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North Central Public Health District Board of Health Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 13th, 2020
At 3:00 PM
To Be Held Electronically:
North Central Public Health
District.

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AGENDA -

1. **Minutes**
 - a. Approve from 9/8/20 Full Board of Health Meeting
 - b. Set Next Meeting Date (11/10/2020) (Full Board of Health Meeting)
2. **Additions to the Agenda**
3. **Public Comment**
4. **Unfinished Business**
 - a. COVID-19 Update
 - General update
 - Funding
 - Staff and program support
 - b. FY 2020-21 Budget Update
 - Revenue & timelines
 - c. EOMC Modernization Update
5. **New Business**
 - a. Discussion of NCPHD's Executive Committee vs. Full Board meetings
 - b. Discussion of NCPHD BOH member status and makeup.
 - c. Staff Updates
 - d. Approval of A/P Check Report
 - September 2020
 - e. Contracts Summary
 - f. Director's Report
 - October 2020

Note: This agenda is subject to last minute changes.

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**North Central Public Health District Full Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
September 8th, 2020**

In Attendance: Commissioner Joan Bird – Sherman County; Roger Whitley – Sherman County; Jayme Mason – Sherman County; Commissioner Kathy Schwartz – Wasco County; Celeste Hill-Thomas – Wasco County, Taylor Steen – Wasco County

Staff Present: Shellie Campbell – Interim Director NCPHD; Gloria Perry – Office Manager NCPHD; Kathi Hall – Fiscal Manager NCPHD; Dr. Mimi McDonell – Medical Officer NCPHD; Janelle Sandoz - NCPHD; Athena Blevins – NCPHD; Jeremy Hawkins – NCPHD; Maria Acevedo – NCPHD; Eric Grendel; Maria Peña – NCPHD; Laurie Jupe – Program Secretary NCPHD

Guests Present: None

Minutes taken by: Laurie Jupe

Public Meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m. by Commissioner Kathy Schwartz.

Executive Session was called to order.

Commissioner Kathy Schwartz called the Executive Session to order at 3:12 p.m.

- The Executive Session was held pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2) (a). The session would consider the employment of a public officer. No final decisions were made in executive session.

Executive Session was closed.

Commissioner Kathy Schwartz closed the Executive Session and returned to Regular Board Session at 4:11 p.m.

Public Meeting was called to order at 4:11 p.m. by Commissioner Kathy Schwartz.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN

MOTION by Commissioner Joan Bird, and seconded by Celeste Hill-Thomas, to accept the July 14th, 2020 Executive Committee meeting minutes as presented.

Vote: 6-0
Yes: Commissioner Joan Bird – Sherman County; Roger Whitley – Sherman County; Jayme Mason – Sherman County; Commissioner Kathy Schwartz – Wasco County; Celeste Hill-Thomas – Wasco County, Taylor Steen – Wasco County
No: 0
Abstain: 0
Motion: Carried

MOTION by Roger Whitley, and seconded by Jayme Mason, to accept the A/P Checks Issued reports for July 2020 as presented.

Vote: 6-0

Yes: Commissioner Joan Bird – Sherman County; Roger Whitley – Sherman County; Jayme Mason – Sherman County; Commissioner Kathy Schwartz – Wasco County; Celeste Hill-Thomas – Wasco County, Taylor Steen – Wasco County
No: 0
Abstain: 0
Motion: Carried

MOTION by Commissioner Joan Bird, and seconded by Celeste Hill-Thomas, to accept the A/P Checks Issued reports for August 2020 as presented.

Vote: 6-0
Yes: Commissioner Joan Bird – Sherman County; Roger Whitley – Sherman County; Jayme Mason – Sherman County; Commissioner Kathy Schwartz – Wasco County; Celeste Hill-Thomas – Wasco County, Taylor Steen – Wasco County
No: 0
Abstain: 0
Motion: Carried

MOTION by Celeste Hill-Thomas, and seconded by Roger Whitley, to accept the recommendations of the Board Interview Team as presented. The recommendation of the team is to have the Board of Health re-open the Director position, complete a new search, and ensure that the process incorporates increased staff and community partner input. The Board would like to have Shellie Campbell remain in the Interim Director position until the Director position is filled.

