

BOARD OF HEALTH

January 13, 2016

7:00 PM

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

MEMBERS

Mark Wanke – Ephrata
Carol Nordine – Electric City
Tony Massa – Warden
John Glassco – Soap Lake
Tom Harris - Quincy

Carolann Swartz – Commissioner
Cindy Carter – Commissioner
Richard Stevens – Commissioner
Dr. David Curnel – Moses Lake

STAFF

Katherine Kenison - HD Attorney
Todd Phillips - E.H. Mgr.
Theresa Adkinson – Administrator

Pattie Anderson – Admin. Services Mgr.
Darcy Moss – Admin. Services Mgr.

ABSENT

Dr. Alex Brzezny – Health Officer

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN FOR 2016 – Commissioner Stevens nominated Mr. Massa for Chairman of the Board and Dr. David Curnel seconded the motion. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot (M/S Stevens/Curnel – unanimous).

Dr. David Curnel nominated Mr. Wanke as Vice Chairman and Mr. Harris seconded the motion. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot (M/S Stevens/Harris – unanimous).

ELECTION OF AUDIT COMMITTEE FOR 2016 - A motion was made to appoint Commissioner Stevens and Mr. Wanke to the Audit Committee (M/S Stevens/Harris – unanimous).

ADOPTION OF AGENDA – A motion was made to adopt the agenda as presented (M/S Wanke/Curnel - unanimous).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - The minutes of December 9, 2015 were approved as written (M/S Curnel/Wanke - unanimous).

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS - The vouchers for the period ending December 31, 2015 totaling \$219,633.13 (#1-#23 totaling \$179,624.07 and #24 - #50 totaling \$37,009.06.) were approved (M/S Stevens/Curnel – unanimous).

PUBLIC FORUM FOR CITIZEN’S COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS – None

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT – Mr. Phillips

New Food Ordinance Update - Currently the 2016 food establishment permits are being mailed out. Enclosed with the permits is a letter reminding establishments of the changes with the new food ordinance. The most significant change is the re-inspection threshold. It has increased from a single 10 point red item to greater than 25 red points on a routine inspection and 25 red points or greater on a re-inspection. A copy of the letter was provided to the Board.

The Environmental Health portion of the website is currently being updated to a more user friendly version for the public. The changes to the Food Ordinance will likely be posted as the first “hot topic” in Environmental Health.

Seasonal Temporary Food Ordinance – A draft of the ordinance was provided to the board. In 2016 environmental health staff will begin tracking their time spent in the temporary food program by separating seasonal temporary food from regular temporary food. The time tracking will assist with determining which part of the temporary food program has been running with a deficit. Temporary food fees were changed in 2012 in response to a budget deficit and shortly after the fee change, the Seasonal Temporary Food Ordinance was implemented. The Seasonal Temporary Food Ordinance added additional complexities to the program that were unaccounted for in the fee change. One “quick fix” budget improvement could be to make re-inspection threshold for seasonal temporary vendors similar to annual food establishments. The threshold would increase from a single 10 point red item to greater than 25 red points or more on a routine inspection. If the routine inspection notes 25 red points or more, a re-inspection will occur. If the same red critical violation of 10 points or greater is repeated during the re-inspection, or if the vendor receives 25 red points or greater on a re-inspection, their permit will be revoked. Also, if 25 red critical points are noted on two routine inspections, the permits will be revoked.

A motion was made to hold a public hearing next month to approve Ordinance 16-1 (Seasonal Temporary Food) (M/S – Wanke/Carter – unanimous).

Solid Waste Staffing – The solid waste staff person will be leaving at the end of this month. The current position was funded primarily by solid waste funds. Now with the reduced funding in solid waste, the new position will have both food and solid waste responsibilities. The Health District will be looking for someone to replace this position soon.

