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HEALTH DISTRICT

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BOARD OF HEALTH

July 8, 2009

7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mr. Anstine with the following members, staff and guests present.

MEMBERS

Carolann Swartz – Commissioner
Tony Massa – Warden
Raymond Kelby – Wilson Creek
Gerald Sands – Electric City

Keith Anstine – Quincy
Cindy Carter – Commissioner
Richard Stevens – Commissioner

STAFF

Dr. Brzezny – Health Officer
Peggy Grigg – Administrator/PH Director
Jerry Campbell – EH Director

Pattie Anderson – Admin Services Mgr
Jim Whitaker – Attorney

ABSENT

Jon Lane – Moses Lake

Bruce Reim – Ephrata

GUESTS - None

PUBLIC FORUM FOR CITIZEN'S COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of June 10, 2009 were approved as written (M/S Carter/Kelby – unanimous).

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PERSONAL HEALTH /ADMINISTRATOR REPORT – Peggy Grigg

Resignation – Mrs. Grigg had sent a letter to the Board regarding her resignation which will occur no sooner than April 2, 2010 and no later than January 7, 2011, depending on timing of replacing her in the position.

Financial Report – Mrs. Grigg gave a report on the revenues and expenditures of the Health District. The expenditures are lower than anticipated, partly due to unfilled positions earlier this year.

Unanticipated revenues that we will be receiving will include a \$21,000 refund for (now) expired MMR vaccine that was purchased during the Measles outbreak in 2008; \$39,000 for the swine flu outbreak for costs accrued during the time period of State-declared emergency; a Dental (ABCD) grant in the amount of \$43,000/yr.; the City of Soap Lake's contribution for services at \$3500 for 2009, and possibly \$25,000 from Royal City Hospital District.

Revenues decreasing include \$10,000 in the Tobacco program; \$30,000 in the Blue Ribbon funding; \$2,000 in Child Health and \$4,000 for the last 6 months of this year in the HIV/AIDS program. It is unknown what the cuts will be for 2010 in the HIV/AIDS program.

Wage Increases – With regard to the union negotiations, only 37% of the E.H. permit fees have been received in the first 6 months of the year - 47% was needed in order for staff to receive the additional 1.8% COLA for the remainder of the year.

Tobacco Compliance Checks – Youth tobacco sales compliance checks have been completed and the compliance rate is at 80% with the goal being 90%.

Resource for Families Booklets – The Health District received funding from the Family Policy Network to obtain additional booklets, 1355 English and 535 Spanish. Wendy Hanover from PARC was instrumental in this endeavor.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT – Jerry Campbell

Food Inspections – The Board was provided with the June report. Food inspections were down a bit due to a Sanitarian being on leave.

Food Establishment Requests – Mr. Campbell presented two requests from different food establishments regarding re-inspection fees that have been imposed upon their businesses.

The first business was granted their request to waive the re-inspection fee due to the fact that the routine inspection was done in December 2008 with the re-inspection not being done until 2009 which constituted the 1st re-inspection for the calendar year. After their 1st 2009 routine inspection of 2009, they needed a re-inspection which was their 2nd re-inspection of the calendar year. Due to the fact that this was actually a Health District issue and not the fault of the business, the request was granted.

The second business had their 1st routine inspection on 4/13/09 with a re-inspection (free) being done on 5/18/09. All issues had been corrected; however bare hand contact was observed which

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automatically triggered another re-inspection which was done on 6/2/09 (fee imposed). At this inspection bare hand contact was again observed which constituted another re-inspection which was done on 6/10/09 in which the fee was again imposed. The Board denied the request of the waiving of the re-inspection fees.

Electric City Bar & Grill – Mr. Sands inquired as to whether the restaurant could have steaks for sale and have the customer grill them on a BBQ which was located in their Beer Garden. They could also purchase baked potatoes and other items as well. Mr. Campbell will research the code regarding this issue and get back to Mr. Sands.

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT – Dr. Brzezny

H1N1 – Dr. Brzezny reported that H1N1 virus is still on the rise in this country and across the world. It is suspected that 50 times more cases than currently reported have had the disease already in the United States (up to about one million individuals in this country). Officials in New York City are estimating approximately 7% of their population has been infected. Dr. Brzezny provided a handout that showed a graph of weekly totals of Influenza positive tests that have been reported to the CDC suggesting that majority of presently reported influenza cases are the novel H1N1 swine origin virus not the seasonal influenza.

A vaccine for the H1N1 will be available possibly in November or December. The Health District will be focusing on the distribution of the vaccine which will be approximately 10,000 – 12,000 doses.

Approximately 1,000 to 1,500 individuals have died of this disease. The highest affected age has been ages 0-4 yrs., next is 5-24 yrs. and the least affected has been 65+ years of age.

If a patient is diagnosed with Influenza A it is probably H1N1. On June 11 a Pandemic was declared.

Tuberculosis – The Health District is currently treating 3 individuals for active Tuberculosis. DOT (Direct Observation Therapy) is being provided by the District for all 3 patients. All have improved since starting the therapy.

Recalls – Nestle and Toll House had recalls on some of their cookie dough which contained E coli. Also being recalled was 380 lbs. of beef in Colorado.

West Nile Virus – There have been no human cases reported in Washington State. Six states have reported at least one case. Three of the states include Idaho, Nevada and Arizona. In Yakima and Benton counties there have been mosquitoes that have tested positive for the virus.

Dr. Brzezny believes that we will eventually have human cases with the horses and water areas in our county.

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APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

The vouchers for the period ending June 30, 2009 totaling \$157,321.04 (#1-#4 totaling \$131,338.51) and (#5-#60 totaling \$25,982.53 were approved (M/S Stevens/Carter - unanimous).

OTHER BUSINESS – Dr. Brzezny reported that in some cases, Tamiflu has been used often enough that it has become resistant in some cases. There is still Relenza available however.

With no other business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m. (M/S Kelby/Carter – unanimous).

The next meeting is scheduled for August 12, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Public Works meeting room in Ephrata.

Keith Anstine, Chairman Board of Health

ATTEST:

Alexander Brzezny, M.D., Health Officer