

BOARD OF HEALTH

July 13, 2016

7:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mr. Massa with the following members and staff present.

MEMBERS

Tony Massa – Warden

Carol Nordine – Electric City

Mark Wanke – Ephrata

Cindy Carter – Commissioner

John Glassco – Soap Lake

Dr. David Curnel – Moses Lake

Richard Stevens – Commissioner

Carolann Swartz - Commissioner

STAFF

Katherine Kenison - HD Attorney

Darcy Moss – Admin. Services Mgr.

Dr. Alex Brzezny – Health Officer

Todd Phillips - E.H. Mgr.

Theresa Adkinson – Administrator

ABSENT

Tom Harris - Quincy

GUESTS

Cara Hoyt – Royal City Summer Fest Committee Chair

Leslie Fanning – Royal City Summer Fest Committee

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - The minutes of June 8, 2016 were approved as written (M/S Wanke/Curnel - unanimous).

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES - The minutes of July 5, 2016 were approved as written (M/S Carter/Curnel- unanimous).

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS - The vouchers for the period ending May 31, 2016 totaling \$164,428.32 (#1 – #18 totaling \$123,538.50 and #19 - #44 totaling \$45,889.82) were approved (M/S Wanke/Harris – unanimous).

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS - The vouchers for the period ending June 30, 2016 totaling \$300,542.22 (#1 – #31 totaling \$195,836.91 and #32 - #91 totaling \$104,705.31) were approved (M/S Wanke/Harris – unanimous).



PUBLIC FORUM FOR CITIZEN'S COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS –

Cara Hoyt, Royal City SummerFest Chair, addressed the Board. The Royal City SummerFest is a non-profit organization, which holds an annual event which is ran by volunteers. Last Saturday at the event, the organization had inflatable toys for the kids attending to use. Armbands were sold to the kids allowing them to play on the inflatables. Two of the toys had pooling water associated with them. During the event, a sanitarian from the Grant County Health District approached the committee regarding the inflatables with water. The sanitarian inquired about having a permit to operate and told them if they did not have one that they would need to deflate and remove the toys. The Labor and Industries permit was not sufficient. Mrs. Hoyt stated that they had checked with the vendor who rented the equipment to them and they stated that they had made a phone call and that they were good to go. Mrs. Hoyt also stated that they have had these inflatables before and they had never been shut down. Mrs. Hoyt stated that Leslie Fanning spoke with the sanitarian's supervisor (Todd Phillips) on the phone at the time and he also stated that he needed to go by the law. Mrs. Hoyt stated that they were disappointed by the outcome and that the committee suffered a financial loss. She would like clarification on the RCW and avoid being shut down again in the future.

Leslie Fanning also addressed the Board. She felt that it was not clear where the WAC applied to their situation and that it appeared that it was written for publicly constructed pool facilities. She stated that they were using City water that had been tested and cleared for consumption and was not recycled. They were also only operating for four hours and not exceeding the six hour water turnover time. On follow-up, Mrs. Fanning called several rental companies and they stated to her that they had never heard of ever being shutdown because of this RCW. She then called the State Department of Health and learned that these water inflatables were not being permitted in other counties in Washington State. Mrs. Fanning requested that the commissioners set boundaries over the Health District in regard to allowing water inflatables without a permit.

Mrs. Hoyt also read a statement from Tiffany Workinger's (Royal City, city council member) sentiments on the situation at SummerFest.

Mrs. Carter stated that she also called the state Department of Health for clarification. She was informed that they are three inflatable water slides permitted in Washington State.

Mrs. Swartz inquired why this year this has become an issue.

Mr. Phillips responded by stating that it had come to the Health District's attention last year when The Gorge began the permitting process for an inflatable water slide that they wanted to construct. In order for them to proceed, they had to go through the review process at the State Department of Health and obtain a Water Recreation Facility Permit through the Grant County Health District. Mr. Phillips explained that the item was put on the agenda to address this and he would like to work with the State to try and find a way to approve inflatables using water and assist in coming up with a statewide process for all counties, so communities could possibly have the inflatable water slides at their events. He stated the concern is someone getting a communicable disease from the water.

Mrs. Adkinson clarified that it was not a decision made by Mr. Phillips personally, but a decision made after consultation with others. She added that it was unfortunate that the vendor got the Labor and Industries permit confused with the Water Recreation permit.

Dr. Brzezny also clarified that these laws were written with research. E-coli and other outbreaks are on the rise and there is a risk of potential disease. When the potential of disease is in a public setting, the County has to adhere to the laws. The County does not decide the laws.

Mrs. Carter stated that the Festival committee clearly did not know that an additional permit was needed.

Discussion was held.

Mr. Stevens added that this is a recent issue that will take time and is evolving.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT – Mr. Phillips

Water Recreation Features and Public Use - Line item was discussed in the Public Forum.

