Regular Meeting of the Oklahoma State Board of Health
January 9, 2018, 11:00 AM
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Oklahoma State Department of Health,
1000 NE 10th Street, 11th Floor, Room 1102
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73117

AGENDA

I. Call to Order, Roll Call, and confirmation of a Quorum.

II. Review, discussion and approval of Minutes for:
a) December 12, 2017 Meeting

III. Consideration of Standing Committees' Reports and Action:
Executive Committee – Ms. Burger, Chair
Discussion and possible action on the following:
b) Update
c) Organizational Alignment

Finance Committee – Ms. Wolfe, Chair
Discussion and possible action on the following:
d) Update

Accountability, Ethics, & Audit Committee – Dr. Grim, Chair
Discussion and possible action on the following:
e) Update

Public Health Policy Committee – Dr. Stewart, Chair
Discussion and possible action on the following:
f) Update

IV. Report of the Interim Commissioner

V. Consideration of a motion and vote to adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to 25 O.S. § 307(B)(1)to discuss:
a) the employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining or resignation of the interim Commissioner of Health.
b) the employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining or resignation of the interim Director of the Office of Accountability Systems.

VI. Executive Session pursuant to 25 O.S. § 307(B)(1) relating to:
a) the employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining or resignation of the interim Commissioner of Health.
b) the employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining or resignation of the interim Director of the Office of Accountability Systems

VII. Consideration of a motion and vote to return to Open Session.

VIII. Consideration, possible action and vote on matters discussed in Executive Session.

IX. Consideration, possible action and vote to appoint an Executive Search/Review Committee for the position of Director of the Office of Accountability Systems.

X. New Business.

XI. Adjournment.

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December 12, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

Martha Burger, President of the Oklahoma State Board of Health, called the meeting of the Oklahoma State Board of Health to order on Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 11:08 a.m. The final agenda was posted at 9:37 a.m. on the OSDH website on December 11, 2017, and at 9:00 a.m. at the building entrance on December 11, 2017.

ROLL CALL

Members in Attendance: Martha A. Burger, M.B.A, President; Cris Hart-Wolfe, Vice-President; Robert S. Stewart, M.D., Secretary-Treasurer; Jenny Alexopulos, D.O.; Charles W. Grim, D.D.S.; R. Edward A. Legako, M.D.; Murali Krishna, M.D., Timothy E. Starkey, M.B.A.
Absent: Terry R. Gerard, D.O.

Central Staff Present: Preston Doerflinger, Interim Commissioner of Health; Henry F. Hartsell, Deputy Commissioner, Protective Health Services; Tina Johnson, Deputy Commissioner, Community & Family Health Services; Julie Ezell, Office of General Counsel; Tony Sellars, Office of Communications; Brian Downs, Office of State and Federal Policy; Jay Holland, Director, Office of Accountability; VaLauna Grissom, Secretary to the State Board of Health.

Visitors in attendance: (see sign in sheet)

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Ms. Burger directed attention toward approval of the Minutes for October 3, 2017 meeting. **Ms. Wolfe moved Board approval of the October 3rd meeting minutes as presented. Second Dr. Grim. Motion Carried.**

AYE: Alexopulos, Burger, Gerard, Grim, Krishna, Legako, Starkey, Stewart, Wolfe
ABSENT: Gerard
ABSTAIN: Wolfe

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Ms. Burger directed attention toward approval of the Minutes for October 30, 2017, emergency meeting. **Dr. Alexopulos moved Board approval of the October 30th meeting minutes as presented. Second Ms. Wolfe. Motion Carried.**

AYE: Alexopulos, Burger, Gerard, Krishna, Legako, Starkey, Stewart, Wolfe
ABSENT: Gerard
ABSTAIN: Grim

REPORT OF THE INTERIM COMMISSIONER

Preston Doerflinger, Interim Commissioner of Health, has been focused on the agency finances and worked to secure 30 million dollars from the legislature. This money allowed the agency to avoid default on payroll and to address ongoing financial issues. There has been an emphasis on the needs and concerns of employees, as well.

Mike Romero, Chief Financial Officer for the State Department of Health, shared that he will be developing a financial reporting enterprise for the Board of Health. This system will utilize the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) techniques and will ensure accountability as well as follow requirements set by the code of federal regulations. Mr. Romero hopes to have this reporting system available in the near future.

Ms. Burger asked if this report would include complete financial statements such as balance sheets and income statements. Mr. Romero responded that it would include that information.

Dr. Krishna asked how the OSDH auditing process could be more accurate and effective. Mr. Romero responded that this will be looked at as the internal controls framework is developed.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Ms. Burger affirmed the Board's commitment to public health. The Board provides strategic guidance to the agency and works to ensure the strategic plan aligns with the Oklahoma Health Improvement Plan (OHIP). Ms. Burger shared results of the 2017 national health rankings which showed positive health improvements for Oklahoma. Even in this difficult time, Ms. Burger acknowledged that public health employees are dedicated and will continue to serve the people of Oklahoma. The Board was disappointed to learn about the agency's financial situation and is working with the Attorney General's office to move forward with the investigation. It is important to reestablish a firm financial foundation as the agency also works to regain confidence from the public and employees. The Board is dedicated to working with Mr. Doerflinger in these efforts.

PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dr. Krishna moved Board approval to go in to Executive Session at 11:28 AM pursuant to 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(1) to discuss:

a. Employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining or resignation of the Director of the Office of Accountability Systems of the State Department of Health, and
b. The appointment of an interim Director of the Office of Accountability Systems of the State Department of Health. **Second Ms. Wolfe. Motion carried.**

AYE: Alexopulos, Burger, Grim, Krishna, Legako, Starkey, Stewart, Wolfe
ABSENT: Gerard

Dr. Krishna moved Board approval to move out of Executive Session at 1:42 PM. Second Dr. Alexopulos. Motion carried.

AYE: Alexopulos, Burger, Grim, Krishna, Legako, Starkey, Stewart
ABSTAIN: Wolfe
ABSENT: Gerard

Mr. Starkey moved Board approval to terminate the employment of Jay Holland as the Director of the Office of Accountability Systems. Second Dr. Grim. Motion carried.

AYE: Alexopulos, Burger, Grim, Krishna, Legako, Starkey, Stewart
ABSTAIN: Wolfe
ABSENT: Gerard

Ms. Burger stated the Board, with Counsel from the Attorney General's Office, is taking necessary actions to restore confidence in the Office of Accountability Systems (OAS). The Board wants OSDH employees to take concerns to the OAS without fear of retaliation and those concerns will be carefully considered. The Board appreciates the actions taken by Interim Commissioner Doerflinger to correct the financial irregularities discovered at OSDH.

NO NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Stewart moved Board approval to Adjourn. Second Dr. Alexopulos. Motion carried.

AYE: Alexopulos, Burger, Grim, Krishna, Legako, Starkey, Stewart, Wolfe
ABSENT: Gerard

The meeting adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

Approved

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Martha Burger, M.B.A.
President, Oklahoma State Board of Health
December 12, 2017