



Southeastern Idaho Public Health

Citizen Review Panel

Pursuant Public Health District #6

Meeting Minutes

December 9, 2024

Members present: Bob Thomas, Holly Llewellyn, Melanie Durfee, Erika Coles

SIPH Facilitator: Effie Jones

IDHW Facilitator: Nichole Knowles

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes

Minutes for October 10, 2024 meeting was sent prior to this meeting for individual review by members. Erika Coles made a motion to approve the October meeting minutes as written; Holly Llewellyn seconded the motion. All in favor, October meeting minutes were approved.

Announcements/ Updates

- Bob Thomas reported on a sibling separation meeting that he and Melanie attended in November.
- Bob also gave a brief report about the statewide leadership meeting. Discussion on the possible upcoming changes for the foster care program in Idaho. This includes a “Bill of Rights” for foster parents, waiving fees for foster parents and possibly eliminating background checks on foster parents. The last is concerning across districts CRP leadership.
- Nichole Knowles updated the panel about new staff hired, Deputy Division Administrator. There is also a new ombudsman.

Executive Session

Pursuant to IC74-206, motion to move into Executive Session made by Erika Coles; seconded by Melanie Durfee; all in favor, motion passes to move into Executive Session at 9:07 a.m.

- One panel member reviewed two cases. Issues identified: neglect, parental history of physical and sexual abuse. Panel member will do a case follow-up as parent filed appeal for TPR, has not seen this before.
- Other panel members not ready for review reporting.
- *Note:* cases review time is approximately 3 hours spent for each case reviewed.

Motion made to move out of Executive Session made by Erika Coles; Seconded by Melanie Durfee.

Moved out of Executive Session at 9:22 a.m. **ACTION ITEM:** Nichole Knowles will send out assignment reminders to panel members for next meeting review within the January 13, 2025 meeting.

Meeting Dates

Reminder: New meeting day is the second Monday of every month.

The next scheduled meeting will be on Monday, January 13, 2024 at 9 a.m. **Virtual-only.** The December 9, 2024, meeting adjourned at 9:22 a.m.