

1 executive team to ensure the Agency is responding in a timely manner. This audit will be a good
2 baseline to compare to in subsequent years as the Agency continues moving forward with
3 transformation efforts. The Agency has hired a new Director of auditing who has a lot of very
4 strong auditing experience.
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7 **V. Legislative Update** – Baylee Williams, *Legislative Liaison*

8 Commissioner Reed presented on behalf of Ms. Williams. For 2024, the Agency tracked 1932
9 pieces of legislation, 101 are still alive or have made it through the process. 70 bills have made
10 to governor’s desk, with 64 being signed, 4 vetoed, and 2 going into law without signature. Sine
11 die is May 31st. The Agency had one request bill this session, HB 4035, which was modernizing
12 public pool statutes to allow for more flexibility around new materials and designs and was
13 signed by the Governor. There were bills leftover from last session, SB 538, making changes to
14 the Choosing childbirth statutes to allow for multiple vendors and for the Agency to direct fund
15 pregnancy centers, it is awaiting a final vote in the Senate and we anticipate it to get through and
16 be signed this session. SB 536 is EMS statute cleanup and is awaiting a final hearing in the
17 Senate. HB 1960 is a repealer bill for Certificate of need for psychiatric facilities, an identical
18 bill passed and was signed by the Governor. HB 4031, eliminating stem cell research reporting
19 was signed by the Governor. We are awaiting budget hearings to conclude.
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22 **VI. Emergency Preparedness Updates** – Mendy Spohn, *Deputy Commissioner of Community*
23 *Health & Juli Montgomery, Regional Director, District 9*

24 Ms. Spohn informed the Board that the County Health Department in Marietta was hit by a
25 tornado. The Agency is working in 9 communities responding to the needs around resources
26 from tornado response providing vaccines as well as community health worker support,
27 connecting to FEMA resources. Our District 3 team has been asked by the office of Emergency
28 Management to help with public response in Barnsdall. Public health professionals are
29 considered first responders.
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31 Ms. Montgomery provided eclipse updates. The solar eclipse reached totality in SE Oklahoma,
32 which brought in unexpectedly large numbers of people into the small communities. The
33 Agency provided a number of resources including: food safety, animal related concerns, health
34 and eye safety communication, emergency medical services, stakeholder collaboration and
35 response evaluation and improvement. The Agency has purchased a Starlink system to ensure
36 connectivity in emergency events.
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39 **VII. SANE Nurses** – Mendy Spohn, *Deputy Commissioner of Community Health*

40 Ms. Spohn began discussing the Rape Prevention and Education (RPE) Grant, that speaks
41 directly to primary prevention. The new iteration of this grant has been much more effective
42 than the past. They are connecting to the upstream concerns that are a primary prevention
43 catalyst. We are focusing on connecting this work to the State Health Improvement plan and our
44 different strategic planning pieces. There are a lack of resources statewide, both SANE nurses
45 and the testing equipment needed. There was only 1 SANE nurse in Comanche county. The
46 Team has changed exam/interview rooms from being messy, chaotic environments into calm,

1 comfortable rooms for the victims. There is no state SANE coordinator. The Agency is working
2 to get more CHD nurses SANE training. They are working to better define the issue,
3 collaborating with local communities, and working with OSDH legal team to figure out the
4 advocacy component.

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6 **VIII. New Business**

7 No new business

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9 **IX. Adjournment**

10 Dr. Storms moved board approval to adjourn. Mr. Osterhout provided a second. Motion carried.

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12 Aye: Dr. Lim, Mr. Osterhout, Dr. Storms, Dr. Sudduth, Dr. Whittington

13 Absent: Dr. Grellner, Dr. Krishna, Mr. McCroskey, Dr. Wolff

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15 The meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m
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