



# Panhandle Health District

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**Meeting Minutes**  
**December 8, 2022, 11:00 p.m.**

**Legislative and County Commissioner Update**  
**Shoshone/Benewah Conference Room**

1. **Call to Order.** Chairman Thompson called the Legislative Update meeting 11:00 p.m. in the ShoBen Room of Panhandle Health District (PHD), 8500 N. Atlas Rd, Hayden, Idaho.

2. **BOH Members Present:** Chairman Marlow Thompson, Vice Chairman Glen Bailey, Dr. Thomas Fletcher, and Shoshone County Commissioner Tracy Cassady, and Dr. Jessica Jameson.

3. **PHD Staff Present:** Director Don Duffy, Financial Officer Christine Crummer, Health Services Division Administrator Kim Young, Environmental and Health Protection (EHP) Division Administrator Erik Ketner, Public Information Officer Katherine Hoyer, Human Resource Specialist Senior Sandee Riggs, Institutional Controls Program Manager Mary Rehnborg, Nurse Family Partnership and Parents and Teachers Program Manager Kris Kono, Health Promotions Program Manager Tina Ghirarduzzi, Volunteer Services Coordinator Daniel Perry, Senior Desktop Support Analyst Robert Keig, and Management Assistant Da Niel Scott.

4. **Guest Present:** Representative Sage Dixon (District 1), Representative Tony Wisniewski (District 5), Representative-elect Mark Sauter (District 1), Representative-elect Joe Alfieri (District 4), Representative-elect Jordan Redman (District 3), Commissioner Dan McDonald (Bonner County), Commissioner Leslie Duncan (Kootenai County), Commissioner Bill Brooks (Kootenai County), Commissioner-elect Asia Williams (Bonner County), Commissioner-elect Bruce Mattare (Kootenai County), Marc Kilmer (Executive Office of Senator Jim Risch), Jake Garringer (Executive Office of Governor Little), Karen Cook, and Allison Gneckow.

5. **Pledge of Allegiance**

6. **Welcome.** Chairman Thompson welcomed the group to the Legislative and County Commissioner Fiscal Year 2023 Update and thanked all for their attendance.

7. **PHD Overview.** Director Don Duffy provided an overview of PHD highlighting the history of PHD, funding sources, and services provided including the number of services provided in each of the five northern counties.

8. **Program Highlights**

a. Institutional Controls Program (ICP) Program Manager Mary Rehnborg provided an ICP report including the history of silver mining, establishment of the ICP, and collaboration efforts to appropriately manage and remove contaminated soils. ICP is funded by federal grants and administered by PHD.

b. Health Services Division Administrator Kim Young provided an overview of grant-funded Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) and Senior Companion Programs. She explained that the NFP Program serves first time pregnant mothers through a nurse-client relationship. Nurses stay with the mothers until the child is two years old to ensure the mother and child are off to a healthy start. Kim Young further explained that the Senior Companions Program recruits volunteers from the community to assist clients with special needs so that they may maintain their independence. Kim introduced the following participants who both provided testimonials for the programs.

(1) Allison Gneckow provided a testimonial of her experience with NFP and how it provided life changing benefits to her family.

(2) Karen Cook provided an overview of her experience as a Senior Companions volunteer and how the program benefits not only her clients but herself as a volunteer.

c. Environmental Health Division Administrator Erik Ketner provided background and an update on the Food Fee Resolution effort that included the history and collaborative effort needed through the Idaho Association of District Boards of Health, Idaho Association of Counties, and Legislative committee members.

9. Roundtable Discussion and comments included clinical services available regardless of income and the Nurse Family Partnership program.

10. The meeting adjourned at 11:49 a.m.