

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

May 11, 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**

Tony Massa – Warden  
Carol Nordine – Electric City  
John Glassco – Soap Lake

Tom Harris - Quincy  
Dr. David Curnel – Moses Lake  
Mark Wanke – Ephrata

**STAFF**

Katherine Kenison - HD Attorney  
Darcy Moss – Admin. Services Mgr.  
Dr. Alex Brzezny – Health Officer  
Coordinator

Todd Phillips - E.H. Mgr.  
Theresa Adkinson – Administrator  
Stephanie Dowland – Assessment

**ABSENT**

Richard Stevens – Commissioner  
Carolann Swartz - Commissioner

Cindy Carter – Commissioner

**GUESTS**

Sheila Chilson – Moses Lake Community Health Center

Brandy Jensen – Hope Source

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - The minutes of April 13, 2016 were approved as written (M/S Curnel/Harris - unanimous).

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS** - The vouchers for the period ending April 30, 2016 totaling \$204,632,47 (#1 – #19 totaling \$154,684.80 and #20 - #62 totaling \$49,947.67) were approved (M/S Curnel/Wanke – unanimous).

## **PUBLIC FORUM FOR CITIZEN’S COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS**

### **Public Hearing on Ordinance 16-2 Fee Schedule – Mr. Phillips**

Mr. Phillips reviewed the changes to be implemented in the fee schedule. Food establishments will be billed for all re-inspections and temporary food permit vendors will be charged a double fee if not applied for as required in our current food ordinance (Ordinance 15-2 Food Ordinance).

A motion was made to approve Ordinance 16-2 Fee Schedule (M/S - Curnel/Harris – unanimous).

### **Homeless Task Force – Moses Lake Warming Center Presentation – Stephanie Dowland**

Stephanie Dowland, Shelia Chilson and Brandy Jensen who were representing the Grant County Homeless Task Force were in attendance. Mrs. Dowland explained that the task force, which is made of up many volunteers and also receives assistance from local service agencies, meets every other month to discuss ways to reduce homelessness in Grant County. This year was the first year that the group opened up and managed a warming center at the former Boys & Girls Club building. Mrs. Dowland reviewed the 2016 Warming Center Operations Report. The center was run by volunteers and was open from providing hygiene packets, coats, blankets and limited food. A total of 864 individuals stayed the night, which represented 66 people. There was an average of 16 individuals nightly with a high of 28 and a low of 1 individual on the first night they were open. The ultimate goal is to have shelter year round.

Mrs. Chilson added that they are exploring other options for a facility that might have a kitchen, restrooms with showers and better accommodations.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT – Mr. Phillips**

**Coordinated Prevention Grant (CPG)** - Mr. Phillips explained that he is on a committee comprised of other environmental health directors to explore the way solid waste funding, which comes from the Department of Ecology, is distributed. Last year the funding that was coming into the health district was cut in half. So far, the funding the health district will receive, will take us through September. The health district will be looking at the facility fees to see if our costs are covered or if the fees need to be increased.

Mrs. Adkinson added that it is difficult to predict the level of work and costs in the solid waste program in advance.

**Lead and Schools** - In 2009 there was hold put on testing for lead in the drinking water in schools because of funding not being available. The Governor is now requesting that the Department of Health to rewrite the rules on lead testing in schools. The Health District also encourages testing.

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Even though our public water systems are tested for lead and may not show lead, there could be pipes and other fixtures that expose children to lead.

A letter was sent from Washington State Department of Health to Washington State school districts regarding collecting water samples, along with helpful resources in regards to lead in drinking water. The letter from Mike Means, Washington State Department of Health Office of Drinking Water, was distributed along with a provider alert from GCHD highlighting lead screening recommendations for clinicians.

**Other Updates** - Two public water systems in Grant County are having issues. One does not have any water and the other is having low pressure issues. The Health District has been in touch with the Department of Health and will assist them if needed.

