

MINUTES  
**HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Friday, January 16, 2015

**TIME:** 9:00 A.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW20

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Wood, Vice Chairman Packer, Representatives Hixon, Perry, Romrell, Vander Woude, Beyeler, Redman, Troy, Rusche, Chew

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Representative Rusche

**GUESTS:** Dienwke A. Disney-Spence, Elke Shaw-Tulloch, Wayne Denny, and Kathryn Turner, IDHW Div. of Public Health; Stacy Satterlee, ACS CAN; Christine Hahn, James Aydelotte, and Bruce Cheesman, IDHW; Lyn Darrington, Gallatin Public Affairs; Elizabeth Criner, Veritas Advisor; Frank Powell, IDHW Rules Unit.

**Chairman Wood** called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**MOTION:** **Vice Chairman Packer** made a motion to approve the minutes for January 13, 2015. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 16-0102-1401:** **Bruce Cheesman**, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Section Manager, Bureau of EMS and Preparedness, presented **Docket No. 16-0102-1401**, which brings Rules into agreement with Idaho Code by changing the definition of EMS and strengthening the ability to protect Idaho citizen health and safety.

For the record, no one indicated their desire to testify.

**MOTION:** **Vice Chairman Packer** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0101-1401**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 16-0107-1501:** **Bruce Cheesman**, EMS Section Manager, Bureau of EMS and Preparedness, presented **Docket No. 16-0107-1501**, for EMS provider license renewal continuing education requirements. Changes modify final renewal dates, add early renewal credit to the next licensure cycle, clarify verification documentation, provide a new model with expanded categories to increase flexibility, add two venues, and reduce the number of required venues. The changes need to be in place prior to March 2015 for the next renewal cycle. Funding is dedicated, with no fiscal impact.

For the record, no one indicated their desire to testify.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Hixon** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0107-1501**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 16-0210-1401:** **Dr. Kathryn Turner**, Chief, Bureau of Communicable Disease Prevention, Division of Public Health, presented **Docket No. 16-0210-1401**, which provides language clarification, consistency, and clarification about activities undertaken as part of public health investigations. It adds Echinococcosis to the list of diseases that must be reported to public health agencies and changes some disease-specific control activities, such as a reduction in the reportable children's blood lead level. Additional specific changes clarify necrotizing fasciitis inclusion in the reportable streptococcal disease infections. Entamoeba histolytica is reportable under the condition amebiasis. Work exclusions are simplified during a Norovirus infections.

Responding to questions, **Dr. Turner** said the Rule change provides consistency with Idaho Food Code. National blood lead levels in children have been dropped to five micrograms per deciliter of whole blood. The changes reflect that drop and will allow access for earlier intervention. Idaho is facing an increase in pertussis cases, so some day care and school restrictions are added for illness control. Panhandle tests have indicated an average level of 2.5 micrograms per deciliter of whole blood. An increase of eight to ten cases in that area is a possibility. When a case is reported they work with parents to assure exposures are accounted for and prevented in the future.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Hixon** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0210-1401**.

For the record, no one indicated their desire to testify.

**VOTE ON MOTION:** **Chairman Wood** called for a vote on the motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0210-1401**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 16-0208-1401:** **James Aydelotte**, State Registrar, Chief, Bureau of Vital Statistics, DHW Public Health, presented **Docket No. 16-0208-1401**, a Fee increase Rule requested to cover expenses of recording and providing certified copies of births, deaths, marriages, divorces, adoptions, and stillbirths. Aggregated data is used in a variety of trend and health risk studies.

Historically, the Bureau meets operational expenses through service fees and some federal funding. The last fee increase was in 2002. Since 2008 they have experienced an overall decrease in revenue receipts and an increase in operating expenses. They have responded by cutting personnel, expenses, and finding help from other sources within the Department. The need to perform in a self-sustained manner has prompted this request for fee increases.

The increases are: vital record certified copy or search fee from \$13 to \$16 per copy; verification fees from \$9 to \$10; and legal action from \$13 to \$20. Other fee changes include a new fee for automated verifications.

Answering questions, **Mr. Aydelotte** said birth or death certificates are paper, with no immediate plans for electronic certification. A transfer of funds from Trustee and Benefits maintains the current operations. The fee increases would eliminate transfers and meet their future expense needs. This would also improve their electronic data system for secure and better record keeping. The National Certification Standard is a paper copy. Concerns about digital certification involve security and confidentiality.

Responding to additional questions, **Mr. Aydelotte** said the fee increase, designed as a long-term solution, will meet their shortfall with temporary excess revenue. Of the current \$345,000 operating expense, \$235,000 is derived from revenue and grants, with a \$110,000 shortfall, which has been an issue for several years. Other Departments have been able to help, but the lack of funds has led to cuts in staff, travel, and training. Additional revenue received would be used toward the shortfall and technology.

For the record, no one indicated their desire to testify.

**MOTION:** **Vice Chairman Packer** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0208-1401**. **Motion failed by voice vote. Reps. Hixon, Perry, Romrell, Troy, and Vander Woude** requested they be recorded as voting **Nay**.

**Chairman Wood** put the committee at ease at 9:42 a.m.

**Chairman Wood** called the meeting back to order at 9:48 a.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Perry** made a motion to **HOLD Docket No. 16-0208-1401** for time certain, January 29th, 2015.

**Jared Tatro**, Budget and Policy Analyst, Legislative Services Office, said more information is needed, including shortfall data. He expressed appreciation that the Rule is being heard again and will work with the Department to get additional information to the Committee before January 29th.

**VOTE ON  
MOTION:**

**Chairman Wood** called for a vote on the motion to **HOLD Docket No. 16-0208-1401** for time certain, January 29th, 2015. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO.  
16-0501-1401:**

**James Aydelotte**, State Registrar and Chief, Bureau of Vital Statistics, DHW Public Health, presented **Docket No. 16-0501-1401**. The Bureau provides accuracy verification of data already known by a government agency. This Rule allows them to conduct "Fact of Death" verifications through comparison of state agency administrative data to their data. It is written to limit verifications only to state agencies and entities, such as insurance companies, seeking to determine or protect a person's property right.

Answering questions, **Mr. Aydelotte** said the Social Security Administration limits the information they provide for such verifications.

For the record, no one indicated their desire to testify.

**MOTION:**

**Rep. Perry** made a motion to accept **Docket No. 16-0501-1401**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

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Representative Wood  
Chair

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Irene Moore  
Secretary