

BOARD OF HEALTH**March 8, 2017****7:00 PM**

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

MEMBERS

Tony Massa – Warden

Dr. David Curnel – Moses Lake

Mark Wanke – Ephrata

Carol Nordine – Electric City

Cindy Carter – Commissioner

Richard Stevens – Commissioner

Tom Harris – Quincy

STAFF

Katherine Kenison – HD Attorney

Dr. Alex Brzezny – Health Officer

Kathleen Nelson – Comm. Health Manager

Darcy Moss – Admin. Services Manager

Theresa Adkinson – Administrator

Todd Phillips – E.H. Manager

Cory Franks – Accountant

ABSENT

John Glassco – Soap Lake

Tom Taylor – Commissioner

GUESTS

Mr. Cancilla – Grant County Resident

Walt Johnston - American Federation of Government Employees Representative

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was amended to include an executive session for possible litigation as item #3 expected to last fifteen (15) minutes. A motion was made to approve the agenda as amended (M/S Wanke/Curnel – unanimous).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - The minutes of the February 13, 2017 meeting were approved as written (M/S Harris/Wanke - unanimous).

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

The vouchers for the period ending March 8, 2017 totaling \$189,410.95 (#1 - #20 totaling \$180,106.86 and #21 - #39 totaling \$9,304.09) were approved (M/S Harris/Wanke – unanimous).

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm to executive session per RCW 42.30.110 to last approximately 15 minutes to discuss possible litigation. The meeting was reopened at 7:20 pm.

PUBLIC FORUM FOR CITIZEN'S COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS -

Mr. Cancilla addressed the Board regarding his concerns with the Health Officer's process during the recent mumps outbreak at his workplace. Mr. Cancilla left a letter with the Board Secretary for the Board's information.

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Mr. Johnston, a representative of the American Federation of Government Employees, also addressed the Board expressing his concern with the District's activities in response to the recent mumps outbreak at the Job Corps, which is a federal facility.

Mrs. Kenison thanked the public for their comments and addressing the Board. She stated that the Board does empathize with their situation and will review the situation and provide any response as is appropriate.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT – Todd Phillips

CPG Funding - The Site Hazard Assessment program is a program to control contaminated sites. The funding for this assessment work is about one third of what it has previously been. The Health District is working with Ecology to find ways to distribute the funds to maintain the program. The permit fees that were recently increased for solid waste facilities should help with the funding for the S.W. program but only for permitted facilities.

Food Program Update – Temporary food inspection improvements are being considered in the food program. Vendors who obtain permits and operate out of permanent facilities may have fewer inspections.

Other Updates – An Environmental Health Tech temporary position has been posted. The individual hired will start in April and work through the summer to help with temporary food inspections.

Contact has been made with the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) regarding the Blue Lake and Park Lake Rotenone application. A well water testing report was supposed to be available at the end of February, but it is not yet complete. WDFW staff let Mr. Phillips know they will send the report when completed.

A letter will be going out to septic designers regarding critical areas in Grant County. Examples of these areas include wetlands, Frequently Flooded Areas, Critical Aquifer Recharge Areas, Geologically Hazardous Areas, Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas and Cultural Resource Areas. The Grant County Planning Department administers the critical areas program. Currently the Health District will accept septic systems permit applications prior to building permit application. The letter to septic professionals explains that the Health District will only accept septic applications for projects with a building application in process. The letter also notifies the designers that site disturbance such as test holes should not begin until a Critical Areas Review is completed.

COMMUNITY HEALTH REPORT – Kathleen Nelson

Flu and Norovirus Community Presentations – A recent PowerPoint presentation about flu and norovirus that was given to the Grant County PUD was shared with the Board.

Diabetes Update - A childhood diabetes handout was also distributed. Childhood type 2 diabetes is very concerning. 18% of children with type 2 diabetes will develop nerve disease and 9% will develop eye disease. These are some of the highlights in the handout.