Vote: 6-0
Yes: Commissioner Joan Bird – Sherman County; Roger Whitley – Sherman County; Jayme Mason – Sherman County; Commissioner Kathy Schwartz – Wasco County; Celeste Hill-Thomas – Wasco County, Taylor Steen – Wasco County
No: 0
Abstain: 0
Motion: Carried

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

MINUTES & NEXT MEETING DATE

1. Approval of past meeting minutes.
 - 1 A motion was made to approve the July 14th, 2020 Executive Committee meeting minutes as presented.
2. Set next meeting date.
 - 1 The next scheduled Board of Health Executive Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, October 13th, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. This will be a meeting of the Executive Committee. The meeting location will be at North Central Public Health District office located at 419 E. 7th Street, The Dalles, OR.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

1. None

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. None.
2. NCPHD Staff: Several staff members attending the meeting brought their comments/concerns to the board in response to the recommendations made to the Board by the interview team.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. COVID-19 Update
 1. Jeremy Hawkins updated the board on the COVID-19 status.
 - a) Gilliam County has had four (4) cases.
 - b) Sherman County has had 18 positive cases.
 - c) Wasco County has had 223 positive cases
 - d) There has been an uptick in local cases. Some new cases stem from within the community social gatherings and workplace outbreaks.
 - e) NCPHD's COVID Team work continues: monitoring cases, testing, contact tracing, and ensuring the communities are safe.
 - f) Questions and feedback were requested.
 2. COVID-19 Funding update.
 - a) Kathi Hall updated the board on the latest information on the COVID-19 funding.
 - b) NCPHD continues to reserve rooms at the Shilo Inn for quarantine if needed. The contract expires on September 15th, 2020 but rooms can be reserved on an "at needed basis" moving forward.
 - c) Questions and feedback were requested.
 3. Staff and Program Support
 - a) Three new staff members have been added to the COVID Team for assistance with contact tracing and other duties.
 - b) New Home Visiting Nurse will be starting in September of 2020.
 - c) Dianne Kerr, longtime Immunization Nurse will be retiring at the end of September 2020.
 - d) Nancy Hamell, Home Visiting Nurse, retired at the end of August 2020.
 - e) Questions and feedback were requested.
2. FY 2019-2020 Budget Update
 1. Kathi Hall reviewed the Fiscal Budget 2019-2020 with the Board.
 2. The Fiscal Audit Team will be onsite at NCPHD during the week of October 5th, 2020.
 3. A final report will be available for the Boards review following the completion of the Audit.
 4. Questions and feedback were requested.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Executive Session
 1. The Board of Health Executive Committee met in Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2) (a) to consider the employment of a public officer.
 2. After discussion, no actions or final decisions were made in executive session.
 3. Upon returning to public meeting a motion was made, and carried, to accept the recommendations of the Interview team and re-open the Director position for a second round and to have Shellie Campbell remain as Interim Director until the position is filled.
2. Discussion of NCPHD's Executive Committee vs Full Board meetings.
 1. It was the unanimous consensus of the Board members present to hold the discussion on NCPHD's Executive Committee vs Full Board meetings until the next board meeting on October 13th, 2020.
3. Discussion of NCPHD BOH member status and makeup.
 1. It was the unanimous consensus of the Board members present to hold the discussion on NCPHD's BOH member status and makeup until the next board meeting on October 13th, 2020.
3. Approval of A/P Check Report (July and August 2020)
 1. A/P Check Reports were presented to the board. Questions and feedback were requested.
 2. Two motions were made, and carried, to approve the A/P Check Reports for July and August 2020 as presented.
4. Contracts Summary
 1. **Amendment** to Agreement for Professional Services between North Central Public Health District (NCPHD) and Judy Bankman. Will provide support to COVID-19 Unified Command as Documentation Unit Leader, Accreditation support, and other services as assigned.
Fiscal Impact: Not to exceed \$26,000.

