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STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
123 Robert S. Kerr
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102

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I. Call to Order

Dr. Grellner called the meeting to order on Friday, February 10 at 11:25 a.m.

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II. Roll Call and Confirmation of a Quorum

Board members present: Dr. Randy Grellner, Dr. Jeffrey Lim, Mr. Mark McCroskey, Mr. Ronald Osterhout, Dr. Kinion Whittington

Board members absent: Dr. Jenny Alexopoulos, Dr. Murali Krishna, Dr. Bruce Storms, Dr. Travis Wolff

Central staff present: Keith Reed, Commissioner of Health; Jackie Shawnee, Chief of Staff; John Clark, Rulemaking Coordinator; Buffy Heater, Chief Strategy & Business Performance Officer; Dr. Gitanjali Pai, Chief Medical Officer; Andy Halko, Chief Medical Officer; and Baylee Williams who served as recording secretary.

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III. Review, Discussion and Approval of Minutes for the November 18, 2022, Regular Meeting

Mr. Osterhout moved board approval of the November 18 minutes as presented. Second Mr. McCroskey. Motion carried.

Aye: Dr. Grellner, Mr. McCroskey, Mr. Osterhout, Dr. Whittington

Absent: Dr. Alexopoulos, Dr. Krishna, Dr. Storms, Dr. Wolff

Abstain: Dr. Lim

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IV. Commissioner's Report – Keith Reed, *Commissioner*

Commissioner Reed provided the Board with an update on the Agency's calibration process that had recently taken place. Calibration is an agency-wide staff review process that is a part of the Transformation process. Commissioner Reed also provided an update on the \$2.5 million that was added to the Agency's budget last year that was provided for increased staff compensation for three areas within the agency: Nurses, Public Health Specialists, and Epidemiologists. This is aimed to help with workforce recruitment and retention. The 2022 American Health Rankings were released and Commissioner Reed discussed those findings. Commissioner Reed provided that May 11th is the anticipated end for the Public Health Emergency.

V. OSDH Budget Discussion – Keith Reed, *Commissioner*

Commissioner Reed informed the Board that the Agency recently attended the State Senate and House Appropriations Committee hearings to present budget requests. The Agency's state appropriations was \$61 million last year and the agency has requested the same with an additional \$13 million for three additional requests: Public health lab debt service, pregnancy resource navigators, and Information Technology upgrades.

VI. Update on Public Health Lab – Keith Reed, *Commissioner*

1 Commissioner Reed updated the Board that in the past, OSDH had engaged in a management
2 contract with Prairie One Solutions for them to provide the management within the Public Health
3 Lab. This contract gave OSDH the time to build capacity back up, and OSDH was able to take
4 responsibility back over the management positions for the PHL on February 1. Work is being
5 made to bring the PHL back to the pre-move capacity.
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7 **VII. Legislative Update** – Jackie Shawnee, *Chief of Staff*

8 Ms. Shawnee informed the Board that the Legislative session began the week prior. The Agency
9 is currently tracking 956 House bills and 297 Senate bills that either directly or indirectly impact
10 the Agency and Public Health. The Agency has 11 request bills: SB 538, Choosing Childbirth
11 distribution changes; HB 2788, Bunk Bed rule revocation; HB 2787, Stem Cell reporting
12 revocation; SB 535, Community Health worker Certification; HB 2221, Defining Barracks for
13 Jails; SB 536, EMS language cleanup; SB 292, increased syphilis testing for pregnant women;
14 SB 230, Catastrophic Health Emergency Planning Act task force revocation; SB 225, Diabetes
15 Reporting Revocation; SB 571, Long-Term Care Facilities Advisory Board restructure; and HB
16 2179, removing psychiatric facilities from the Certificate of Need process.

17 **VIII. New Business**

18 Discussion regarding quality of varying sources of information pertaining to the safety and
19 efficacy of Covid-19 vaccinations, specifically as it pertains to children. Continued discussion
20 regarding OSDH's approach of encouraging individuals and families to discuss all risks and
21 benefits of receiving covid-19 vaccines with their healthcare providers.
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23 **IX. Adjournment**

24 Dr. Whittington moved board approval to adjourn. Mr. Osterhout provided a second. Motion
25 carried.
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27 Aye: Dr. Grellner, Dr. Lim, Mr. McCroskey, Mr. Osterhout, Dr. Whittington

28 Absent: Dr. Alexopoulos, Dr. Krishna, Dr. Storms, Dr. Wolff
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30 The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.