

**BOARD OF HEALTH****September 8, 2021****6:20 PM**

The meeting was called to order in person and via Zoom at 6:20 pm by Mr. Massa with the following members and staff present:

**MEMBERS-In Person**

Tony Massa – Warden  
Brad Parrish – Electric City

Dr. David Curnel – Moses Lake  
Mark Wanke – Ephrata

**MEMBERS-Via Zoom**

Danny Stone – Commissioner

Kevin Newland – Wilson Creek

**STAFF-In person**

Theresa Adkinson – Administrator  
Maria Vargas – CPH Manager

Stephanie Shopbell – EH Manager  
Rita Morfin – Board Clerk

**STAFF-Via Zoom**

Dr. Brzezny – Health Officer

Katherine Kenison, H.D. Attorney

**Absent**

Tom Harris – Quincy

Darcy Moss – Finance Support Facilitator

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA** – A motion was made to approve the agenda with the change that there may be no executive session if counsel does not show up (M/S Curnel/Parrish – unanimous).

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – The minutes of the August 11, 2021 meeting were approved as written (M/S Curnel/Parrish – unanimous).

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**—The August vouchers for the period ending September 8, 2021, totaling \$141,980.35 (#1 –#3 totaling \$97,264.08, #4 – #34 totaling \$36,347.07, #35 - #39 totaling \$325.00, and #40 – #48 totaling \$8,044.20), were approved (M/S Parish/ Newland – 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**

**Craft 3**—Stephanie updated the board.

**Blue Green Algae**—Update given to board.

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**COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT** – Maria Vargas

**Program updates**—Emailed and update given to board.

**COVID Staffing Concerns**—Update given to board.

**Other Updates**—None

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT** -Theresa Adkinson

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

**Foundational Public Health Funding**—Update on FBPS funding given to board; discussion held.

**Investigator Positions – Temporary vs Permanent**—Update to board, presented plan to board; discussion held. Motion made to increase GCHD staff FTE from 40.0 to 44.4 with the Health Officer staying at a .4 FTE. (M/S Curnel/Wanke – unanimous).

**Other Updates**—Theresa updated the board on our audit that was originally scheduled for August. Our new date is going to be October or November and it will be confirmed with CliftonLarsonAllen.

Dr. Curnel asked if there was an update on the re-organization of the board, per Commissioner Stone, he will try to have one for October Board of Health meeting.

**HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT** – Dr. Brzezny

**Epi Report**—PowerPoint presented to board.

**Executive Session-Potential Litigation**—The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm to executive session according to RCW 42.30.110 to last 0 minutes regarding potential litigation with no action to be taken. The public meeting was re-opened at 8:00 pm.

**OTHER BUSINESS** – Dan Delano, citizen of Grant County, was concerned over the possible loss of healthcare workers due to the vaccine mandate; discussion held.

**ADJOURNMENT**—With no other business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. (M/S Wanke/Parrish – unanimous).

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Tony Massa, Chairman Board of Health

ATTEST:

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Rita Morfin, Board Clerk