

BOARD OF HEALTH

January 8, 2020

6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mr. Massa with the following members and staff present:

MEMBERS

Dr. David Curnel – Moses Lake
Richard Stevens – Commissioner
Brad Parrish – Electric City
Tom Harris – Quincy

Tony Massa – Warden
Mark Wanke – Ephrata
Kevin Newland – Wilson Creek

STAFF

Dr. Brzezny – Health Officer
Maria Vargas – CPH Manager
Rita Morfin – Board Clerk

Theresa Adkinson – Administrator
Stephanie Shopbell – E.H. Manager
Katherine Kenison – H.D. Attorney

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA – A motion was made to approve the agenda. (M/S Wanke/Curnel – unanimous).

SELECTION OF CHAIR/VICE CHAIR – Tony Massa, Chair Mark Wanke, Vice Chair (M/S Stevens/Curnel – unanimous)

AUDIT COMMITTEE – Mark Wanke, Richard Stevens and Tony Massa (M/S Stevens/Curnel – unanimous)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of the December 11, 2019 meeting were approved as written (M/S Curnel/Wanke – unanimous). The minutes of the December 30, 2019 meeting were approved as written (M/S Stevens/Curnel – unanimous).

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

The December vouchers for the period ending January 7, 2020 totaling \$93,859.29 (#1 – 3 totaling \$72,994.61, #4 – 19 totaling \$10,899.57, #20 – 43 totaling \$9,965.11) were approved (M/S Curnel/Harris – unanimous).

PUBLIC FORUM FOR CITIZEN'S COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS – None

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT – Stephanie Shopbell

2020 Proposed Fee Schedule – Stephanie gave the board an explanation on the current regulation for E-207 on the fee schedule. Motion made to have a public hearing for ordinance 20-1 (M/S Stevens/Wanke – unanimous).

Healthspace – Update given, no questions.

2019 EH Summary – Provided in packets, no questions.

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Other – Monthly reports were provided in the packet.

COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT – Maria Vargas

Community Public Health Update – Drug paraphernalia ordinance has been sent to attorney for review. The Health Educators are currently working diligently with local retailers to enforce Tobacco 21. After some hard work and great perseverance by Jill, PHN, we have 10-2nd year nursing students doing their clinical rotations at GCHD.

GCHD continues to provide sex partner treatment packs under the direction of Dr. Brzezny.

Ben, Health Educator, is working on why there is a higher rate of expulsions in MLSD amongst students with an IEP or English as a second language.

GCHD does have the PHN position still open.

Other – None.

ASSESSMENT REPORT - None

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT -Theresa Adkinson

Org Chart Update – The Environmental Health Sanitarian I/II was posted today, that will be replacing Stephanie. Interviews for our Environmental Health Technician will begin on Monday, January 13. The Regional Epidemiologist will be working closely with GCHD and with Dr. Brzezny especially around Hep A. The second Regional Epidemiologist will be focused on assessment and interviews for that position are set to begin in the next couple of weeks. There are 2-3 applicants.

GCHD is working with Spokane Regional on FPH funds in the event of an outbreak. GCHD has been added to their workflow which allows for additional help at no additional cost to GCHD.

Foundational Public Health Update – Leg session will be underway the first week of February. WSALPHO has their leg day representing Districts 12 and 13 and address the funding allocations after a math error was made. Vaping will be addressed if asked.

Funding for Group B was not including in the allocations and a discussion will need to be held if it is not recovered, on whether GCHD will continue to work with Group B.

Financial Update – Emailed to board, no questions.

Other – None

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HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT – Dr. Brzezny

Syringe Services Program Update – SSP Flier updated, Dr. Brzezny did want the board to pay close attention to the number of Narcan distributions. The distribution of Narcan saved 82 lives, which is a big cost savings by the individuals not going to the ER.

Years-End Communicable Disease Update – Updated numbers in packet, no questions. Dr. Brzezny informed the board that in 2020 efforts will be made to eliminate Hep C. The Health Care Authority will be working to provide treatment to all individuals with Hep C.

Influenza Update – There has been a decrease in influenza cases but three deaths to date due to Influenza B. The individuals who have died, did have underlying health conditions.

Hepatitis A Virus – There are currently more than 160 cases in Spokane, eight in Yakima and four in Okanogan. Grant County had two reported cases, one being a false positive and the other a true positive. Due to the process for incarcerated people, it does have inmates traveling from one county to another.

GCHD is working with Sheriff Jones to provide the Hep A vaccine to employees of Grant County Jail. Staff are going to the homeless encampments to provide the vaccine as well as during our SSP. GCHD has approximately 40 doses to distribute.

Other – State BOH had a discussion today regarding vaping and the current emergency ban on flavored vape. There are two proposals being presented to the governor; first one would be a complete ban on any and all flavored tobacco, created a mandatory registration, reduce the nicotine to less than 2%. Jule is 5-7% nicotine and no Vitamin E acetate allowed, and the manufacturer would need to disclose all ingredients.

The liquor board will have their own proposal, but the details are not known. The emergency rule will need to be extended if no decision is made. While there has been a decrease in EVALI cases, the cause is still being researched.

GCHD is working to improve immunization rates at the local schools. Since then there has been an improvement in MMR vaccine. There was a proposal to the state boh asking to make the HPV vaccine mandatory for all school aged students, it was rejected.

OTHER BUSINESS – Picture of board taken.

ADJOURNMENT – With no other business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. (M/S Stevens/Curnel – unanimous).

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Tony Massa, Chairman Board of Health

ATTEST:

Rita Morfin, Clerk of the Board