Week 7 Flu Update - Influenza cases have decreased in Washington, but have increased nationally. So far in the 2016-2017 flu season there have been 221 lab confirmed deaths and of those, 213 were Influenza A, with one child death under the age of ten. Most of the deaths that occurred had underlying health conditions. The numbers show there is a need for education and how important it is to receive your flu vaccine.

Other Updates – An article on the topic of mumps in Grant County that was in the newspaper was distributed. Mrs. Nelson commended Lake Town Pharmacy for holding a clinic to administer MMR vaccines recently. They are also willing to expand their services to meet the needs of the community.

ASSESSMENT REPORT – None

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT – Theresa Adkinson

2016 Budget Amendment II - It appeared that there would need to be another 2016 budget amendment, but the budget is currently below the projected expenses that was amended in October. Invoices for 2016 continue to come in from outside agencies.

Personnel Update - One of the Public Health Nurses resigned. The position was posted and closes today. The position for the PHA that left in January was not filled. One of the PHA's has been working in Quincy in the Communities That Care program assisting with administrative work, meetings and reporting. For her to continue to work and meet the CTC needs, an hourly PHA is needed to cover in the Moses Lake office. The new position will be two eight hour days per week.

North Central Washington Accountable Communities of Health Update - The region consists of Chelan-Douglas, Grant and Okanogan Counties. The representative in our region for Public Health is from Chelan-Douglas County. The Board is relatively small and consists of representatives from Public Health, Mental & Behavior Health and the medical community. The Board is determining what type of coordinated care proposal to put together to better meet the patient needs. The care will be community based with a region wide approach. The local Board representatives and GCHD will be hosting a meeting to get feedback not only from healthcare partners, but also from law enforcement, schools and other community individuals on which of the optional projects to consider in the region wide Medicaid demonstration project.

The ACH includes three healthcare domains categorizing care to address three initiatives of healthcare by setting goals to improve quality and control. Requirements for each initiative need to be met. Funding will be distributed among the domains by demonstrating priorities within the requirements.

Legislative Update - House Bill 1432 Foundational Public Health Funding passed with bipartisan support. This could give the Health District funding for flexible dollars to help with the costs of communicable disease

investigations and other Public Health work needs. The Bill passed last week with support from our local representatives. It will now move on to the Senate.

Other Updates - A meeting is scheduled for March 20 with the Royal City Hospital District to explore collaboration to meet childhood obesity concerns.

HEALTH OFFICER REPORT – Dr. Brzezny

Mumps Outbreak in Grant County - The first case of mumps had an onset date of January 11. Sixteen days later, a case in Ephrata and a case in Moses Lake occurred. There is a 12-25 day incubation period. There are a total of 22 cases in Grant County with one suspect case pending lab results. Thirty cases have been ruled out. This is the largest disease outbreak since 2001. Health District staff continue working with the Job Corp on a regular basis, along with the Washington State Department of Health, the State Health Officer and the Assistant Attorney General’s office. This outbreak has put a burden on the Health District both financially and with staff time. Washington State Department of Health and CDC guidelines will continue to be followed throughout this outbreak to control the spread of mumps in Grant County. There are 37 states reporting cases. Most the cases are individuals who have been vaccinated and have more mild symptoms than an individual who contracts the mumps and is not vaccinated. Cases are mostly being seen in close contact settings like schools and campuses and in young adults. There has not been an outbreak in any of the area schools yet, but many of them have been preparing. The cases are summarized in the Epi-Update that was distributed to the Board.

Influenza Season - Influenza cases are declining. There have been four influenza related deaths in Grant County that we know of this year.

Tuberculosis (TB) Update – Tuberculosis activity has recently decreased. An exposure to Brucellosis specimen occurred in a lab. Individuals exposed to the specimen will be monitored for symptoms.

Other Updates - None

OTHER BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 pm. (M/S Wanke/Curnel - unanimous).

Tony Massa, Chairman Board of Health

ATTEST:

Darcy Moss
Clerk of the Board