

BOARD OF HEALTH**December 12, 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
Cindy Carter – Commissioner
Tom Taylor - Commissioner

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

STAFF

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

Theresa Adkinson – Administrator
Rita Morfin – Board Clerk
Darcy Moss – Finance Program Facilitator

ABSENT

Tom Harris - Quincy

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

APPROVAL OF MINTUES – The minutes of the November 14, 2018 meeting were approved as written (M/S Taylor/Curnel – unanimous).

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

The vouchers for the Period ending December 11, 2018, totaling \$192,672.95 (#1 – 3 totaling \$131,147.89 #4 – 22 totaling \$14,678.98 #23 - 30 totaling \$7,220.91 and #31 - 55 totaling \$39,625.17) 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 November 2018.

Septic and Building Permit Report – Jon gave the Board an update of the septic and building permits report for November 2018.

Program Sharing – Jon shared how the Health District processes building permits. He also shared the report from when the Health District did a QI project on processing septic permits.

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Blue Green Algae Update – There is a meeting with Department of Ecology and Irrigation District set for December 19, 2018. The plan is to discuss the priorities, plans, roles and responsibilities. Commissioner Carter plans to attend this meeting and there is no public meeting set at this time. Commissioner Taylor would like to explore the possibility of the Irrigation District assist with funding for blue green algae.

Environmental Health Staff Placement at Development Services Department Working toward facilitating a meeting on how to address septic permitting and explore options presented to Commissioners.

HealthSpace for Septic Permits – Exploring implementation of HealthSpace for septic program and give county access. The Septic module has already been purchased and staff are working with the contractor on costing out importing data.

Other Updates – There was an update to the solid waste WAC, therefore the Health District will need to update the Solid Waste ordinance. Staff are working on updates to the temporary food ordinance and will present to the Board at an upcoming meeting.

COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT – Theresa Adkinson

Quincy Partnership for Youth Update – Grant Integrated Services received a new grant that will sustain the Quincy Partnership for Health an employment offer was extended to the current GCHD director.

Syringe Services Program Expansion & Clean Up Kits – Meeting with City of Ephrata to do SSP once a month, volunteers are trained and location TBD. The information will be shared with city council in January with the support of Chief Warren and City Manager, Wes Crago. Surrounding cities have shown interest; ACH funding was granted to assist with program expansion. With the colder months upon us, an indoor facility is being sought, possibly at GCHD. Clean up kits are being made to include-sharps container, gloves and tongs. City wide clean up events will be targeted for kit distributions. Grant County Public Works currently goes out twice a year for city clean up; Mattawa, Moses Lake and Wilson Creek are some of the cities currently involved. There has been a decrease in reports of needles being found in parks, talking with the public seems to be a decrease in general.

School Based Health Centers – Quincy School District is exploring having a health center within their facility. Theresa to represent Public Health at the table. Asset mapping resources within the community; where are the gaps? Some positives being our hospital and clinics involved. Tom Harris is a part of the committee as well.

Assessment Report – Theresa Adkinson

North County Project with University of Washington - UW Master's Public Health (MPH) project in North Grant County presented a webinar on their findings on barriers to healthcare, mental and behavioral health. They are finalizing their finding and would like to share themselves when complete. Their work was quite impressive and hope to have a webinar given by UW students or a presentation by Laina, our Assessment Coordinator.

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Administrator's Report -Theresa Adkinson

CliftonLarsonAllen (CLA) Introduction and Presentation - Marcus Bowman with CliftonLarsonAllen advised that they have been working on updating the Health District's financial system for the last year and are close to rolling out. With that, startup costs were higher than expected. Proposed a flat monthly fee from \$5,000 to \$6,000; would grant endless consultation and be tracked for review. Next step will be for CLA to put a formal request that will include additional funds to cover the startup costs and the increased monthly fee.

Budget Meeting with the Grant County Commissioners - Several options with costs were presented to the commissioners, discussion held and agreed on finding the best outcome.

Facility Contract Renewal with Grant County – Two documents were presented to the Board for approval. A 10-year Facility Lease and an Interlocal Agreement that forgives the lease payments to Grant County. (M/S Stevens/Wanke-unanimous).

Public Hearing 2019 Budget-Ordinance 18-4 – Theresa presented an update to the GCHD 2019 budget. Discussion has held. The public hearing was opened for comment for Ordinance 18-4. Having no comments, the hearing was closed (M/S Carter/Taylor – unanimous). A motion was made to accept the Ordinance 18-4 2019 Budget (M/S Taylor/Curnel – unanimous)

Homelessness in Grant County – Theresa presented on the reflection of Public Health and homelessness, advised that she will be actively involved in the task force.

Other – Governor's budget to be release December 13, 2018 and will give a baseline for Public Health funding.

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT – Dr. Brzezny

Varicella Outbreak – Moses Lake School District has reached the 42-day mark for exclusion. Soap Lake and Ephrata will reach their 42 days soon with their most recent case being around December 5, 2018 and no new cases since.

MMR School Immunization Requirement – Letter from the Health Officer was sent to Superintendents, Principals, RNs stating that students must have a waiver or have all vaccines required for school entry; if neither is available then exclusion should take place until paperwork or vaccines completed. The goal is to have compliance beginning in January 2019. There has been good support from the school districts and they are prepared to go to the school board.

Increasing Influenza Activity – Significant increase in influence A and B through lab report. The community has been informed that we are in influenza season. Hospitals have been recommended to enforce their policies as to staff masking.

Syringe Services Program Update/Opioid Misuse Update – The Board was presented with the latest figures for the syringe services program. At this time there are 15 reported lives saved with the Narcan; 74 Narcan have been distributed to individuals since the program started in our community. Others have been linked with treatment. Opioid is the number one preventable death.

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CBD in Food – Discussed CBD in food within the county and GCHD role on regulating use.

Other Updates – Jackie Dawson, Epidemiologist, will be retiring at the end of December and will receive a plaque for her dedication and commitment.

OTHER BUSINESS – None

Executive Session – The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm to executive session according to RCW 42.30.110 to last 15 minutes regarding potential litigation and performance of a public employee. Commissioner Taylor extended executive session by 5 minutes at 9:25 pm. The public meeting was reopened at 9:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT - With no other business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 pm (M/S Wanke/Curnel – unanimous).

Tony Massa, Chairman Board of Health

ATTEST:

Rita Morfin, Board Clerk