

BOARD OF HEALTH**April 12, 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

Tom Harris – Quincy

Cindy Carter – Commissioner

Richard Stevens – Commissioner

Tom Taylor – Commissioner

John Glassco – Soap Lake

STAFF

Katherine Kenison – HD Attorney

Dr. Alex Brzezny – Health Officer

Kathleen Nelson – Comm. Health Manager

Carol Schimke – Public Health Nurse

Kari Hitzroth - Public Health Nurse

Theresa Adkinson – Administrator

Todd Phillips – E.H. Manager

Darcy Moss – Admin. Services Manager

Stephanie Lafferty – Public Health Nurse

ABSENT

Carol Nordine – Electric City

GUESTS

Cara Hoyt – Royal City Summer Fest Committee Chair

Tiffany Workinger - Royal City Summer Fest Committee

Lois Swenson, GCHD Retired Public Health Nurse

Mr. Cancilla – Grant County Resident

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Item 6a (World TB Day – Spittoon Award) will be moved under Public Forum for Citizen’s Comments and Applications. The agenda was also amended to include an executive session for possible litigation as item #10 and expected to last ten (10) minutes. A motion was made to approve the agenda as amended (M/S Carter/Curnel – unanimous).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - The minutes of the March 8, 2017 meeting were approved as written (M/S Stevens/Curnel - unanimous).

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

The vouchers for the period ending April 11, 2017 totaling \$237,948.93 (#1 - #20 totaling \$166,426.68 and #21 - #34 totaling \$16,263.06 and #35 - #69 totaling \$55,259.19) were approved (M/S Wanke/Harris – unanimous).

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PUBLIC FORUM FOR CITIZEN'S COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS -

Cara Hoyt introduced herself and Tiffany Workinger and addressed the Board, as representatives for the Royal City SummerFest committee, regarding House Bill 1449, which passed the Senate and House. Now that House Bill 1449 passed the Senate and House, she asked where the Board stands on the permitting of temporary water facilities. They would like to know before the Summerfest committee rents inflatables for their event this year.

Mr. Phillips stated that the bill is on the Governor's desk and we are waiting for the response.

Mrs. Adkinson added that the Department of Health halted the project to create a permitting process for the inflatables when Representative Manweller presented the Bill.

Mr. Cancilla also addressed the Board. He asked if the Board will be conducting a review of the Health Districts exclusion process. He stated that the Board is responsible for the supervision of the Health District and the Health Officer. He stated that the notice that was sent to him from the Health Officer was a violation of state law. Mr. Cancilla also quoted portions of the letter that was sent to him from the H.O. regarding work exclusion.

World TB Day – Spittoon Award - March 24 was World TB Day. This day marks the day the tuberculosis bacteria was discovered. Every year the Health District awards the Spittoon award to a profession or healthcare facility who promotes TB prevention. Dr. Brzezny presented the award to Lois Swenson, a retired GCHD public nurse. He thanked her for her dedication to TB prevention and control in Grant County and stated that he couldn't think of a more deserving person.

Mrs. Swenson thanked the Board for their support in TB treatment and prevention.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT – Todd Phillips

Ordinance 17-1 –Proposed Changes to the Fee Schedule – Fee additions were presented for commercial food vendor who operate annually in temporary locations with more permanent, fixed facilities and better protections in place. An example is the buildings that serve food at the fairgrounds. There is presently a fee in place for non-profits, but not commercial vendors of this type. The change would help divert staff resources to permanent inspections. Seven locations have been identified that could utilize these fees. An analysis of the fees was provided.

A motion was made to set a public hearing next month for Ordinance 17-1. (M/S Carter/Wanke – Unanimous).

Blue Lake Park Lake Well Report – A copy of the well testing locations at Blue Lake was presented. Water tests were performed by a consultant because of concerns by residents of the lake application of Rotenone by the WA State Department of Fish and Wildlife. Tests were completed, but some of the results were inconclusive possibly due to chlorination treatment in the wells or laboratory contamination of the samples. The Department of Health will be following up with the Department of Fish and Wildlife to offer guidance for future similar situations.

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EHD Executive Committee meeting with DOH Leadership - Five Environmental Health directors from Washington state met with state DOH and State BOH leadership to work together to continue to build on established relationships.

House Bill 1449 - The bill concerning water recreation facilities, is currently on the Governor's desk for signature.

Mrs. Carter asked if the bill does not get signed what the next step would be.

Mr. Phillips stated that he does not see any reason why it would not be signed. If it is not signed, the Health District will proceed with permitting guidelines and present those to the Board for approval in order to put a more reasonable permitting process in place.

Ask a Food Inspector (Public Health Week) - Last week was National Public Health week. Questions were solicited from the public for GCHD sanitarians regarding food. Four EH staff participated in making videos which were posted on Facebook. A question about service animals in food establishments is an example of one of those questions.

Jurisdiction for Tribal Establishments - A food associated complaint was received which involved a new truck stop that is located south of I-90 in Moses Lake that is on tribal property. GCHD does not inspect tribal food establishments. Each tribe does their own inspections and each one has different criteria for inspections. EH staff contacted the station manager and passed on the information about the complaint. Mr. Phillips stated that the property can be handled like any other neighboring jurisdiction.

