

BOARD OF HEALTH**March 10, 2021****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

Mark Wanke – Ephrata

Dr. David Curnel – Moses Lake

Danny Stone – Commissioner

Tom Harris – Quincy

Kevin Newland – Wilson Creek

STAFF

Dr. Brzezny – Health Officer

Maria Vargas – CPH Manager

Stephanie Shopbell – EH Manager

Katherine Kenison – HD Attorney

Theresa Adkinson – Administrator

Darcy Moss – Finance Support Facilitator

ABSENT

Rita Morfin – Board Clerk

Brad Parrish – Electric City

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of the February 10, 2021 meeting were approved as written (M/S Curnel/Harris – unanimous).

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS—The February vouchers for the period ending March 10, 2021 totaling \$266,867.11 (#1 – 3 totaling \$187,674.40, #4 – 26 totaling \$21,182.37 #27 - 36 totaling \$58,010.34), were approved (M/S Newland/Curnel – unanimous).

PUBLIC FORUM FOR CITIZEN’S COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS – None

Health Officer’s COVID-19 Report - Dr. Brzezny

PowerPoint presented regarding COVID-19 rates, vaccine information, trends & guidance.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH - Stephanie Shopbell

Staff Update – The Environmental Tech position has been filled.

Other Updates – Ms. Shopbell reported on the status of building permit sign offs and gave an update to the board on EH work, no questions.

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COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT – Maria Vargas

Program Updates – Ms. Vargas gave an update to the board.

Other Updates – Employees who are assigned to COVID work will be moving into the new office location soon for a more cohesive COVID unit. As case numbers are down, investigators have assisted with mass COVID vaccine clinics and other assignments related to those clinics.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT -Theresa Adkinson

Financial Report – Report was emailed to the board, no questions.

Accounting Contract Renewal – A contract renewal from CliftonLarsonAllen was presented. The contract includes a slight increase.

A motion was made to approve the CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP contract renewal for accounting services (Wanke/Newland – unanimous).

Organization Chart, GCHD– An updated Health District chart was presented which included the COVID unit employees.

House Bill 1152 – The bill has passed out of House with a 2nd substitute bill. The bill includes a Public Health advisory Committee, formalizes Foundational Public Health Services steering committee, expands Boards of Health, regional health officers (does not impact our local health officer appointment or authority) and shared services coordinator (state employee).

Linda Evans Parlette expressed her support of public health funding and thanked Mrs. Adkinson for her leadership.

Discussion held.

Vaccine Incident Management Team – Meetings are being held several times a week and include representatives from the Grant County Health District, Grant County Sheriff's Emergency Management, City of Moses Lake Fire, Grant County Fire District 5, Samaritan and Moses Lake/Quincy Community Health Center. Operations, logistics and finance are operated by this team for the mass COVID vaccine clinic events throughout Grant County. The team also consists of two Public Information Officers for communication and information on the events. PrepMod, an online registration, is used by patients to get the vaccine. Volunteers are also assisting at the events. The team is hoping to administer 1,100 doses at the Grant County Fairgrounds this Saturday. Upcoming clinics are also scheduled for Grand Coulee and Quincy.

GCHD Office Space – The transition to the GRIS office space will be taking place soon.

Other – Public Health Week and Physicians Day are coming up. Health District staff appreciated a banner from Signs Now stating “Heroes Work Here” that was affixed on the outside of the Health District office.

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HEALTH OFFICER’S REPORT – Dr. Brzezny

Epi Report – A communicable disease summary was given to the board which included case numbers. There has been an increase in STI’s and opioid overdoses which shows a greater need for behavior services during COVID.

Other Updates – None

OTHER BUSINESS – Mr. Wanke asked if there is any updates on Re-opening Phases and his concern of the impact on businesses. Ms. Adkinson explained that those decisions are not made at the local level and the Health District does not know of the changes until shortly before they are announced at the state level. Dr. Brzezny added that these changes are a difficult process and levels of risk are considered when making decisions. He also added that it takes four to six weeks to see a rise in cases when a phase is opened. Discussion was held

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Potential Litigation—The meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm to executive session according to RCW 42.30.110 to last 5 minutes regarding potential litigation with no action to be taken. The public meeting was re-opened at 7:37 pm.

ADJOURNMENT—With no other business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. (M/S Wanke/Harris – unanimous).

Tony Massa, Chairman Board of Health

ATTEST:

Darcy Moss, Finance Facilitator