2. **CGHC LOA COVID 2020** The Columbia Gorge Health Council (CGHC) has awarded funds to North Central Public Health District (NCPHD) for use in supporting the community’s reopening plans as directed by Governor Kath Brown.
Fiscal Impact: Initial \$100,000. A second payment of an equal amount will be available upon receipt of the required report from the first allocation.
3. **Agreement for Professional Services** between Immense Imagery and North Central Public Health District for the redesign of the NCPHD website.
Fiscal Impact: Not to exceed \$9,010.
4. **OHA 159826-13 FY21 Amendment #13.** Amended and Restated 2019-2021 Intergovernmental agreement for the Financing of Public Health Services.
Fiscal Impact: NCPHD should receive \$969,952.
5. **First Amendment to MOU** between NCPHD and the Shilo Inn in The Dalles, OR. This MOU extends the term of the MOU for an additional four weeks and the new expiration date of the MOU will be August 15, 2020.
Fiscal Impact: \$32,463 paid for with COVID funding.
6. **MOU** between Mid-Columbia Children’s Council, Inc. and North Central Public Health District (NCPHD) regarding Nutritional and Maternity Support Services. This MOU outlines the responsibilities and provision for shared services and shared communication, for mutual clients of the Mid-Columbia Children’s Council, Inc. and NCPHD.
Fiscal Impact: None
7. **Second Amendment to MOU** between NCPHD and the Shilo Inn in The Dalles OR. This MOU extends the term of the MOU to September 15, 2020. All other terms of the MOU apply.
Fiscal Impact: \$32,463 paid for with COVID funding.
8. **Service Agreement** between Mid-Columbia Children’s Council, Inc. and North Central Public Health District (NCPHD). This MOU outlines the responsibilities and provision for services of a Nurse Consultant for mutual clients.
Fiscal Impact: Approximately bring in to NCPHD \$1,645.
9. **First Contract Amendment** between North Central Public Health District (NCPHD) and Sarah Franklin for professional services.
Fiscal Impact: No direct dollar amount only cost in administrative time.

5. Directors Report

1. Shellie Campbell presented the Interim Directors report to the Board.
2. Questions and feedback were requested.

Being no further business to be conducted at this time, Commissioner Kathy Schwartz adjourned the Board of Health meeting at 4:57 p.m.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Covid Funding Amts

Funding Stream		Amount	Budget	Award Period
PE 01-04	OHA State	\$117,594	Personal Services & Admin	1/21/20 - 12/30/20
	201.23.7145.412.656			
SAIF Grant		18,082.21		3/2/20 - 7/2/20
	201.23.7145.412.710		PPE, sanitizing & cleaning mat.; office mod; cont. serv.	
CARES Relief Fund Round 1		87,602	PS - 3/1/20 - 5/15/20 Emp. Dedicated to COVID-19	
County Application		22,100	PPE	
		\$109,702		\$6,323 Sherman Co amt
201.23.7145.414.365 &				\$96,538 rcvd fr Wasco Co
CARES Relief Fund Round 2		\$93,661	PS 5/16/20 - 6/30/20	
County Application		\$20,152	MS - Medical Sup, & Isolation/quarantine expenses	
201.23.7145.414.365 &		\$113,813		\$4,945 Sherman Co amt
				\$100,155 Wasco Co
Col Gorge Health Council		\$200,000		
201.23.7145.412.705			These funds will be used for the state re-opening plan to include intensifying testing and contact tracing. (Incident Command Team; Contr. Serv.; Med. Sup.)	
PE 12 - 02	OHA COVID 19 Response (Fed)	\$119,757	(Incident Command Team)	3/21/20 - 3/15/21
201.23.7149.413.905				
Team to assist in development, evaluation and progress of community intervention implementation plan for Covid 19			Personnel; Travel; Equipment: Laptops, printer, travel vac. Fridge; Supplies - phones, med supplies; test kits; PPE; Cont. Serv. Admin	Contact tracers
Pacific Source CCO		\$25,000		No Award Period
201.23.7145.412.693				
Grant County Health Dept.		\$25,000	Staff ask 2 questions	No Award Period
Community Counseling Solutions				
PE 01-05 COVID-19 Local Active Monitorin		\$253,700	1) Base Amount	6/2020 - 12/30/2020
201.23.7145.412.906		\$204,249	2) Inv Fee for Service	March - July
		\$61,258	2) Inv Fee for Service	August
(for costs not included in CARES Ap.)		\$60,922	3) Isol. & quar. Costs (addtl)	July - August
PE 01-06 COVID-19 Regional Active Mon.		\$94,657	Regional Collaborative	6/2020 - 12/30/20
201.23.7145.412.907				
			Amounts by End Date	
Covid Funding Total		\$1,378,733	241,597	Reimb
			\$371,294	12/30/2020
Covid Expenditures 3/1/20 - 9/30/20			\$119,757	3/15/2021
YTD PS	\$584,546		\$646,085	No end date
YTD MS	\$143,972		\$1,378,733	
Total		\$728,519		
Balance		\$650,215		