#### **COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT** – Mrs Adkinson

**Youth Marijuana Prevention Grant** - Grant County is the lead agency for the North Central Washington Region which includes Grant, Okanogan, Chelan and Douglas counties. GCHD will be hosting three, one day trainings to be held in Okanogan, Grant and Chelan counties. A “Save the Date” flyer was distributed titled “Legal Marijuana is Changing the Landscape of our Communities & Impacting our Youth”. Marijuana prevention curriculum for schools, developing youth leadership skills and prevention messages will be some of the topics discussed at the trainings.

**FDA to Regulate E Cigarette** - The FDA will be putting regulations in place to monitor the industry, which includes ingredient lists and monitoring sampling in the stores. The Health District will need to coordinate our local ordinance with the FDA regulations when this occurs.

**STD Outreach** - Syphilis numbers are becoming concerning. We will continue to work with providers to get people tested and treated the same day they have been diagnosed. Focus will be on communities where repeat STD cases are found. We plan to go into the communities to get partners treated also. Safety could be a concern and precautions will need to be put in place with law enforcement.

**Other Updates** - The HIV Case Management is going to a regional grant. Two other agencies in our area are interested. GCHD is considering if it will be a better fit or if the services will be continued to be offered out of the GCHD office.

#### **ASSESSMENT REPORT** - None

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**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT** – Mrs. Adkinson

**Staffing Update** - The temporary administrative support position has been filled.

We are considering a temporary environmental health tech position to help with food inspections for the summer.

Mrs. Adkinson requested that the Board approve hiring a full time Health Educator. When the budget was presented last fall, the position was not included. Since then, the Health District was awarded a Childhood Obesity grant. Deliverables have not been met because of a shortage in Health Educator staff.

A motion was made to add the position of a full time Health Educator. (M/S Wanke/Curnel - unanimous).

**Science of Hope & Public Health** - Several staff went to a conference recently on the subject of brain science. The conference covered reasons why certain people do well even though they encounter adverse situations. Also covered was the subject of how people are more productive when they are happy and how life impacts life development at a young age.

**Shared Service Delivery Committee WSALPHO** – Mrs. Adkinson has been asked to serve on a committee made up to explore shared public health services amongst counties in Washington. The committee is exploring ways counties could share their expertise when another county might not be able to provide expertise in their own county. The committee will be reporting back in June.

**Other Updates** - None

**HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT** – Mrs Adkinson

**Zika – Healthcare Provider Alert** – A draft provider alert was distributed and is based on updated guidelines from the Center for Disease Control. The alert includes recommendations on preconception counseling, preventing sexual transmission, updated testing criteria and the US Zika Pregnancy Registry.

A urine test for the virus should be available soon.

**Lead – Healthcare Provider Alert** – An alert titled “Washington DOH Developed New Targeted Childhood Lead Screening Recommendations for Clinicians” was sent out May 9 in a hopes to have more children screened for lead exposure.

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Mr. Phillips added that currently 3% of Washington children are tested and the state would like to see 25% of children tested.

**STD Outreach** – An aggressive approach will be used by going into high risk communities to test and treat for STD's immediately.

**TB Suspect Cases** – There have been four patients and two have been ruled out. Of the other two, one is being monitored we are waiting on test results. The fourth patient is not contagious. There are no active cases at this time.

**Seasonal influenza Declining** – We are continuing to see cluster cases, but there has been a sharp decline. By next week, it should be the end of the flu season. A health alert will be going out soon.

**OTHER BUSINESS** –

Dr. Curnel shared with the Board that the staff at Confluence Health was very appreciative of the Spittoon award that was given to the healthcare facility for their work in tuberculosis treatment.

Dr. Curnel also added that a memorandum of understanding was signed last night by the Confluence Health Board and Samaritan Hospital Board. They are currently in a planning stage to come together to make things better for the citizens of Grant County.

**ADJOURNMENT** - With no other business , a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:24p.m. (M/S Curnel/Wanke – unanimous).

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Tony Massa, Chairman Board of Health

ATTEST:

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Darcy Moss, Administrative Services Manager  
Clerk of the Board