Ovenell Compost - In their compost facility permit it states that a soil analysis needs to be performed every 36 months of operation. After the soil was tested recently, it showed trends of increasing nitrogen. Mr. Phillips would like the Board to determine if testing should continue to be done at 36 months or more frequently and give a recommendation.

A map of multiple test pits and a graph showing nitrate test results from 2009, 2013 and 2016 were distributed.

One option would be to have the soil tested annually unless the trends show differently. At that time the testing increments could be re-evaluated.

Mrs. Carter inquired if the facility has a concrete pad.

Mr. Phillips stated that a variance was given by the Health District in concurrence with Department of Ecology to the facility to allow not having a concrete pad. In turn they would conduct the various soil analysis tests. They are the only facility in Grant County that conducts these tests.

Discussion was held.

A motion was made to have soil analysis performed annually at the Ovenell Compost facility and to be re-evaluated each year (M/S Wanke/Curnel - unanimous).

Other Updates - Mr. Phillips was recently notified that the clean-up has been done at the old Soap Lake school and the asbestos was removed.

COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT – Mrs. Adkinson

Marijuana Prevention Conferences - The Health District hosted three Youth Marijuana Prevention Conferences. They were located in Okanogan, Wenatchee and Moses Lake. There were all well attended, with 96 participants in Moses Lake. Some topics included what the laws mean and how to talk with youth about marijuana.

Community Public Health Manager Update - After consultation with staff and Dr. Brzezny, the advertisement for the nurse manager position has been adjusted to include different requirements of disease response and epidemiology experience and not the requirement of an RN license. The Public Health Nurse position has also not yet been filled.

SNAP Match Program Expansion – The match program, currently provided at the Moses Farmers Market, has expanded to the Ephrata Farmers Market as well. With the help of community partners like Columbia Basin Hospital the program was able to get started in Ephrata.

Other Updates - The Assessment Coordinator who oversaw the HIV case management work has recently resigned. Shawta Sackett has agreed to increase her hours and work in the case management program until January. In January the Health District will no longer provide the services and will work with the State to reassign the location of this work to the new grant awardee.

ASSESSMENT REPORT - None

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Mrs. Adkinson

Strategic Plan Contract - A proposal to obtain contracted services from Spokane Regional Health District, was distributed. Their staff will be assisting with the process and completion of a strategic plan for the Health District. This plan is necessary to proceed with health district planning as well as contributes towards possible accreditation in the future.

A motion was made to approve the partnering with Stacy Wenzl and the Spokane Regional Health District to build the Grant County Health Districts Strategic Plan not to exceed \$ 6,970.00 (M/S Wanke/Curnel - unanimous).

GCHD Org Chart Update- The GCHD organizational chart was distributed. They are currently 28 employees and Mrs. Adkinson is supervising 13 of those. When the Community Public Health Manager is hired, they will supervisor some of those employees.

There are three changes in the chart. Wendy Brzezny who is a Public Health Nurse II will move to a PHN III. She will be considered a lead in the Healthy Communities program and supervise two staff. Ryan Brimacombe will also begin supervising the Assessment Coordinator when the position is filled.

Public Health Associate Temp to Permanent - Cynthia Cantu is a temporary full time Public Health Associate who will become a permanent fulltime PHA in the administrative area of the agency. A motion was made to approve the permanent hire of the public health associate. (M/S Wanke/Curnel - unanimous).

Budget Update - The 2017 budget is being drafted. There are several grant funds that were not used this year because of the vacant positions.

Other Updates - A memorandum was sent to our office from our attorney regarding e-mailing Board members. To avoid any Open Public Meeting Act violations, use the BCC function when e-mailing to members. This will avoid someone using the reply all function and avoid sending a series of communications. She also advised members to use a separate entity e-mail account rather than a personal e-mail account.

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT – Dr. Brzezny

Mosquito Control in Grant County - The mosquito season has started earlier this year. The Health District will continue to partner with the Mosquito Control District and also advise communities on mosquito control.

Tuberculosis Update - We continue to receive approximately two pulmonary cases per month. There have been no active cases recently.

Other Updates - Dr. Brzezny distributed a handout titled “Public Health 3.0: Time for an Upgrade” from the AJPH. It distributed by Jon Wiesman, Wa. Secretary of Health for redistribution to public health partners.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Curnel asked if the Strategic Plan could be explained and asked what the advantages are. Mrs. Adkinson replied by stating that it will show model practices and provides vision for the Health District’s future work. Dr. Curnel requested additional information on accreditation be provided. Mrs. Adkinson stated a more in-depth explanation would be given to the Board at a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT - With no other business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:48p.m. (M/S Stevens/Wanke – unanimous).

Tony Massa, Chairman Board of Health

ATTEST:

Darcy Moss, Administrative Services Manager
Clerk of the Board