

MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, January 27, 2026

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW20

MEMBERS: Chairman Vander Woude, Vice Chairman Erickson, Representatives Healey, Redman, Wheeler, Beiswenger, Burgoyne, Cayler, Fuhriman, Leavitt, McCann, Thompson, Hall (Stone), Tanner(13), Rubel, Egbert

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Wheeler, McCann

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Vander Woude called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Erickson**.

DOCKET NO. 16-0210-2501: **Jared Larsen**, Chief of Staff, Department of Health and Welfare (DHW), presented **Docket No. 16-0210-2501**, a Zero Based Regulation (ZBR) chapter rewrite for reportable diseases. Changes include removal of information governed by HIPAA, federal law, or state law. No diseases are removed. Hemorrhagic fever and lead poisoning were added.

Answering a question, **Dr. Christine Hahn**, State Epidemiologist, DHW, said the table for diseases was redesigned to remove repetitive reporting language for ease of understanding.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0210-2501**.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Leavitt** made a motion to **HOLD Docket No. 16-0210-2501** for time certain, February 3, 2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Being in doubt regarding the voice vote, **Vice Chairman Erickson** requested a roll call vote. **Substitute motion carried by a vote of 9 AYE, 5 NAY, and 2 Absent/Excused. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Vander Woude, Healey, Redman, Beiswenger, Burgoyne, Cayler, Leavitt, Thompson, Tanner(13). Voting in opposition to the motion: Reps. Erickson, Fuhriman, Stone, Rubel, Egbert. Reps. Wheeler and McCann were absent/excused.**

DOCKET NO. 16-0227-2501: **Jared Larsen**, Chief of Staff, DHW, presented **Docket No. 16-0227-2501**, which is a ZBR reduction of rules. New language addresses out-of-state licenses. No fees are impacted by the changes.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0227-2501. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 16-0501-2501: **Jared Larsen**, Chief of Staff, DHW, presented **Docket No. 16-0501-2501** for use and disclosure of department records. This rule repeated authorities existing in the Idaho Public Records Act, HIPAA, or other government laws. This makes a precise statement of the DHW records release authority.

MOTION: **Rep. Beiswenger** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0501-2501. Motion carried by voice vote.**

Vice Chairman Erickson turned the gavel over to **Chairman Vander Woude**.

Pat Kelly, Executive Director, Your Health Idaho (YHI), presented a recap of their 2025 activities, 2026 enrollment, and plans for the coming year. YHI serves a diverse demographic, provides trusted solutions for health and dental insurance, has a 76 net promoter score for 2025, carries no debt, and maintains a six-month operating expenses cash reserve. There are over 1,000 statewide agents and brokers. As of 2025 YHI's revenue is now based on per member-per-month.

With the expiration of enhanced benefits, many enrollees selected or shifted to lesser plans or tiers. The original tax credit remains for 2026.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

Representative Erickson
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary