

BOARD OF HEALTH**August 8, 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
Mark Wanke – Ephrata
Tom Taylor – Commissioner
Richard Stevens – Commissioner
Tony Massa- Board Chair, Warden

Cindy Carter - Commissioner
Carol Nordine – EC, CC, GC, Htl
John Glassco – SL, Krupp, WC

STAFF

Dr. Brzezny – Health Officer
Jon Ness – E.H. Manager
Katherine Kenison – H.D. Attorney

Theresa Adkinson – Administrator
Vicky Rutherford – IT Coordinator

ABSENT

Tom Harris – Quincy

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA – A motion was made to approve the agenda with an amendment to include an executive session expected to last 15 minutes for public employee performance and litigation (M/S Carter/Stevens – unanimous).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of the July 11, 2018 meeting were approved as written (M/S Curnel/Wanke – unanimous).

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

The vouchers for the Period ending August 7, 2018, totaling \$212,759.96 (#1 – 3 totaling \$72,165.63, #4 – 21 totaling \$7,465.55, #22 totaling 3,263.14, #23 – 51 totaling \$63,669.99 and # 52 – 73 totaling \$66,195.65) were approved (M/S Wanke/Taylor – unanimous).

PUBLIC FORUM FOR CITIZEN’S COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS – NONE**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT** – Jon Ness

Food Establishment Inspection Report - Jon presented the Board with the food inspection report for July 2018.

Septic and Building Permit Report: Jon presented the Board with the septic and building permit report for the month of June.

Hosted Septic Class. A septic class was hosted at the Health District on August 8th. The training is required for installers and the class gave them the opportunity to attend free of charge. It was well attended.

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Physical Water Availability for Plats – Discussion was held regarding WAC 246-272A-0320. The County made it clear that the County is doing the legal availability of water review and not the Health District. The Board stated they did not want to steer applicants towards public water systems. The Board stated they did not want to require wells be installed before the plat was approved.

Eastside EH Director's Meeting – FPHS – The EH Directors met last Thursday and discussed defining Environmental Health Foundational Public Health services and identifying the gaps in funding to truly provide those services.

Other Updates – NONE

COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT – Theresa Adkinson

Staff Public Health Update – Theresa explained the structure of the community health division with the departure of Kathleen.

Healthy Communities Update – Maria Vargas is providing supervision to the healthy community's division as midlevel management. Theresa will still have upper level oversight and expertise.

Safe Firearms Storage Event – There is going to be another safe firearm storage giveaway on Saturday, August 25 from 10 – 1. The events will be held at the Sportsman's Warehouse and Tri-State Outfitters, both located in Moses Lake. Hands on training to use the lock boxes will be available.

Vaping and Marijuana Edibles Training – Examples of marijuana edibles and vaping supplies were shared with the board and discussion was held about training in the community.

Syringe Service Program Logistics – Theresa told the board that discussions will start with community partners to provide this service in other locations.

ASSESSMENT REPORT - NONE

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Theresa Adkinson

CLA Accounting Update - A brief overview was given to the board regarding the status of the new accounting system. Brian Swanson from **CLA** was available by phone to answer questions.

GCHD Financials Update – The board members received a copy of the recent budget ending May 31, 2018. Discussion was held.

City Agreements with GCHD - Theresa stated that she will begin scheduling her yearly visits to cities and towns asking for financial support and informing them about the services the health districts offers for their communities.

FPHS Steering Committee Update – A handout was shared with the board about the future of the Foundational Public Health Services model. Theresa shared information about her trip to Louisiana last month where she presented on Foundational Public Health Services in Washington, Oregon and Kansas states.

Other Updates – NONE

HEALTH OFFICER’S REPORT – Dr. Brzezny

Meningococcal Infection and Contact Investigation – A recent confirmed meningococcal infection prompted follow-ups with contacts and prescribing of antibiotics to close contacts. Twenty-eight people, 5 first responders and 14 hospital staff were contacted.

Mosquito and Other Vector Update – Dr. Brzezny stated WNV has been identified in mosquitoes in Grant, Benton and Yakima counties. There are recent reports of bats in Chelan County testing positive for rabies and a cat is being taken to the state lab tomorrow to test for plague.

Pertussis Case – The last suspected pertussis case was tested by blood and that is not the preferred method. At this time the case cannot be confirmed.

Heat and Smoke Advisory - Board members were given a printout explaining the various degrees of air quality and the actions to take depending on the severity of the smoke.

Syringe Services Program Update – Discussion was held about the lack of providers available to offer services to individuals seeking help with addiction.

Other Updates – NONE

OTHER BUSINESS - NONE

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board adjourned to executive session at 8:40 for 15 minutes to discuss public employee performance and litigation without action.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board reconvened to open session at 9:06 and with no other business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 (M/S Wanke/Taylor – unanimous).

Tony Massa, Chairman Board of Health

ATTEST:

Vicky J Rutherford, IT Coordinator