

COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL

BURROWS JB

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IMAN JR

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Members Present.....Commissioner Jeff Burrows, Commissioner Suzy Foss, Commissioner J.R. Iman and Commissioner Ron Stoltz

Date.....January 30, 2013

► Minutes: Glenda Wiles

► Commissioner Greg Chilcott was in Helena for the legislative session.

► The Board met at 1:33 p.m. for a public hearing for fee increase for VFC (Vaccine for Children) by the PHN. Glenda read the legal notice and noticed this is a WEB Ex hearing and as such is being streamed live on the web. She also noted that all documents are public documents and if necessary could be utilized in litigation. Present was PHN Staff Keri McKillip and Public Health Nurse Judy Griffin.

Keri said CDC increased these fees (for vaccine purchase) throughout the region. This increase would bring the total cost up to \$17.00 (rounded up from \$16.81). Keri and Judy discussed this with CFO Murphy on January 3rd making sure the costs were within the labor and delivered materials. These vaccination costs have been at \$14.00 since around 2004. Keri shared Resolution No. 2869 that was adopted on March 29, 2012. It was noted the county was not charging the necessary current fees at that time. Civil Counsel Recht had indicated at a previous meeting/and County Attorney Opinion that these costs could be rounded up. Keri noted the costs fluxates due to vaccine costs so she feels there would not be any profit made. Civil Counsel Howard Recht was then placed on conference call. Attorney Recht indicated rounding up from \$16.81 to \$17.00 is not significant enough to cause any problems and make the collection of the fees simpler. He also noted there are fluxating costs in vaccine and office management as well as supplies, so charging \$17.00 is reasonable. He sees no profit being made from this fee. Keri noted vaccinations average 6 minutes but with children it might take 20 minutes, so that .19 cents will be covered on an average for their services. Judy concurred noting when flu shots are given to children they can become time consuming.

Commissioner Stoltz stated it is important to show that justification. Commissioner Burrows felt comfortable with the rounding due to the variable of staff time.

**Commissioner Foss made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2982 for a \$17.00 fee effective immediately. Commissioner Iman seconded the motion and all voted "aye". (4-0).**