

BOARD OF HEALTHJanuary 9, 2019
7:00 PM

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

MEMBERSDr. David Curnel - Moses Lake
Mark Wanke – Ephrata
Tom Harris – QuincyJohn Glassco – SL, Krupp, WC
Tony Massa – Warden
Richard Stevens – Commissioner**STAFF**Dr. Brzezny – Health Officer
Jon Ness – E.H. Manager
Katherine Kenison – H.D. AttorneyTheresa Adkinson – Administrator
Rita Morfin – Board Clerk**ABSENT**Tom Taylor, Commissioner
Cindy Carter, Commissioner

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

SELECTION OF CHAIR/VICE CHAIR – Tony Massa, Chair Mark Wanke, Vice Chair (M/S Curnel/Harris – unanimous)

AUDIT COMMITTEE – Mark Wanke, Richard Stevens and Tony Massa (M/S Curnel/Harris – unanimous)

AGENDA AMENDMENT – BOH meeting start time. (M/S Wanke/Curnel – unanimous)

APPROVAL OF MINTUES – The minutes of the December 12, 2018 meeting were approved as written (M/S Harris/Curnel – unanimous).

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

The vouchers for the Period ending January 8, 2019, totaling \$105,254.84 (#1 – 3 totaling \$66,779.17 #4 – 17 totaling \$10,016.72 #18 - 32 totaling \$9,472.75 and #33 - 56 totaling \$18,986.20) were approved (M/S Wanke/Stevens – 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 December 2018.



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Temporary Food Recurring Events Ordinance Update – New ordinance allows for less follow up inspection and more routine inspection due to the change in ordinance. Ordinance to include grammatical change of “seasonal” to “recurring”. Recurring Food Permits would have start and end times, if they have two (2) failed inspections, their permit is revoked. Public hearing for adoption of ordinance will be set for February Board of Health meeting. (M/S Stevens/Curnel – unanimous)

Septic and Building Permit Report – Jon gave the Board an update of the septic and building permits report for December 2018; number of applications have been steady with an average turn around time of five (5) days.

Program Sharing – Has been postponed until February.

Blue Green Algae Update – On December 19, 2018 an Ecology meeting was held; In attendance was ML Irrigation District, Conservation District and Senator Warnick and discussion was held on improvement of Blue Green Algae knowing there are no dedicated monies. Citizens have offered to assist by using their own funds. Another meeting on how to include the publics help will be scheduled.

HealthSpace for Septic Permits – With the current permit tracking module there would be minimal costs to upload information. There is a visit to Benton/Franklin scheduled to see their HealthSpace for septic since it is currently being used. This will also allow for Ephrata location (building department) to view applications.

Other Updates – Will update solid waste ordinance.

COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT – Theresa Adkinson

Public Sharps Disposal Drop Box – Meeting held regarding the homeless and making sharps containers available in the community; possibly at Moses Lake Public Library. GCHD is working with Environmental Health to ensure proper use and safety. The sharps container will be a medication disposal container that is no longer used. Chief Fuhr will cover the costs for disposal.

Other – Laina, QI, was interviewed by City Vision and a nice article regarding harm reduction, treatment for individuals when ready and decrease risk of diseases was printed. We have seen great progress in a short period of time for SSP.

Assessment Report -- None

Administrator's Report -Theresa Adkinson

TSheets – Our new software is up and running as of January 1, 2019. Staff will be able to log in from smart phone if needed and log time. We will see more efficiency with end of month reporting by eliminating manual entry. CLA entered staff's October hours, staff will now enter November and December hours; letting CLA know if any programs are missing.

Organization Chart – Has been updated and will be effective February 1, 2019. One employee is still with us through the end of January, contract services have been listed for your information.

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Foundation Public Health Update – Tribal and local state is the core package of Public Health. Our Governor's budget was disappointing; \$300 million was asked and while we are happy to be in the budget, \$100 million is what WSALPHO will be asking for. We will be educating them in the vision of the budget amount. Encouragement of the BOH members to speak with Judy Warnick and Tom, Dent as they are influential representatives.

19-1 Resolution to Support Foundational Public Health State Funding Request – M/S Wanke/Curnel – unanimous

Washington State's New Paid Family and Medical Leave – This new law allows family members to care for their loved ones which is a win for Public Health. Because GCHD has fewer than 50 employees, employer contribution is not mandatory. From a PH standpoint, the board is encouraged to participate, discussion was held. Motion was made to not participate (M/S Stevens/Wanke – unanimous)

Financial Update – Due to government shutdown there has been a delay in payment for some programs contributing to our December deficit. CLA provided an updated cost breakdown totaling \$29,000 for the board to approve. (M/S Stevens/Wanke – unanimous)

2019 GCHD Agency Goals – A presentation with division goals as well as agency goals was given. Out of the four (4) agency goals, Labor Management Committee will vote on three (3).

Other – The idea of a new start time for BOH meeting was given; 7:00 pm start time was kept. (M/S Massa/Curnel – unanimous)

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT – Dr. Brzezny

Dr. Brzezny introduced Conrad, medical student from University of Washington.

Seasonal Influenza – Strictly Influenza A has been confirmed with it peaking in December but has since dropped, anticipating a 2nd peak. There has been one confirmed case of Influenza B in Ritzville (Adams County) just this week; each year we see flu cases generally through May.

Vaccine Requirements for School Entry – Flier has been mailed to parents of children in the school district with immunization requirements at each age level. Starting January 21, 2019 exclusions should be made if students are non-compliant (no evidence of vaccine or a legal exemption) with MMR vaccine. There are unfortunately reports of new measles cases in SW WA last week. There have been 167 confirmed cases of Measles in New York due to a significant number of unvaccinated children in their schools. Legal Waivers (exemptions) would mean that those children would need to stay home if an outbreak occurs; it is Public Health's job to make sure there's compliance with vaccination standards while public schools have legal requirements to follow state laws.

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 16 reported saves with the Narcan; 82 Narcan have been distributed to individuals since the program started in our community. Others have been linked with treatment. With the cold months ahead SSP will be done at the back entrance of GCHD. No interaction will be done at the front of our agency. Law Enforcement is aware of this location change and some valid

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concerns and the possibility of another location were brought up by BOH members and addressed by Theresa and Dr. Brzezny. Due to the warming centers lease we are unable to do SSP at that location. Staff safety is our priority and will accommodate any staff members that would like to use a different area of GCHD during SSP hours. New state requirement started this January: physicians and other prescribers need to be registered with the PMP and checking patients for opioid prescriptions patterns.

Communicable Diseases Update – Presented yearly summary numbers for 2018 on notifiable conditions in Grant County. Syphilis and Chlamydia have shown an increase in trend; varicella was up, mumps down (no outbreak this year). There was a suspicion of a mumps case, that was not confirmed. There have been no new varicella cases since October. Okanogan currently has 35 cases of pertussis, Grant County has one (1). There has been two (2) cases of measles in Vancouver and Portland, OR; both likely imported from abroad; unfortunately, more cases are likely. While there have not been any in Grant County there is always a heightened probability of an outbreak in any county of our state due to relatively high exemption rates and unclear vaccination documentation.

Other – Low immunity in younger generations to Hep A has caused several large outbreak of Hep A in the US (KY), with an increase in cases due to the immunization not being required and increase in risk. Providers should discuss with families and strongly consider HAV vaccinations, even though it is not required.

ADJOURNMENT - With no other business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 pm (M/S Massa/Wanke – unanimous).

Tony Massa, Chairman Board of Health

ATTEST:

Rita Morfin, Board Clerk