

BOARD OF HEALTH

July 8, 2020

6:00 PM

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

MEMBERS

Tony Massa – Warden
Brad Parrish – Electric City
Tom Harris – Quincy

Richard Stevens – Commissioner
Mark Wanke – Ephrata
Kevin Newland – Wilson Creek

STAFF

Dr. Brzezny – Health Officer
Maria Vargas – CPH Manager
Rita Morfin – Board Clerk
Darcy Moss – Financial Facilitator

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

ABSENT

Dr. David Curnel – Moses Lake

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA – A motion was made to approve the agenda with the amendment to add item E-Indirect Rate under Administrator’s Report. (M/S Stevens/Wanke – unanimous).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of the June 10, 2020 meeting were approved as written (M/S Wanke/Stevens – unanimous).

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS—The June vouchers for the period ending July 7, 2020 totaling \$93,999.99 (#1 – 3 totaling \$65,503.44, #4 – 11 totaling \$10,985.43, #12 - 21 totaling \$17,511.12) were approved (M/S Stevens/Parrish – unanimous).

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT -Theresa Adkinson

GCHD Financials—Theresa sent the budget in an email to the board and gave an update.

Board of Health Support for Masking in Public Places—Discussed options on how to support masking in public places, board members discussed their personal reasons on why they mask.

Assistance with Wrap Around Services for Isolation and Quarantine—Theresa gave an update to the board explaining the need for a coalition to assist family that are in need during their isolation and/or quarantine.

Compliance with Isolation and Quarantine and Cooperation with GCHD Staff—Update to board on the struggle of not being able to contact our positive cases within the 24-hour time frame that the state requires. This in turn has a direct effect on reopening.



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Indirect Rate—There notified the board that the 2021 indirect rate for GCHD will be 40.83%. GCHD's proposal will be signed and sent to DOH.

UNIFIED COMMAND – Theresa Adkinson

Sheriff Office & GCHD Unified Command-Low income mask distribution & PPE—The UC has moved their warehouse and will be disbursing masks to low-income residents at various locations within Grant County. All test kits are being store at GCHD due to accessibility. Theresa reminded the board that our Health Care updates with Dr. Brzezny continue every Monday from 8:30-9:45 am and encourages the board to listen. GCHD staff continues to work remotely and in the office with check-ins twice a week.

School Reopening Planning—GCHD staff have been assigned to work with school districts within Grant County on their reopening plans. GCHD continues to have weekly meetings with the Educational Service Districts (ESD) which has been helpful and provides good discussion.

COMMUNITY MITIGATION/DOCUMENTATION OFFICER – Stephanie Shopbell

Signs and Resources for Businesses—Stephanie continues to work with businesses on their reopening plans, fielding questions and phone calls daily. Resources for employers are on GCHD's website.

Outdoor Markets—GCHD inspectors are reporting that vendors are in compliance with guidelines and receiving good feedback during their inspections.

Other Updates for Environmental Health—Stephanie gave a verbal update to board.

PLANNING CHIEF – Darcy Moss

Darcy gave an update to the board.

OPERATIONS CHIEF – Maria Vargas

Disease Investigations & Contact Tracing—Update given to board on what contact tracing is and it is very much all hands-on deck with the recent surge in positive COVID-19 cases. Maria did make the board aware of the resistance and hostility that the investigators are receiving from community members. GCHD has reached out to DOH to assist with English speaking investigations, but do not anticipate that to happen for a few more weeks. All Spanish speaking investigations will stay with GCHD.

New Disease Investigators—GCHD has hired four temporary investigators, three are now working remotely and one is still in office training.

Other Updates--None

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER – Theresa Adkinson

Mask Up so We Can Open Up Campaign—Theresa is working with local area chambers to get a campaign out into the public.

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT – Dr. Brzezny

PowerPoint presented to board; discussion held.

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OTHER BUSINESS—None

ADJOURNMENT—With no other business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. (M/S Wanke/Stevens – unanimous).

Tony Massa, Chairman Board of Health

ATTEST:

Rita Morfin, Clerk of the Board