Other Updates - A Temporary Environmental Health Technician has been hired for the summer. He will be mainly completing temporary food inspections.

COMMUNITY HEALTH REPORT – Kathleen Nelson

Suicide Prevention - The State of Washington requires that all RN's be trained on suicide giving them an opportunity to intervene. A "Did you know" suicide handout was distributed. Feeling of hopelessness and sleeplessness were the top two reasons for suicide.

Medicine Return Program Update - A list of drug take back locations was distributed.

North Central Washington Opioid Prevention Workgroup - There is more deaths from substance abuse than suicide. A stakeholders meeting was held to address issues related to this crisis in North Central Washington and to bring resources together. Several services are available in Grant County related to substance abuse. Some resources include S.T.O.P., an outpatient facility in Moses Lake and Laketown Pharmacy, where Narcan Emergency kits are available.

Nursing Staff Update – Mrs. Nelson introduced Kari, GCHD's newest Public Health Nurse (PHN). She is currently working on the mumps outbreak and in the future, will be begin opioid disease work. She also acknowledged Carol and Stephanie who are also GCHD Public Health Nurses who were attending the meeting to witness Lois receiving her award. Carol works in the Children with Special Health Care Needs

program and Stephanie works in the Communicable Diseases and TB program and is also currently working on the mumps outbreak.

Mrs. Nelson explained that the role of the PHN is to protect and educate the community. She added that the nurses are doing an amazing job. GCHD Public Health Nurses have been reaching out to health care providers and school nurses with a pro-active approach for immunizations to try and avoid outbreaks. They are also encouraging the providers and schools to have a plan in place if an outbreak were to occur. Our public health agency has a proud history of engaging with community partners and stakeholders, and providing excellent education that is respectful no matter the background of those we serve. Our role is to protect the communities that we live in and keep them safe against communicable disease.

Other Updates - Flu season is decreasing. April is STD Awareness month. The 2016 Community Health Fact Sheet was distributed.

ASSESSMENT REPORT – None

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT – Theresa Adkinson

National Public Health Week 2017 – Last week was National Public Health Week. Infographics from each GCHD division with 2016 highlights were distributed to the Board and posted on Facebook to conclude the week. Next month a video with 2016 highlights will be presented.

North Central Washington(NCW) Medicaid Integration and Medicaid Demonstration Projects - The Request for Proposal (RFP) is out for North Central Washington's Healthcare Authority managed care program. The RFP will be closing soon. As a reminder, Mrs. Adkinson and Barry Kling of the Chelan Douglas Health District were asked by the Health Care Authority to participate in scoring sections of the proposals. Grant County will be hosting the next coalition meeting to weigh in on proposed projects for NCW. Examples of these are maternal child health, oral health and chronic disease management. A survey was sent out to community partners to weigh in on the importance of these health areas. Two of the six will be selected for the proposal and will have required activities that go along with the funding that is awarded.

Foundational Public Health Services Update – The State budget was released. The Senate has \$0 earmarked for local public health funding with the House having \$36 million and the Governor's office with \$20 million. The amounts are more survivable rates with costs and demands going up in public health.

Other Updates - None

HEALTH OFFICER REPORT – Dr. Brzezny

Mumps Outbreak Update – There are currently 41 cases in Grant County. There have been no cases outside of the Columbia Basin Job Corp and there have been no cases in seven days. Young individuals who share utensils, cigarettes and other items along with living in shared spaces are more likely to contract the mumps. There are no work exclusions at this time. The interventions carried out during this outbreak were under State guidelines and with guidance from the Assistant Attorney General's Office. Many individuals have

received the MMR vaccination throughout this mumps outbreak, which also gave them protection for Measles, which has caused multiple deaths in other countries.

Active TB – An individual who was hospitalized is suspected of having active tuberculosis. It takes several weeks to get the culture back for confirmation of active TB. An estimated 199 Grant County residents were in contact with the individual and of those, 118 were healthcare workers. The most at risk of those contacts have been identified and will be followed up with testing and treatment if necessary. The individual is receiving daily Direct Observed Therapy (DOT) by GCHD staff. The treatment is expected to last no less than nine months. The costs for the last active case in Grant County was over \$100,000.

Seasonal Flu – The number of cases is going down and we are only seeing sporadic cases.

Disease Vector Testing – Mosquito season is upon us which brings concerns of zoonotic diseases like Zika virus. The mosquitos found in Grant County do not carry the Zika virus. California is the closest state. Rising zoonotic diseases from mosquitos and ticks continue to be a concern in Grant County.

Other Updates – Dr. Brzezny cautioned Board members to do their homework if they are traveling as new disease conditions are being discovered in other countries.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm to executive session per RCW 42.30.110 to last approximately 10 minutes to discuss possible litigation. The meeting was reopened at 8:49 and the executive session was extended and expected to last 10 more minutes. The meeting was reopened at 8:59 pm. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 pm. (M/S Carter/Taylor - unanimous).

Tony Massa, Chairman Board of Health

ATTEST:

Darcy Moss
Clerk of the Board
