

GARFIELD COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT

Board Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2024

The monthly meeting of the Garfield County Public Health District was called to order at 10:08 a.m. in person and via call in go to meeting. Present via call in go to meeting and in person were Justin Dixon, Larry Ledgerwood, James Nelson, Patti Weaver, Patty Blachly, Vonni Mulrony, Martha Lanman, and Laura Dixon. No public comment. The February 20th minutes were presented for approval, along with the vouchers, March payroll and February financial report. Justin Dixon moved, Patti Blachly seconded, and it was passed to approve the minutes, vouchers (116619 through 116649 in the amount of \$5,147.30), March 10th payroll in the amount of \$25,925.13, and February 2024 financial report were passed to approve.

MONTHLY			
116636	Century LinkLD	4221 Telephone	0.12
116637	Century Link Basic	4221 Telephone	248.00
116638	Kelley Connect	3163 Printed Material	61.62
116639	Garfield Co Public Works	4863 Equipment Maint	822.45
116640	Inland Cellular	4221 Telephone	52.43
116641	US Postal Service	4222 Postage	2.56
March Invoices			
116642	Laura Dixon	4300 Travel/4900 Misc Expense	165.67
116643	Jessica Nelson	3125 Program Supplies	82.09
116644	Bank of Eastern Oregon-CE	4300 Travel/4978 Subscription	63.24
116645	Bank of Eastern Oregon-LD	4222 Postage/3125 Program Supplies/6400 Equipment	1,783.67
116646	Bank of Eastern Oregon-JT	4222 Postage/4979 Registration Fees	455.70
116647	East Washingtonian	4400 Advertising	324.00
116648	NACCHO	4980 Memberships	270.00
116649	Chelsey Eaton	4300 Travel	815.75
		TOTAL	5,147.30

Old Business: FPHS update: We will be receiving the same funding, Bob Lutz is no longer the regional health officer and there is currently no replacement. Our current regional backup is Scott Lindquist. SEWAAH update: We had 235 families at the 2nd harvest this month. We really appreciate all of the volunteers that keep showing up month after month. The next date is April 10th.

New Business: The board is happy with the update email that Martha is sending out before each meeting, giving them a chance to go over info and come to meeting with questions. Vonni asked about the CHIP contract and what it is for, Martha explained that it is the result of our county health assessment and is the Community Health Improvement Plan. Dr.Kaminsky update: Most respiratory illnesses are trending down. We are seeing some measles cases is surrounding areas. Hospital capacity is running a little low. He wrote a letter of support for the hospital to get a CT machine. DOH released new guidelines for respiratory cases(ie covid, rsv), he is still in the process of reviewing it. Martha reported that Dr.K now has a county email. Program updates: We are doing month blood pressures at the senior center and some info on nutrition month. We had a good turnout at the first summer market meeting with some new faces. It is now it's own non profit and they will be establishing a board to govern it. We are still planning a farmers appreciation day at one of the first markets. Legislature update: Syphllis bill passed and also the vaccine bill passed. Martha also wrote a letter of support for the hospital to purchase a CT scanner. Martha has been attending the monthly hospital board meetings, to help build collaboration. Childcare update: City council wants to partner in order to work on getting sustainable childcare in our community. We have decided that it fits our FPHS maternal child health funds well and have advertised

to hire a childcare navigator. We have received 9 applications and will be interviewing this week. Martha discovered there is a child care coalition that is doing a needs assessment in Asotin and Garfield counties. We are in contact and will have the new hire partner with them. Martha attended the open house at Dayton’s new childcare center and got some great ideas.

Resolution 2024-05 to review and approve the CHIP contract with Heidi Berthoud Consulting was moved by James Nelson, seconded by Patti Weaver and passed to approve.

Resolution 2024-06 to review and approve the childcare navigator job description was moved by Justin Dixon, seconded by Vonni Mulrony and passed to approve. We discussed that we may need to come back with a budget amendment once the position is up and running as we are now going to be hiring as an employee instead of a contractor. It was commented by the board that this will be a good investment to help sort through the licensing and regulations.

The next meeting will be April 15, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:41am

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Dixon
Assistant Administrative Secretary

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