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Executive Council Conference Call Minutes

Thursday, January 16, 2020
3:00 p.m. MST/2:00 p.m. PST

Executive Council

Glen Bailey, District 1
Doug Zenner, District 2
Tom Dale, District 3
Elt Hasbrouck, District 4
Bob Kunau, District 5
Ken Estep, District 6
Bill Leake, District 7

District Directors

Lora Whalen
Carol Moehrl
Nikki Zogg
Russ Duke
Melody Boyer
Maggie Mann
Geri Rackow

Guest: Kelli Brassfield, IAC

1. Call To Order & Roll Call..... Ken Estep
The meeting was called to order by Ken Estep at 3 p.m. MST.
2. Additional Agenda Items..... Ken Estep
No additional agenda items were named.
3. Approval of September 25, 2019 Meeting Minutes..... Ken Estep
Motion by Bill Leake, 2nd by Elt Hasbrouck to approve the 9/25/19 meeting minutes. No discussion; motion passed all in favor.
4. Legislative Update.....Kelli Brassfield
Kelli stated that it has been a slow start for health and welfare-related items. She identified a couple of bills that have surfaced thus far:
 - HB315; related to Controlled Substances, updates to reflect federal changes.
 - HB316, Pharmacy Act, clean up to forfeiture/discipline section.
 - HB323, IDHW appropriations bill designating funds for domestic violence and disabilities councils.

Kelli stated that Rules have been a major focus to date; in particular, the Vital Stats rule re: gender changes is receiving a lot of attention. Kelli stated that to date, 60-70,000 people have enrolled in Medicaid due to expansion. At this time there are no concrete proposals for funding Medicaid Expansion; many uncertainties exist at this point (Rep. Raybould is

currently revising one RS). IAC is recommending the State pick up the 2nd six months of the first year of Expansion in order to better assess the impact to counties. The Governor proposed \$8 million from counties out of revenue sharing. Kelli stated that property tax relief is also an issue.

Tom Dale asked about Home Visitation programs and potential cuts or even elimination. Kelli stated the Governor wanted to increase funding, but the Idaho Freedom Foundation has come out strongly opposed to the program.

Elt asked Kelli about having counties freeze their levies; Kelli confirmed that part of the property tax relief discussion involves a possibility that all taxes could be frozen for one year while a committee determines how to move forward with property tax relief. Kelli stated that if commissioners have ideas about how to handle property tax relief, to please share them. Tom stated he heard what was being proposed was more of a Budget freeze, rather than levy freeze. Kelli confirmed that was correct.

Kelli has not heard anything about proposed changes to septic rules.

- 5. Legislative Session Conference Call Schedule..... Ken Estep
Tom suggested once a month at a minimum, and then as needed if issues come up and need to be addressed. Doug Zenner suggested asking Kelli what worked for her and matching her availability. Kelli stated that IAC’s Legislative Committee meetings are on Wednesdays, so Wednesday afternoons would work well for her; 4 p.m. MST/3 p.m. PST would work for Kelli. The group agreed to that time.
- 6. Director Pay.....Bill Leake
Bill provided an overview of Director salaries he has compiled. Doug stated that he cannot find the statute reference that Division of Human Resources Director Susan Buxton made in September that specifies Directors are state employees. Bill and Maggie Mann also could not find the reference. Bill suggested reviewing the information he has compiled more in detail at the upcoming February 5 meeting, and then making a decision about how to proceed. Doug stated that he thinks Bill is on the right track, but he would like to know what code Susan Buxton was quoting. Bill stated that he thinks we need to have it put in writing by perhaps the Governor’s Chief of Staff that the Director salaries are set by the local Boards of Health. One way or another, we need to get clarification. Elt stated that Rep. Blanksma was going to talk with Susan Buxton and Division of Financial Management Director Alex Adams to find an answer. An invitation will be sent to Mr. Hauge, the Governor’s Chief of Staff, for the February meeting. Information will be shared with Mr. Hauge prior to meeting about topics for discussion, so he is able to prepare for the meeting in advance.

7. NALBOH/SALBOH Travel Doug Zenner
 Doug stated the SALBOH rep had travel costs related to the NALBOH 2019 Annual Conference which was not budgeted in the IAB budget. Carol Moehrle stated that no travel allowance was in the budget but typically the SALBOH rep has attended the NALBOH annual conference and that has been paid for. She stated that the IAB account was able to cover the expense, so the expenses were reimbursed, but that the committee needed to consider and possibly ratify the decision to cover those expenses. Ken stated the frequency of SALBOH travel is probably an item for the business meeting in June. Elt echoed that position, and Carol agreed. Carol confirmed that the expenses for the 2019 NALBOH Annual Conference were reimbursed out of the IAB account; if the Executive Council agrees, they need to ratify the decision.

MOTION by Glen Bailey, 2nd by Bill Leake, to authorize the reimbursement of travel expenses for the 2019 NALBOH Annual Conference for the SALBOH rep. DISCUSSION: Elt stated he is ok with this instance but in the future, this type of expense needs to be approved by the entire body at IAB; Ken stated that from the discussion, everyone is in agreement on that. **Motion passed, all in favor.**

8. DHR Training Requirements..... Ken Estep
 The group discussed a new training requirement for Division of Human Resources Respectful Workplace Training. Lora Whalen stated that the streaming option does count for “face to face” requirement.

9. Schedule Next Meeting..... Ken Estep

- 1/29/2020 (Wednesday) conference call @ 4 p.m. MST/3 p.m. PST.
- 2/5/2020 (Wednesday) in person meeting @ 330 p.m. @ IAC (Teleconference needed for Glen) in the Riverside Board Room.

Motion to adjourn by Doug Zenner, 2nd by Glen Bailey; motion passed all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m. MST.