

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

June 13, 2018

7:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mr. Massa with the following members and staff present:

**MEMBERS**

Dr. David Curnel - Moses Lake  
John Glassco- SL, Marlin, WC  
Cindy Carter – Commissioner

Tom Harris- Quincy  
Tony Massa- Board Chair, Warden

**STAFF**

Theresa Adkinson – Administrator  
Darcy Moss – Community Health Program Specialist  
Jon Ness – E.H. Manager

Kathleen Nelson - Community Public Health Manager  
Dr. Alex Brzezny – Health Officer

**ABSENT**

Mark Wanke – Ephrata  
Tom Taylor – Commissioner  
Katherine Kenison – H.D. Attorney

Carol Nordine – EC, CC, GC, HtIn  
Richard Stevens – Commissioner

**GUESTS**

Senator Linda Evans Parlette, Executive Director North Central Accountable Community of Health  
Senator Judy Warnick- Washington State 13th Legislative District

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**– A motion was made to approve the agenda as written (M/S Curnel/Harris - unanimous).

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - The minutes of the May 9, 2018 meeting were approved as written (M/S Curnel/Harris - unanimous).

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

The vouchers for the period ending June 12, 2018, totaling \$123,400.86 (#1 - #3 totaling \$200,504.88 and #4 - #20 totaling \$11,008.44 and #21 – #47 totaling \$61,261.92 and #48 - #63 totaling \$30,307.26) were approved. (M/S Harris/Curnel– unanimous).

**PUBLIC FORUM FOR CITIZEN’S COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS** –

Mrs. Evans Parlette, updated the Board on the North Central Accountable Community of Health (NCACH) project. The North Central region consists of four counties which include Okanogan, Chelan, Douglas and Grant. The ACH was formed after a statewide initiative was granted by the federal government to achieve Medicaid system wide change. The group as a region is responsible for implementing 6 sustainable projects over the next 5 years that address regional health priorities and promote whole person Medicaid care. An informative hand out was distributed.

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### **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT** – Jon Ness

**Food Establishment Inspection Report** – Reports for the month of May were distributed. There has been a 10-12% increase in completed inspections compared to the first four months of last year.

**Septic and Building Permit Processing Report** – Reports for the month of May were distributed. Reports showed the number of average days for completion of permits.

**Public Health and Emergency Preparedness – Grant County Healthcare Coalition Meeting** – The meeting was held on June 4 and included a panel discussion with local community members. Topics discussed were opioid misuse and abuse epidemic, Incident Command System overview and components of a regional healthcare emergency response.

**Environmental Health Annual Education Conference** – Three staff attended the conference. Presentations were given on rabies, legionella disease, sanitizers and school plan reviews. The education that was received at the conference will be applied to the work performed in our county.

**Other Updates** - None

### **COMMUNITY HEALTH REPORT** –Kathleen Nelson

**1422 Grant Update** – A chef has been contracted to show dieticians how to prepare healthy foods to fulfill work in this grant.

**Conference on Hypertension, Stroke and Diabetes Prevention** – A seminar will be held on July 11 at Brookdale Hearthstone. There will be a morning session and an afternoon session. The public is welcome to attend.

**Nutrition in Our Communities** – The Farmers Market Match program continues to increase in match at the local Farmers Market's. The program provides match in fruit and vegetable purchases to clients with EBT cards.

**What Creates Noise in Your Life?** – A handout was distributed regarding noise and the stresses that noise brings to people and the health benefits of silence.

**Other Updates** – None

### **ASSESSMENT REPORT** – Kathleen Nelson

**Suicide in the US** – Graphs were distributed showing youth suicide rates. Between 2012 and 2016 there have been 12 suicides (per 100,000) between the ages of 10-24 in Grant County. It is one of the higher rates in the state of Washington. Washington State suicide rates have been higher than the national rates since 2010.

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### **ADMINISTRATORS REPORT** – Theresa Adkinson

**Newspaper Bids** – We received bids for legal advertising from both the Quincy Valley Post Register and the Columbia Basin Herald. Quincy's paper is priced per line and Moses Lake's is based on a required size. Mrs. Adkinson recommended accepting both bids in order to have more advertising coverage throughout Grant County.

A motion was made to accept both the Quincy Valley Post Register and the Columbia Basin Herald for the 2018-2019 year (M/S Harris/Curnel – Unanimous).

**Staffing Update** – Interviews for the Public Health Associate have been completed. An offer will be extended soon. Maria Vargas has been promoted to a Program Facilitator to oversee the Healthy Communities division as well as the GCHD grant work and billings. Vicky Rutherford has been appointed the Clerk of the Board. Also, two PHA's have been promoted to PHA III's.

**Accounting Services** – Staff continue to work with CliftonLarsonAllen LLP. The first billings will go to the state soon for payment.

**Funding Updates** – Currently the foundational public health funding is being utilized for the facilitation of the syringe exchange program, communicable diseases and assessment. The local public health leadership and FPHS steering committee have agreed that the 2019-2020 FPHS funding ask for the coming Legislative session will focus on communicable disease prevention and environmental programs that are not currently covered by permit fees.

**Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials (WSALPHO)** – Mrs. Adkinson, Mrs. Nelson and Mr. Ness attended the conference with other local public health leaders. Advocating for foundational public health funding was a consistent topic at the conference.

**Other Updates** – Mrs. Adkinson will be attending the National Association of County and City Health Officials(NACCHO) conference being held in July in New Orleans with travel financial from WSALPHO. She will be giving a presentation on Washington State's approach to FPHS and public health funding crisis.

### **HEALTH OFFICER REPORT** – Dr. Brzezny

**Epi Review** – The monthly EPI report was shared with the Board. There were four recent reports of possible rabies exposure in Grant County. Rabies exposures often increase during the summer months.

More mosquito borne illnesses that were previously found in the southern parts of the world are now being found nationally.

**Pertussis** – Cluster cases were investigated last month in under immunized individuals.

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**Progress with the Syringe Services Program** – A Grant County syringe exchange information flyer was shared. A mobile unit is going out into the community on Wednesdays from 1:30-3:30pm. There were seven needles exchanged and one naloxone distributed. The syringe exchange is not just about the syringes, but also disease prevention and harm reduction. Grant County has a significant number of individuals on prescription opioids and of those many are on higher dose opioid prescriptions. The state as a whole, has approximately a third less prescription opioid users than in Grant County.

**Other Updates** – The Washington State Poison Control released an alert for providers on best practices when treating stimulant drug overdoses and how to be prepared. The release was timely and appropriate with the upcoming Paradiso concert. The release was forwarded by the Health District to local providers.

Flu mist will be available again for the upcoming flu season.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:29pm (M/S Curnel/Harris-unanimous).

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Tony Massa, Chairman Board of Health

ATTEST:

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Darcy Moss, Community Health Program Specialist