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

6 **I. Call to Order**

7 Vice Chairman Krishna called the meeting to order on Friday, August 12th at 10:11 a.m.

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9 **II. Roll Call and Confirmation of a Quorum**

10 Board members present: Dr. Robert Grellner, Dr. Murali Krishna, Dr. Jeffrey Lim, Mr. Ronald
11 Osterhout, Dr. Bruce Storms, Dr. Kinion Whittington

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13 Board members absent: Dr. Jenny Alexopoulos, Mr. Mark McCroskey, Dr. Travis Wolff

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15 Central staff present: Keith Reed, Commissioner of Health; John Clark, Rulemaking
16 Coordinator; Jackie Shawnee, Chief of Staff; Buffy Heater, Chief Strategy & Business
17 Performance Officer; Dr. Gitanjali Pai, Chief Medical Officer; Danielle Durkee; Deputy Chief
18 Financial Officer; Jan Fox, Deputy Commissioner of Health Preparedness; Jolianne Stone, State
19 Epidemiologist; Brandy Combs, District 5 Regional Director; and Baylee Williams who served
20 as recording secretary.

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22 **III. Review, Discussion and Approval of Minutes for the February 11, 2022, Regular Meeting**

23 Dr. Grellner moved board approval of the February 11 minutes as presented. Second Mr.
24 Osterhout. Motion carried.

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26 Aye: Grellner, Lim, Osterhout, Storms, Whittington

27 Absent: Alexopoulos, McCroskey, Wolff

28 Abstain: Krishna

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30 **IV. Election of Officers – Dr. Murali Krishna, *Vice Chair***

31 Dr. Storms nominated Dr. Krishna for Chair; Second Mr. Osterhout. There were no other
32 nominations. Motion carried.

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34 Aye: Grellner, Krishna, Lim, Osterhout, Storms, Whittington

35 Absent: Alexopoulos, McCroskey, Wolff

36 Abstain:

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38 Mr. Osterhout nominated Dr. Bruce Storms for Vice Chair; Second Dr. Krishna. There were no
39 other nominations. Motion carried.

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41 Aye: Grellner, Krishna, Lim, Osterhout, Storms, Whittington

42 Absent: Alexopoulos, McCroskey, Wolff

43 Abstain:

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45 Dr. Whittington nominated Dr. Grellner for Secretary; Second Mr. Osterhout. There were no
46 other nominations. Motion carried.

1 Aye: Krishna, Lim, Osterhout, Storms, Whittington
2 Absent: Alexopulos, McCroskey, Wolff
3 Abstain: Grellner
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5 **V. Commissioner's Report** – Keith Reed, *Commissioner*

6 Commissioner Reed covered Oklahoma's current status in regards to COVID-19. He noted the
7 methodology in which OSDH collects their data as well as presented various data points
8 containing updated numbers related to the pandemic. OSDH has also been monitoring and
9 conducting variant testing. OSDH is prepared to increase response in the event of a surge.
10 Commissioner Reed informed the Board that OSDH has been working to obtain funding to
11 support the implementation of an electronic health record and have submitted an ARPA request
12 for these funds. Commissioner Reed noted upcoming rule changes.
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14 **VI. Financial Report** – Andy Halko, *Chief Financial Officer*

15 In Mr. Halko's absence, Danielle Durkee, Deputy CFO presented the financial report. She
16 covered that OSDH will be going live with a new payroll software, Workday, within the
17 upcoming week. The financial services division has been working hard to make several positive
18 changes within their department by making investments in staff, processes and technology. Ms.
19 Durkee provided an update on the budgeting processes and current financial situation within the
20 agency.
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22 **VII. Grant Discussion** – Buffy Heater, *Chief Strategy & Business Performance Officer*

23 Ms. Heater informed the Board that the Grants Management office was created as a result of the
24 agency's transformation efforts. The objectives of this initiative are to train the agency on the
25 proper path to follow in order to optimize not only the grant process internally, but to increase
26 efficacy of applying for grants. The Grant Management team will also be aware of potential
27 grant opportunities to ensure that the agency is given opportunity to submit applications and
28 maximize outcomes. Ms. Heater outlined several successes as a result of this initiative to date as
29 well as provided details around an ongoing grant application.
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31 **VIII. Community Health Update** – Brandy Combs, *Regional Director, District 5*

32 Ms. Combs provided an update on a new initiative with Community Health Workers. The
33 overall intent for Community Health Workers is to improve individual and community health
34 outcomes as well as reduce healthcare spending. There are now Community Health Workers
35 encompassing the majority of the state. These workers provide create a rapport with the clients
36 to assist them by creating an action plan around a wide variety of needs and connecting them
37 with necessary resources. All clients receive a 3 month follow up. OSDH is tracking measures
38 obtained through this process to assist with working with external partners in identifying areas
39 in need of improvement as well as successes. Ms. Combs provided information on successes
40 seen since this program was set up.
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42 **IX. Monkeypox Update** – Jan Fox, *Deputy, Health & Preparedness*

43 Jolianne Stone, State Epidemiologist, provided the update on behalf of Ms. Fox. Monkeypox is
44 transmitted via direct contact with an infected person and has a 21-day incubation period. There
45 are currently two vaccines available under an emergency use authorization (EUA) as well as one
46 treatment available. Ms. Stone provided an update regarding both worldwide cases and the

1 current case count in the state. Oklahoma currently has 12 confirmed cases. Oklahoma is taking
2 a proactive approach in regards to the situation and gathered a team of experts prior to the first
3 case in the state to ensure preparedness. Ms. Stone provided details regarding this approach.
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5 **X. New Business**

6 No new business.
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8 **XI. Adjournment**
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10 Mr. Osterhout moved board approval to adjourn. Krishna provided a second. Motion carried.
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12 Aye: Grim, Alexopoulos, Lim, Osterhout, Storms, Whittington, Wolff, Grellner

13 Absent: Alexopoulos, McCroskey, Wolff
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15 The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.