Clinic Fee History (2)

3/23/10 ACA signed into law				Actual									
	Budget	ACT	%	Budget	2019	2020	%	2020	%	Budget	YTD	%	
	2019	2019	Rcvd	2020	Jul - Dec	Jan - Jun	decr.	Total	Rcvd	2021	Jul - Sept	Rcvd	
Clinic Prog. Funding													
7143 - IMM Clinic													
411	Fees, Don, Insurance	20,000.00	11,475.00	57%	18,000.00	11,576.00	9,949.00	14%	21,525.00	120%	22,000.00	3,260.01	15%
412	OHP	5,000.00	5,612.00	112%	5,000.00	1,544.00	1,837.00	-19%	3,381.00	68%	5,000.00	1,511.51	30%
REVENUE TOTAL		25,000.00	17,087.00	68%	23,000.00	13,120.00	11,786.00		24,906.00	108%	27,000.00	4,771.52	
7144 - Reprod. Health													
411	Fees, Don, Insurance	11,000.00	12,659.00	115%	18,000.00	8,880.00	7,327.00	17%	16,207.00	90%	15,500.00	3,059.54	20%
412	OHP	50,000.00	31,303.00	63%	50,000.00	29,073.00	17,613.00	39%	46,686.00	93%	54,000.00	7,674.40	14%
413	RH Fees	82,000.00	87,298.00	106%	90,000.00	54,045.00	35,503.00	34%	89,548.00	99%	106,000.00	15,333.49	14%
REVENUE TOTAL		143,000.00	131,260.00	92%	158,000.00	91,998.00	60,443.00		152,441.00	96%	160,000.00	23,007.89	
7145 - CD/STD													
411	Fees, Don, Insurance	3,500.00	3,773.00	108%	4,100.00	2,896.00	2,159.00	25%	5,055.00	123%	4,600.00	650.00	14%
412	OHP	5,000.00	3,894.00	78%	5,000.00	1,543.00	584.00	62%	2,127.00	43%	4,000.00	399.00	10%
REVENUE TOTAL		8,500.00	7,667.00	90%	9,100.00	4,439.00	2,743.00		7,182.00	79%	8,600.00	1,049.00	
TOTAL		176,500.00	156,014.00	88%	190,100.00	109,557.00	74,972.00	32%	184,529.00	97%	195,600.00	28,828.41	
EH Program Funding													
	On Site Program	55,000.00	51,020.00	93%	55,000.00	18,130.00	31,390.00		49,520.00	90%	55,000.00	11,400.00	21%
	Licensed Facilities	115,000.00	111,198.00	97%	122,000.00	73,879.00	40,459.00		114,338.00	94%	113,000.00	3,271.00	3%
REVENUE TOTAL		170,000.00	162,218.00	95%	177,000.00	92,009.00	71,849.00		163,858.00	93%	168,000.00	14,671.00	9%

Lic Fees due 1/1/2021

CURRENT BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBER TERMS.