Other Updates – None

COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT – Mrs. Adkinson

Youth Marijuana Prevention Regional Grant – DOH notified the Health District at the end of December that funds would be awarded to the agency for two years. The award will be \$188,000 per year with the first year occurring from April – June. For the first year the funds will be spent on curriculum, conferences offered to other community partners, communication to youth and developing media messages directed towards youth and prevention. The second year will be directed at teen intervention plans. Staff will also be focusing on the northern part of the county. Assessments will be conducted to identify risk factors for marijuana use among youth

Child Passenger Safety Grant - Car seats continue to be distributed to families who meet specific criteria. Recently there has been a shortage of technicians in the Child Passenger Safety program. Technician classes will soon be offered to replenish the vacant positions. Safe Kids has received a \$6,792 grant to cover the cost of the class, supplies and child passenger safety promotional materials.

Quincy CTC Coordinator - Dayana Ruiz has accepted the position of CTC Coordinator. She is a Quincy native and will begin to work full time in February. She attended a sexual health training this past week through the WaPrep Grant.

ASSESSMENT REPORT – Mrs. Adkinson

CHIP Update - After community health improvement planning meetings were held this past spring, there were three top issues identified as needing to be addressed. They included building community engagement, effective messaging and outreach, and education. This spring GCHD will convene a CHIP steering committee to draft a work plan. Mrs. Adkinson requested board member participation in the steering committee being formed to develop the work plan.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Mrs. Adkinson

Ratify 3% COLA which was implemented on December 31, 2015 – A request was made to allow for the COLA to be effective on December 31, 2015 which is the first day of the payroll period, rather than January 1, 2016. A motion was made to ratify the 3% COLA to be effective December 31, 2015 (M/S Carter/Swartz).

GCHD Organizational Chart Update - An updated organizational chart of the agency was distributed. A new Nurse Manager position was listed as vacant. Mrs. Adkinson is currently covering this position until it is filled. There will also be a new Community Health Worker - Program Specialist who will be working in several different grant funded programs. Darcy Moss will be taking over the Administrative Services Manager position when Pattie Anderson retires at the end of February.

Governor's Firearms & Suicide Prevention Plan - The Governor's office released a public service announcement regarding firearm fatality prevention with a public health approach. Grant County firearm fatality rates for 2005-2014 were significantly higher than the state average.

Legislative Updates - Mrs. Adkinson, Mr. Phillips and Mrs. Sackett will be attending Public Health Education Legislative day. Some items that will be addressed are stable consistent public funding, e-cigarette prevention and The Age 21 Bill for tobacco and cigarettes. Evidence shows that if there is access barriers to tobacco up to the age of 21, the greater chance of leading a lifelong tobacco free life.

HEALTH OFFICERS REPORT – Mrs. Adkinson

Influenza Epidemic - Mrs. Adkinson shared the most recent healthcare provider alert announcing 2015-2016 flu season. Many hospitals and clinics have implemented their masking policies to have unvaccinated employees wear masks. Residents in Grant County can still get their flu shot.

Salmonella Outbreak Summary - Mr. Phillips reviewed a summary of the Salmonella investigation that occurred in December after a November holiday luncheon. Several interviews were conducted, four cases were lab confirmed. The same serotype was identified in all four stool samples taken from the confirmed cases. The source implicated was a turkey cooked at home. The outbreak was either caused by undercooked turkey or cross contamination. The person who supplied the turkey is also a food vendor and will need to provide two negative stool culture results before operating again as a food worker in the future.

End of Year Numbers – Mrs. Adkinson shared the 2015 year end notifiable communicable disease numbers. Chlamydia and gonorrhea continue to be a concern in Grant County. We will continue to work with providers on treatment and early testing. Hepatitis C cases will continue to be monitored.

Other Updates - The ending of the Ebola epidemic will be announced tomorrow. Surveillance will continue to be ongoing.

Mosquito borne diseases will continue as people continue to travel.

A letter from Dr. Brzezny to the Grant County community was provided to the Board. It will be posted on our new website.

OTHER BUSINESS – None

ADJOURNMENT - A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:58p.m. (M/S Wanke/Carter – unanimous).

Tony Massa, Chairman Board of Health

ATTEST:

Darcy Moss, Administrative Services Manager
Clerk of the Board