

BOARD OF HEALTH**September 12, 2018****7:00 PM**

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

MEMBERS

Dr. David Curnel - Moses Lake

Mark Wanke – Ephrata

Tom Taylor – Commissioner

Tom Harris – Quincy

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 – Board Clerk

ABSENT

Tony Massa – Warden

Cindy Carter - Commissioner

Richard Stevens – Commissioner

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA – A motion was made to approve the agenda (M/S Taylor/Harris – unanimous).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of the August 8, 2018 meeting were approved as written (M/S Harris/Curnel – unanimous).

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

The vouchers for the Period ending August 7, 2018, totaling \$302,867.68 (#1 – 3 totaling \$193,514.91, #4 – 16 totaling \$7,254.63, #17 – 41 totaling \$65,419.92 and # 42 – 55 totaling \$36,678.22) were approved (M/S Harris/Curnel – 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 August 2018. Commissioner Taylor suggested adding a procedure checklist to the packets given to food vendors at fair time.

Septic and Building Permit Report – Jon gave the Board a copy of the septic and building permits report for July 2018. He explained the reasons for the delayed permits that Commissioner Carter inquired about at the August meeting.

Vector/Zoonotic Update – There was one case of Hantavirus reported in May. The individual survived the exposure unlike two years ago when there were two fatalities. Out of 46 positive tests for West Nile Virus in



Washington this year, 29 belonged to Grant County. One horse tested positive for WNV. Six bats, two cats and three dogs have been tested for rabies with all being negative.

Sewage Spill Report - Jon informed the Board an orchard in Mattawa reported a sewage spill from the city of Mattawa into their orchard. The spill has been cleaned up and the city is working with the orchard to replace the bins contaminated by the spill. The orchard was directed to the Department of Agriculture for further assistance.

Other Updates – A press release went out today warning of blue green algae present from WDFW north Moses Lake board launch south to Connelly Park. Warning signs have been posted and testing will continue.

COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT – Theresa Adkinson

Safe Firearms Storage Event – Theresa updated to the Board on the safe firearms storage event that occurred in August. The event was well attended at both locations. 578 lock boxes and 48 trigger locks were distributed.

Prescription for Play - Theresa updated the board on the prescription for play voucher program. \$4,000 in vouchers were distributed in Moses Lake and Ephrata. Turnout was good this year with many of the vouchers being returned for the parks and rec programs.

SNAP MATCH – Theresa reported \$3,000 in match funds for the SNAP program for EBT users at the farmer's market for fruit and vegetable purchases.

Breastfeeding Booths at Grant County Fair – Over 40 moms took advantage of the breastfeeding booths at the fair this year.

Proclamation for Suicide Prevention – Theresa thanked the Board of County Commissioners for signing the Proclamation for Suicide Prevention. Discussion was held regarding various ways of communicating with individuals in crisis.

ASSESSMENT REPORT - NONE

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Theresa Adkinson

Staffing Update – The Board was presented with an updated organizational chart for the agency. The new Administrative Services Facilitator will be working full time on September 17, 2018.

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

GCHD Committee Update – Theresa shared with the board that the GCHD has 3 different committees that are made up of staff and management, Workplace Wellness, Labor, Management and Employee recognition. She explained how each committee works.

Other Updates – Carol Nordine (Electric City Representative) will be stepping down as a board member effective immediately. Theresa and the Board thanked her for her service.

HEALTH OFFICER’S REPORT – Dr. Brzezny

School Vaccine Requirements - Dr. Brzezny discussed a letter sent to the school officials in the county requesting they focus on compliance with RCW 28A.210.120 for the MMR vaccine this year.

Smoke Update/Air Quality Update: Several county Health Officers (HO) have asked Washington State Department of Health to develop procedures for large outdoor events when air quality becomes hazardous. A state *Health Officer-Environmental Health* coalition is being formed and Dr. Brzezny was asked to participate.

Syringe Services Program Update – The Board was presented with the latest figures for the syringe services program. At this time there are four reported saves with the Narcan that has been distributed to individuals since the program started in our community.

EPI Update – Dr. Brzezny stated there is an increase in the cases of Gonorrhea and Hepatitis C. The increase in Hep C is most likely due to increased testing.

Upcoming Influenza Season - 2017 – 2018 was a high severity season. CDC is recommending everyone be vaccinated by the end of October this year. Flu mist is available this year. It was not available for the last two years.

Other Updates - There is a reported case of maternal/fetal Listeria bacterial infection. It is transmitted to the child from the mother during delivery.

OTHER BUSINESS – Discussion was held concerning the increase of illegal drugs in the Grant County Jail and possible ways to alleviate the problem through interventions like drug courts and medication-assisted therapy (MAT) in jails.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 (M/S Taylor/Harris – unanimous).

Mark Wanke, Vice Chairman Board of Health

ATTEST:

Vicky J Rutherford, Board Clerk