UPDATED: SEPTEMBER 2020

NCPHD BOH Member Term Dates

Name	County	Date Current Term Expires
Commissioner Leslie Wetherell	Gilliam	Friday, December 31, 2021
Dani Sperry	Gilliam	Begins: 9/16/2020 ENDS: 12/31/2023
Tena Ferguson	Gilliam	Friday, December 31, 2021
Commissioner Joan Bird	Sherman	No Set Date: Assignments are Reviewed Yearly & will remain unless there is a need to change the assignment.
Roger J. Whitley	Sherman	Thursday, December 31, 2020
Jayme Alsup (Mason)	Sherman	No Set Date: Asked by Commissioner Bird in summer of 2019 to serve on BOH.
Commissioner Kathy Schwartz	Wasco	Saturday, December 31, 2022 (Comm. Expires @ same time)
Celeste Hill-Thomas	Wasco	Friday, December 31, 2021
Taylor Steen	Wasco	Friday, December 31, 2021

NCPHD
Accounts Payable Checks
Issued Spetember 2020

Check Date	Check Number	Vendor Name	Amount
Held in Que	747	IRS	\$1,913.27
Held in Que	748	P E R S	\$2,051.64
Held in Que	749	OREGON STATE, DEPT OF REVENUE	\$413.99
9/10/2020	750	IRS	\$13,643.50
9/10/2020	751	ASIFLEX	\$190.00
9/10/2020	752	P E R S	\$14,993.53
9/10/2020	753	OREGON STATE, DEPT OF REVENUE	\$3,607.18
9/3/2020	754	IRS	\$3.06
9/3/2020	755	P E R S	\$6.86
9/3/2020	756	OREGON STATE, DEPT OF REVENUE	\$0.08
9/25/2020	757	IRS	\$14,442.21
9/25/2020	758	ASIFLEX	\$190.00
Held in Que	759	P E R S	\$15,572.31
9/25/2020	760	OREGON STATE, DEPT OF REVENUE	\$3,796.58
9/1/2020	13799	CARDOSI, AVERY	\$336.00
9/3/2020	13800	BANKMAN, JUDY	\$712.50
9/3/2020	13801	CARDOSI, AVERY	\$161.00
9/3/2020	13802	CIS TRUST	\$24,582.15
9/3/2020	13803	OFFICE DEPOT	\$138.72
9/3/2020	13804	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	\$103.55
9/3/2020	13805	AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE ASSURANCE	\$188.00
9/10/2020	13806	AFFORDABLE CARE NW, DBA HELPING HANDS	\$275.00
9/10/2020	13807	H2OREGON BOTTLED WATER INC.	\$82.50
9/10/2020	13808	HENRY SCHEIN	\$352.36
9/10/2020	13809	OR STATE PUBLIC, HEALTH LABORATORY	\$147.50
9/10/2020	13810	OREGON STATE, DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUA	\$900.00
9/10/2020	13811	OREGON STATE, DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES	\$10,000.00
9/10/2020	13812	PASHEK, ROBIN	\$53.00
9/10/2020	13813	RICOH USA INC.	\$145.35
9/10/2020	13814	SATCOM GLOBAL INC.	\$61.66
9/10/2020	13815	SHERMAN CO HEALTH DIST DBA, SHERMAN CO MEDICAL CLINIC	\$1,000.00
9/10/2020	13816	SPARKLE CAR WASH, LLC	\$16.20
9/10/2020	13817	US BANK	\$4,086.59
9/17/2020	13818	CA STATE DISPURSEMENT UNIT	\$231.50
9/17/2020	13819	NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTION	\$1,265.00
9/24/2020	13820	MID-COLUMBIA MEDICAL CENTER	\$150.00
9/24/2020	13821	AHLERS & ASSOCIATES	\$860.00
9/24/2020	13822	ANDERSON, GRACE	\$298.55
9/24/2020	13823	CDW GOVERNMENT INC.	\$83.38
9/24/2020	13824	FRANKLIN, SARAH	\$7,725.00
9/24/2020	13825	HOOD RIVER COUNTY	\$50.00
9/24/2020	13826	IMMENSE IMAGERY	\$390.00
9/24/2020	13827	LAMENDOLA-GILLIAM, CALLIE	\$10.42
9/24/2020	13828	MCDONELL, MIRIAM	\$241.49
9/24/2020	13829	MID-COLUMBIA MEDICAL CENTER	\$575.00

