

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

July 11, 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 Harris- Quincy

Richard Stevens – Commissioner

Tony Massa- Board Chair, Warden

Cindy Carter - Commissioner

Carol Nordine – EC, CC, GC, Htl

**STAFF**

Dr. Brzezny – Health Officer

Jon Ness – E.H. Manager

Katherine Kenison – H.D. Attorney

Kathleen Nelson - Community Public Health Manager

Vicky Rutherford – IT Coordinator

**ABSENT**

Tom Taylor – Commissioner

Theresa Adkinson – Administrator

John Glassco – SL, Krupp, WC

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA** – A motion was made to approve the agenda with an amendment to include an executive session expected to last 5 minutes for personnel issues (M/S Curnel/Harris – unanimous).

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – The minutes of the June 13, 2018 meeting were approved as written (M/S Curnel/Harris – unanimous).

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

The vouchers for the Period ending July 10, 2018 totaling \$222,691.26 (#1 – 3 totaling \$137,027.32 and #4 – 14 totaling \$7,722.62 and #15 – 49 totaling \$77,941.32) were approved (M/S Harris/Wanke – 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 June. He reported an issue with a restaurant in Grand Coulee.

**Septic and Building Permit Report** – Jon gave the Board a report on permit processing. On average, septic permits are issued 7 days after receiving the application.

**On-Site Rules Committee Update Report** – Washington State DOH has started the process of updating the on-site septic rules, WAC 246-272A. Jon is the alternate for Eastern Washington and will attend the meetings in Kent.



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**Staff Sanitary Survey Training Report** – Three staff members attended a training for EH professionals in conducting sanitary surveys of waters systems for State DOH. The Health District is reimbursed for the training and cost of doing the inspections.

**Environmental Health Staff Update** – Stefan Ball has left the agency. The interview process to replace him has been completed and references are being checked.

**Other Updates** – The Public Health Emergency Preparedness coalition has traditionally been managed regionally. Now it covers Eastern Washington and there is a western healthcare coalition as well.

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

**Staff Orientation Update** - Kathleen reported Jill McCullough, RN will be working in chronic disease programs. Kari Hitzroth, RN will be working in communicable disease programs. Jill will assist Kari as needed. Jill will be responsible for the syringe exchange program. Maria and the MCH program will move under Theresa's supervision.

**Community Training Class Hypertension, Stroke and Diabetes** – Kathleen and Jill conducted a community health event at Hearthstone for hypertension, stroke and diabetes. It was very well attended and received.

**CPR Training** – Kari has been trained as a CPR instructor. She has already trained 5 staff members.

**Other Updates** – Kathleen informed the board that she is leaving the agency effective Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Syringe Service Program Update** – Jill spoke with the Moses Lake Chief of Police and stated he is very pleased with the syringe program. Rather than travel to multiple sites in Moses Lake, it was decided to park the mobile van at the food bank. So far it has been a great success. Today 121 needles were exchanged, all the Narcan and needle containers were distributed.

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT** – Jon Ness

**Lincoln Insurance Employee Benefit** – Grant County Human Resources requested a Board of Health motion to authorize Grant County to continue to deduct the Lincoln Insurance (formerly AFLAC) premiums from staff paychecks that have requested it and submit to Lincoln on their behalf as they do for county employees now. A motion was made to allow Grant County to deduct insurance premiums from employee paychecks and distribute to Lincoln Insurance (M/S Wanke/Curnel – unanimous).

**Suicide Prevention Task Force Kick off** – GCHD staff are working closely with Grant Integrated Services in response to the most recent suicides and suicide attempts in our county. GCHD facilitated a Suicide Task Force on July 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Staffing Updates** – As stated earlier, Kathleen will be resigning on July 13<sup>th</sup>. At this point, her position will not be filled due to uncertainty in federal funds. Interviews for the new Administrative Services Supervisor (Program Facilitator) will be conducted when Theresa returns to the office. A new Public Health Associate has been hired.

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**Other Updates** – Theresa is in Louisiana participating in a conference with the National Association of City and County Officials annual conference. She is presenting on Foundational Public Health Services in Washington, Oregon and Kansas states.

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

**Pertussis Cluster Summary** – Dr. Brzezny stated there were 4 confirmed cases of Pertussis in May.

**Opioid Misuse Update** – Deaths from Fentanyl overdoses have increased since June 2017. The epidemic is getting worse and not better. Grant County numbers are still lower than other counties. Dr. Brzezny asked to the board to possibly consider making overdose deaths in Grant County reportable.

**West Nile and Other Vector Updates** - The state is no longer testing birds for West Nile Virus as they have already been identified as carriers. It has been identified in mosquitoes in Grant, Benton and Yakima counties.

**Epi Review** - Dr. Brzezny stated that the Health District is prescribing treatment for partners of positive STI infections. This way they don’t need to go to the doctor and can pick up the medication free of charge.

**Other Updates** – There are confirmed cases of Mumps in the state. There are confirmed cases of Measles in Snohomish, Clark and Multnomah (Oregon) counties. A Provider alert has been issued in our county. There is a confirmed case of rabies in a bat in Chelan County. The state has 10 total cases right now.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

There was discussion between the board members and staff about providing a staff member to work in Ephrata to help with septic matters and permits. Discussion will be ongoing.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board adjourned to executive session at 7:50 for 10 minutes to discuss personnel issues without action.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Board reconvened to open session at 8:00 and with no other business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 (M/S Stevens/Wanke – unanimous).

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Tony Massa, Chairman Board of Health

ATTEST:

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Vicky J Rutherford, IT Coordinator