

**BOARD OF HEALTH POLICY COMMITTEE**

Meeting Minutes

May 23, 2019

PRESENT		STAFF PRESENT	ABSENT	GUESTS	RECORDER
Kate Burke, Chair	Andrea Frostad	Ray Byrne Bob Lutz	Kevin Freeman Josh Kerns	Michelle Fossum	Ann Pitsnogle

TOPIC	INFORMATION	ACTION
Minutes	Consideration of the March 21, 2019 meeting minutes were deferred to the next meeting due to lack of quorum.	
Priority Focus Areas	Prior to the committee meeting, Dr. Lutz and Councilmember Burke met to review the SRHD Strategic Plan and related agency strategic plan work. From the meeting, Councilmember Burke developed a list of priority focus areas; thereafter, Dr. Lutz added additional focus areas. These priority areas would be sent to the BOH Education Committee who will develop education for the BOH. Through education and discussions with the BOH, the Policy Committee can identify potential policy. Dr. Lutz will ask Councilmember Stratton about the BOH Education and Policy committees combining and SRHD staff about creating a timeline for presentations to compliment the agency's strategic plan timeline.	The priority areas will be considered at the July meeting. Board member Frostad will provide the update.
Lobby Laws applicable to SRHD	Michelle Fossum presented the current laws on lobbying. A governmental agency cannot use its facilities directly or indirectly to assist in campaigns or oppose/promote ballots except for action taken in an open public meeting by members of an elected legislative body or board. SRHD is not a completely elected board and therefore does not qualify for the exception. The other exemption is for normal, regular business for legislative body or board. SRHD doesn't qualify for this exemption as well. Therefore, SRHD utilizes WSALPHO for legislative assistance. Of the boards that qualify for the exemption, those boards must take a collective position through a process of an advertised public hearing that presents both pro and con. It was recommended to seek a change to the law asking for boards with non-elected members who don't hold a majority to be allowed to lobby. The committee recommended continuing the discussion at the next committee meeting.	The committee recommended Michelle provide a presentation on lobbying (education, advocacy and lobbying) to the BOH closer to the legislative session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

*Kate Burke*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*10/16/2019*