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9/24/2020	13830	OFFICE DEPOT	\$546.71
9/24/2020	13831	OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY	\$80.75
9/24/2020	13832	PASHEK, ROBIN	\$196.00
9/24/2020	13833	PEÑA FLORES, JUAN	\$112.00
9/24/2020	13834	PEÑA, ALEJANDRA	\$112.00
9/24/2020	13835	SAIF CORPORATION	\$894.16
9/24/2020	13836	THE DALLES DISPOSAL	\$25.60
9/24/2020	13837	U.S. CELLULAR	\$825.53
9/24/2020	13838	WASCO COUNTY	\$124.02
9/30/2020	13839	ZIMMERMAN, NORA	\$35.88
9/30/2020	13840	CA STATE DISPURSEMENT UNIT	\$231.50
9/30/2020	13841	NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTION	\$1,265.00
TOTAL:			\$130,495.78

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NCPHD Board of Health authorizes check numbers 13799 - 13841 and payroll EFT numbers 747 - 760 totalling \$130,495.78.

Signature _____

Printed Name _____
 Commissioner Kathy Schwartz
 Chair, NCPHD Board of Health



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NCPHD Contracts Summary for Board of Health Meeting of October 13th, 2020

Submitted By: Shellie Campbell, Interim Director

- **AGREEMENT** for Professional Services between North Central Public Health District (NCPHD) and Glenda Clark. Glenda will provide project support around accounting and financial duties.
Fiscal Impact: Not to exceed \$9,000.
- **NCPHD_AmeriCorp VISTA_CAP_LOA_2020 Agreement** between NCPHD and Columbia Gorge Health Council for AmeriCorp VISTA Member.
Fiscal Impact: Initial payment of \$8,305 upon signing. Second payment of \$8,305 by September 1, 2020.
- **OHA 154663-3 THIRD AMENDMENT to Intergovernmental Agreement** for Environmental Health Services.
Fiscal Impact: Remittance to OHA \$9,959.
- **OHA 159826-10 FY20 exe COVID-19 Tenth Amendment 2019-2020 Intergovernmental Agreement** for COVID-19 PE 01-05 and PE 01-06.
Fiscal Impact: Increase of \$443,014.



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NCPHD Interim Directors Report for Board of Health Meeting of October 1st, 2020

Presented by Shellie Campbell, Interim Director

Well, September is now in our rearview mirror. It was a rough month. Between COVID-19, the wild fires, smoke and the outbreak at Flagstone Senior Living our NPCHD Team has been tested and pushed to limits not seen before. And, as always they stepped in and performed their work with focus, grace and compassion.

Updates for the month include;

Our Annex C staff is settling in to their work home. We now have 11 staff members that are using the majority of the space in “The Loft” and in Annex C to support the COVID Team, Home Visiting Team, PHEP, VISTA, Prevention and TPEP (Public Health Emergency Preparedness, Volunteer in Service to America, Tobacco Prevention and Education Program). We are grateful to Wasco County for supporting our use of the space. The Facility and Information Services staff continues to be responsive and gracious helping us move and set up our systems.

In Wasco County our focus in September was on the outbreak at Flagstone Senior Living. NPCHD staff worked very close with Flagstone to support the very difficult work they have been faced with due to COVID. Dr. McDonell was in constant contact with them, OHA and DHS to provide much needed guidance. Our hearts continue to ache with the losses the staff, families and community have suffered.

In Sherman County schools are in session in person and we commend the staff and community that worked so hard to make it happen. Our goal is for all schools to get back to in person learning. Our school blueprint team will continue to provide support and feedback as guidance from DOE and OHA emerges.

For Gilliam County we received funding from Community Counseling Solutions to provide a pilot program to enhance contact tracing investigations. The funds will allow us to support training for contact traces to ask two specific questions around an individual’s mental health during COVID (isolation or quarantine) and make a referral to CCS as needed and they will be connected to a counselor.

For our NCPHD staff we have implemented a new Staff Huddle on Wednesday afternoons to support our health, safety and overall well-being during this challenging time. We are focusing on communication, a safe place to share, team building and overall, some fun and laughs! We have brought in a few guest speakers and TED Talks. We are continuing to gather feedback from staff on what works best for them and make plans for future huddles.