STATE BOARD OF HEALTH 1 2 OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH 3 123 Robert S. Kerr 4 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102 5 6

I. Call to Order

Chairman Storms called the meeting to order on Friday, February 9 at 10:04 a.m.

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Roll Call and Confirmation of a Quorum

Board members present: Dr. Grellner, Dr. Krishna, Mr. McCroskey, Mr. Osterhout, Dr. Storms, Dr. Sudduth, Dr. Wolff, Dr. Whittington

Board members absent: Dr. Lim

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15 16 Central staff present: Keith Reed, Commissioner of Health; Jackie Shawnee, Chief of Staff; Buffy Heater, Chief Strategy Officer; Dr. Gitanjali Pai, Chief Medical Officer; Roy Walker, Director of Enterprise Systems; Jan Fox, Deputy Commissioner of Health Preparedness and Baylee Williams, Legislative Liaison who served as recording secretary.

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III. Review, Discussion and Approval of Minutes for the November 3, 2023, Regular Meeting

Mr. McCroskey moved board approval of the November 3, 2023 minutes as presented. Second Mr. Osterhout. Motion carried.

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Aye: Mr. McCroskey, Mr. Osterhout, Dr. Storms, Dr. Sudduth, Dr. Whittington, Dr. Wolff

Absent: Dr. Krishna, Dr. Lim

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Abstain: Dr. Grellner

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IV. Commissioner's Report – Keith Reed, State Commissioner of Health

Commissioner Reed began with a Title X update. The Attorney General's office is continuing to assist and have filed an injunction to return the funds to the State as the process is ongoing, but nothing has been heard back yet. OSDH still has legislative funding available to utilize in the time being, so the program itself continues. Transformation around supply chain management to get rid of the silos is ongoing. It is currently the top Transformation issue and Commissioner Reed will provide efficiencies on this later on. The Agency is making its formal budget request to the Legislature and Governor, this will be a flat budget request (65% Federal funding, significant amount are revolving funds) over the next year the agency will experience reconciliation of Federal funds as pandemic era grants conclude. FTEs will also go back to pre-pandemic levels.

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The Agency is in the midst of a remerging partnership with the Hospital Association. They have a new director and have reached out wanting to partner and leverage connections with the hospital network. Maternal and Child health is a particular interest for them. The OSDH Communications team recently received a number of awards, including: an ADDY, PR crisis, MPOX, Public awareness campaign, and District 7 mobile wellness merit awards, as well as an honorable mention in website redesign. The Commissioner provided an update on the latest Americas Health rankings: Oklahoma was ranked 47th. Social and economic factors were weighted the heaviest. These rankings showed a multitude of areas of opportunity for the Agency to make improvements

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V. Legislative Update – Baylee Williams, Legislative Liaison

Ms. Williams began by providing the Board an update on the ongoing special session. The third special session is still ongoing to address tax cuts, but there is a lot still unknown on what that will look like in upcoming weeks. Legislative Session began Monday of this week. She provided an update on the new Senate Budget process and their focus on transparency with their new process. The Agency has submitted their budget request, which is a flat budget. The Agency is currently tracking 1,932 bills that will directly or indirectly impact the Agency. 735 of those are new bills and the rest are carryover from last session. Agency staff are currently reviewing these bills for their respective areas to provide feedback and education that can be brought to legislators.

Last session, the Agency had 13 request bills. Of those, there are 4 still pending: SB 538, HB 2787, SB 536 and HB1960. The Agency is taking a different approach this session and has only requested one bill in order to focus more heavily on collaboration with Legislators on bills that impact the Agency and public health. The Agency request bill this session is HB 4035. Representative Tammy Townley will be the primary Author and the Senate Author is still to be determined. HB 4035 will reform and modernize the public pool statutes.

VI. State Health Improvement Plan Update, Buffy Heater, Chief Strategy Officer

Buffy began by informing the Board that in 2022, staff/residents/stakeholders and partners began with state health assessment activities. They began with determining what those focus areas should be. The areas determined were: cardiovascular disease, diabetes, mental health, obesity and substance use/abuse. These areas are not exclusionary and were the areas identified as being highest concern, however, there are a variety of additional areas. Since published last fall, OSDH has pulled together multiple workgroups to meet once a month in a variety of areas of priority focus. Buffy has extended an invitation to the Board members to participate in a workgroup.

VII. Subcommittee Reports - Dr. Bruce Storms, Vice Chair

Dr. Storms provided an update on the second OB/Maternity desert meeting. The discussion primarily focused around access to care. Not having adequate access to pre-natal care has increased neo-natal admissions. The subcommittee would like to figure out why that is. OSDH is preparing data for the next meeting around length of stays for admissions. The average neonatal stay costs the patient \$35,000. They discussed health clinics that offer prenatal care. They do not have enough data on that yet. Additionally, transportation is a major issue for many expecting mothers. The subcommittee also had discussed how best to educate these expecting mothers about services that are currently available for them, as well as determining which of the drivers contributing to the issue are modifiable, and identifying those determinations will be of further discussion at the following meeting.

Dr. Wolff provided the update for the LTC Subcommittee. He updated that at their prior meeting, the subcommittee discussed access to care as a priority. They are looking at levels of care before admitted. There are a lot of licensed beds, but the issue appears to be related to staffing and COVID had made many of those inaccessible. A high number of people prefer Assisted Livings largely due to the aesthetics and then, in turn. have frustration when patient isn't receiving Long-Term Care level of need. They are having ongoing discussions around designing education for

the LTC facilities for families because there is a large information gap between families/patients
and facilities.
VIII. New Business
Commissioner Reed provided an update that Dr. Corey Finch was named last night as the new
Secretary of Health.
IX. Adjournment
Mr. Osterhout moved board approval to adjourn. Dr. Krishna provided a second. Motion carried.
Aye: Dr. Grellner, Dr. Krishna Mr. McCroskey, Mr. Osterhout, Dr. Storms, Dr. Sudduth, Dr.
Whittington, Dr. Wolff
Absent: Dr. Lim
The meeting adjourned at 11:39 a.m