

BOARD OF HEALTH**September 9, 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
Katherine Kenison – H.D. Attorney
Stephanie Shopbell – E.H. Manager

Theresa Adkinson – Administrator
Rita Morfin – Board Clerk
Darcy Moss – Financial Facilitator

ABSENT

Dr. David Curnel – Moses Lake

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of the August 12, 2020 meeting were approved as written (M/S Stevens/Harris – unanimous).

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS—The August vouchers for the period ending September 8, 2020 totaling \$142,438.25 (#1 – 3 totaling \$77,973.27, #4 – 13 totaling \$5,164.57, #14 - 32 totaling \$21,150.13) were approved (M/S Parrish/Harris – unanimous).

Health Officer's COVID-19 Report-Dr. Brzezny
PowerPoint presented; discussion held.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT -Theresa Adkinson

GCHD Financials—July financial were emailed to the board beforehand, update given.

CARES ACT Funding—Additional CARES funding given to GCHD in the amount of \$1.9 million through December 1, 2020.

2020 and 2021 Budgets—update given to the board.

Updated Org Chart—GCHD hired a fulltime Public Health Nurse and we lost a Health Educator due to moving out of the area. Theresa requested approval to hire two fulltime COVID-19 Disease Investigators; discussion held. Motion made to hire two fulltime COVID-19 Disease Investigators (M/S Wanke/Harris – unanimous).



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Request Temporary Admin Support Through Hiring Company—Motion made to continue contract with TEAM (Total Employment and Management) (M/S Harris/Stevens – unanimous).

Other Updates—None

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH—Stephanie Shopbell

HealthSpace Update—Permanent food is now accessible via the cloud; continuing to work on personalizing temporary food and onsite septic. Stephanie has a goal date of October 1, 2020 to be up and running with HealthSpace.

State Rulemaking Updates—Updates provided to the board.

Cyanobacteria Monitoring Update—Stephanie gave an update to the board. Two sites are being tested per week, due to some volunteers falling through no sampling was done this week. All levels are below threshold with Connelly and Cascade Parks still being high.

Other EH Updates—EH is still struggling with routine inspections, complaints, and pre-openings. Septic database is not current but GCHD is still processing applications.

UNIFIED COMMAND – Theresa Adkinson

Mass Testing Events Scheduled—Theresa gave the board dates, times, and locations of the mass testing.

DOH Support During the COVID-19 Case Surge—Theresa updated the board on the support GCHD will be receiving from GCHD.

COMMUNITY MITIGATION/DOCUMENTATION OFFICER – Stephanie Shopbell

Businesses—GCHD is still fielding questions from the public, which seem to increase anytime there's an announcement from the Governor.

School—Five staff members are working with school districts and private schools and reviewing their plans for re-opening.

Festivals and Community Activities—Update given.

PLANNING CHIEF – Darcy Moss

Darcy gave an update to the board.

OPERATIONS CHIEF – Maria Vargas

Disease Investigations & Contact Tracing—GCHD is extremely busy with farms, plant workers, and now school districts.

New Disease Investigators—Update given.

Other Updates--None

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PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER – Theresa Adkinson

COVID Media Campaign with Support from DOH—Flyers presented to the board.

Local Mask Up Campaigns—Update given.

Other Updates—None

HEALTH OFFICER’S REPORT – Dr. Brzezny

SSP/Opioid Overdose Trends—Update given.

Other Updates—None

OTHER BUSINESS—Support and words of encouragement were given to the staff of GCHD; discussion held regarding cases and deaths in our communities.

ADJOURNMENT—With no other business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. (M/S Harris/Wanke – unanimous).

Tony Massa, Chairman Board of Health

ATTEST:

Rita Morfin, Clerk of the Board