDs have worked on so far during this legislative session doesn't unravel. Seth did not think the session would be over any time soon. Mike doubted if we would know all the answers to H0316 by the end of next week.

Bob asked if there is potential that counties would be asked to pay a lot more if we waited until July next year to implement the bill. Georgia agreed with Mike that if we push this bill until July, many things may get in the way. Vaughn was not sure how much control we would have. If Senate leadership is pushing for March, it may happen. Greg asked if the legislature decides on March, how the appropriation will be decided. Seth stated that if H0316 passes, the appropriations for PHDs and Cat fund will be prorated.

- 4. Discuss H0316 (Action Item).....All  
No action was taken. Mike will continue to work with the senators and monitor the date for implementation.
- 5. Approval of the extension of Mike Kane's professional service at a new rate (Action Item).....Bob Kunau

The committee members commended Mike for his good work with the legislators. Elt moved to extend Mike’s contract for 30 more days for the amount of \$5,000. Glen seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Bill moved to adjourn the meeting. Vaughn seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

- 6. Next regular meeting (Friday, April 16th, at 10 a.m. MST).....Bob Kunau