

**BOARD OF HEALTH****October 10, 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  
Tom Harris – Quincy

Richard Stevens - Commissioner  
Cindy Carter - Commissioner  
John Glassco – SL, Krupp, WC  
Tony Massa - Warden

**STAFF**

Dr. Brzezny – Health Officer  
Jon Ness – E.H. Manager  
Anna Franz – H.D. Attorney

Theresa Adkinson – Administrator  
Vicky Rutherford – Board Clerk

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – The minutes of the September 12, 2018 meeting were approved as written (M/S Taylor/Curnel – unanimous).

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

The vouchers for the Period ending October 10, 2018, totaling \$180,678.73 (#1 – 3 totaling \$128,300.40, #4 – 24 totaling \$21,937.19 #25 - 51 totaling \$30,441.14) were approved (M/S Stevens/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 September 2018.

**Septic and Building Permit Report** – Jon gave the Board a copy of the septic and building permits report for August 2018. Discussion was held.

**GCHD Meeting with Grant County Commissioners Update** – Jon gave an update from the meeting with the County Commissioners on September 24, 2018 regarding building and septic system permitting. He also presented the board with additional information as to the cost and time to run the septic program. Discussion was held on this subject and the County’s responsibilities on a dual role with the water program.



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**Blue Green Algae Update** - The Board was given information on the present blue green algae present in the lake. They were presented with graph of a three-tiered approach to managing Washington water bodies with cyanobacterial blooms. Warning signs are still posted.

**Ordinance 18-3 – Proposed Fee Schedule for 2019** – Jon gave the board members a copy of the proposed fee schedule for 2019. Per Resolution 15-1, “The Board of Health shall review all Environmental Health fees on an annual basis and shall consider fee changes based on the cost of providing these services. The proposal shall include an increase each year by the amount of the most recent July to July Consumer Price Index (CPIU) – All Urban Consumers”. A motion was made to hold a public hearing at next month’s board meeting to adopt Ordinance 18-3 (M/S Carter/Harris – unanimous).

**Other Updates - None**

**COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT** – Theresa Adkinson

**Quincy Partnership for Youth Update** – Federal funding for this program ended on September 30, 2018. The Health District has applied for a no cost extension. Meetings are being held with other stakeholders as well to keep the program going. The City of Quincy will continue to contribute, and they are having conversations with the School District. Grant Integrated Services is applying for funding and if approved, the present staff would be employed by the County. There should be a resolution one way or the other by the next board meeting.

**NC – ACH Funding Update** – A small award of money was received to help with the Syringe Services Program. The funding will be used for cleanup kits for people to use when finding needles and other drug paraphernalia in public places.

**Other Updates**

**SNAP ED** – Theresa stated SNAP ED is winding down for the year and reminded the board again about the increase in people using the matching vouchers for fruits and vegetables at the farmer’s markets.

**Safe Fire arms Storage Event** – The board was given an infographic showing the success of the 2018 Fire arm education and safe storage event.

**Tobacco Program Update** – An intern working at the HD is in the process of distributing window clings (shown to the board at a previous meeting) for Tobacco, Marijuana and Vaping for local merchants to display.

**Childhood Obesity Update** - Funding has ended for the Childhood Obesity program and we are waiting to hear if there will be additional funding available.

**ASSESSMENT REPORT - NONE**

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**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT** – Theresa Adkinson

**Staffing Update** – Theresa introduced Rita Morfin, Administrative Services Program Facilitator. She will be working in administration and supervising the front office and the Program Specialists. Theresa stated there was an internal promotion from a Program Specialist to Immunization Coordinator. This leaves an opening in the food program and advertising is process for the position.

**North County Board Seat Update** – Carol Nordine has resigned as a board member and Theresa sent a letter to north county cities to seek another member for the board. At this time, all have declined. Grand Coulee will be having their city meeting in October and may put an ad in the paper looking for interested candidates. An email will be sent to the board when there is an update.

**Foundational Public Health Services** – Other Important Services – Theresa has been asked to sit on the advisory board with the Secretary of State to decide how to distribute funds to local Public Health, Tribes and community-based partners.

**Other Updates**

**GCHD Financials Update** – The Board members received a copy of recent financials ending August 2018. CLA is almost finished reconciling 2017 and will be starting 2018 soon. Financials are currently on track.

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

**Varicella Outbreak** – 25 cases of Varicella since September 1 have been reported. Ten separate schools are involved, nine in Moses Lake and one in Ephrata. Exposure and expulsion letters were sent to affected parties.

**EPI Update** – The board was presented with an updated graph of current STIs. Spokane is reporting a large outbreak in Hepatitis B.

**Seasonal Influenza Update** – Dr. Brzezny reported an increase in influenza like illness nationwide. Grant County has reported four or five cases of laboratory confirmed influenza during the last several weeks.

**Syringe Services Program Update** – The Board was presented with the latest figures for the syringe services program. At this time there are eight reported saves with the Narcan that has been distributed to individuals since the program started in our community. Three individuals have been voluntarily placed into rehabilitation treatment.

**Other Updates** – Dr. Brzezny reported cases of Acute flaccid myelitis (AFM) has been reported in Washington and other states as well. Currently there is not a vaccine for this disease.

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**Executive Session** – The board adjourned to executive session at 8:20 for 15 minutes to discuss performance of a public employee and possible action. Executive session was extended another 10 minutes.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was reconvened to open session at 8:43 pm and with no action or other business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 (M/S Carter/Curnel – unanimous)

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Tony Massa, Chairman Board of Health

ATTEST:

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Vicky J Rutherford, Board Clerk