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

I. Call to Order

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

II. Roll Call and Confirmation of a Quorum

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

Central staff present: Keith Reed, Commissioner of Health; Mendy Spohn, Deputy Commissioner of Community Health; Joshua Anderson, General Counsel who served as recording secretary; Juli Montgomery, Regional Director, District 9

III. Review, Discussion and Approval of Minutes for the February 9, 2024, Regular Meeting

Mr. Osterhout moved board approval of the February 9, 2024 minutes as presented. Second Dr. Whittington. Motion carried.

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

Abstain: Dr. Lim

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

Commissioner Reed began giving the board an update regarding SB 1709 moving the Office of Client Advocacy from DHS to OSDH. That bill is back in the Senate waiting for amendments to be accepted. If it passes and is signed by the Governor, OSDH plans to move this program under the Office of Accountability Systems, which is a direct report to the Commissioner. Commissioner Reed will be attending orientation for the CDC next week.

A single Audit recently came out from SAI which included the Agency, this is the annual audit that is conducted. The time period of this audit encompassed July 2021-June 2022. This was the time period in which Peoplesoft was implemented, as well as when the Commissioner started in his role and also when he hired Andy Halko as CFO in January 2022. The findings were not a surprise, and for the most part, corrective measures have already been implemented or initiated to address the concerns. One of the primary findings was regarding time coding. At the time of the Audit, the Agency had over 1.5 million possible coding possibilities. This was already being addressed and is now down to just 500 possibilities. Documentation of draws with the Federal government was another finding. One of those was vaccine inventory, it was captured but had been documented in the wrong timeframe. The other was related to an activity code, there were activities in excess of \$4 million as a part of expanded lab capacity grant that the Auditors believed had been coded to the wrong activity code. We are hopeful that in the next iteration of the Audit, the Agency will be better situated as the Agency has had positive changes in the financial division. The Agency was also found to have a slow response time to the Auditors, which is an internal controls issue. Moving forward, these requests will be managed through the

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transformation efforts. The Agency has hired a new Director of auditing who has a lot of very strong auditing experience.

V. Legislative Update – Baylee Williams, Legislative Liaison

Commissioner Reed presented on behalf of Ms. Williams. For 2024, the Agency tracked 1932 pieces of legislation, 101 are still alive or have made it through the process. 70 bills have made to governor's desk, with 64 being signed, 4 vetoed, and 2 going into law without signature. Sine die is May 31st. The Agency had one request bill this session, HB 4035, which was modernizing public pool statutes to allow for more flexibility around new materials and designs and was signed by the Governor. There were bills leftover from last session, SB 538, making changes to the Choosing childbirth statutes to allow for multiple vendors and for the Agency to direct fund pregnancy centers, it is awaiting a final vote in the Senate and we anticipate it to get through and be signed this session. SB 536 is EMS statute cleanup and is awaiting a final hearing in the Senate. HB 1960 is a repealer bill for Certificate of need for psychiatric facilities, an identical bill passed and was signed by the Governor. HB 4031, eliminating stem cell research reporting was signed by the Governor. We are awaiting budget hearings to conclude.

executive team to ensure the Agency is responding in a timely manner. This audit will be a good

baseline to compare to in subsequent years as the Agency continues moving forward with

Emergency Preparedness Updates – Mendy Spohn, Deputy Commissioner of Community Health & Juli Montgomery, Regional Director, District 9

Ms. Spohn informed the Board that the County Health Department in Marietta was hit by a tornado. The Agency is working in 9 communities responding to the needs around resources from tornado response providing vaccines as well as community health worker support, connecting to FEMA resources. Our District 3 team has been asked by the office of Emergency Management to help with public response in Barnsdall. Public health professionals are considered first responders.

Ms. Montgomery provided eclipse updates. The solar eclipse reached totality in SE Oklahoma, which brought in unexpectedly large numbers of people into the small communities. The Agency provided a number of resources including: food safety, animal related concerns, health and eye safety communication, emergency medical services, stakeholder collaboration and response evaluation and improvement. The Agency has purchased a Starlink system to ensure connectivity in emergency events.

VII. SANE Nurses – Mendy Spohn, Deputy Commissioner of Community Health

Ms. Spohn began discussing the Rape Prevention and Education (RPE) Grant, that speaks directly to primary prevention. The new iteration of this grant has been much more effective than the past. They are connecting to the upstream concerns that are a primary prevention catalyst. We are focusing on connecting this work to the State Health Improvement plan and our different strategic planning pieces. There are a lack of resources statewide, both SANE nurses and the testing equipment needed. There was only 1 SANE nurse in Comanche county. The 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
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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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