

BOARD OF HEALTH**March 13, 2019
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
Cindy Carter – Commissioner
Tom Taylor - Commissioner

John Glassco – SL, Krupp, WC
Tom Harris-Quincy
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

ABSENT

Tony Massa-Warden

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

APPROVAL OF MINTUES – The minutes of the January 9, 2019 meeting were approved as written (M/S Richards/Curnel – unanimous).

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

The vouchers for the Period ending February 8, 2019, totaling \$330,867.35 (#1 – 3 totaling \$200,067.19 #4 – 9 totaling \$30,038.14 #10 - 13 totaling \$34,718.93, #14 - 23 totaling \$26,559.90 and #24-41 totaling \$39,483.19) were approved (M/S Harris/Curnel – unanimous).

The vouchers for Period ending March 12, 2019, totaling \$192,610.58 (#1 - 3 totaling \$123,743.88, #4 - 16 totaling \$8,009.18, #17 – 35 totaling 56,190.72 and # 36 – 49 totaling \$4,666.80) were approved (M/S Harris/Curnel – unanimous).

PUBLIC FORUM FOR CITIZEN’S COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS – Per John Glassco, concerned citizen about needing a building permit prior to having a septic permit issued. Discussion was held and Commissioner Carter stated that they would have more information for Board of Health meeting in April.

2018 Annual Tuberculosis Award Presentation to Genesis Healthcare-Lakeridge Care Center—Dr. Brzezny presented a plaque and certificate to Matthew Trinnaman, Center Executive Director.

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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT – Jon Ness

Public Hearing and Adoption of Ordinance 2019-1 (Recurring Temporary Food Ordinance)— Jon shared the proposed changes to the temporary food ordinance. At this time, Co-Chairman Wanke opened the public hearing for public comment. With no comment the motion was made to close the public hearing Fee schedule ordinance 2019-1 was adopted (M/S Taylor/Curnel – unanimous).

Food Establishment Inspection Report - Jon presented the Board with the food inspection report for February 2019. There was a mobile food truck that had no running water and was shut down; has since fixed their problem and reopened.

Septic and Building Permit Report – Jon gave the Board an update of the septic and building permits report for February 2019. There is now a PDF septic application online that clients can fill out and digitally sign, email in and then call in with their credit card payment. City of Mattawa had a sewage spill that has since been fixed. Department of Ecology was involved. We received notice that an alarm indicating septic pump problems had been sounding at a restaurant in Royal Slope are. The owners have been cooperating, hired an installer and designer and are working on getting it fixed.

Blue Green Algae Update – A committee has been formed, Moses Lake Watershed Council, and they will be holding a public meeting which will include Grant County Conservation District, Irrigation District, Department of Ecology, US Bureau of Reclamation and the City of Moses Lake on May 15 from 5:00 to 9:00 pm, with Gene Welch presenting. There has been concern that septic systems near the lake can be contributing to the problem, but no statistics to prove that. There is no direct funding for the work addressing Blue Green Algae currently. Theresa did receive a call from Senator Warnick with concerns and interest of our current situation.

HealthSpace for OSS—We are transitioning from Access to HealthSpace with weekly meetings and trainings (recently at Benton-Franklin). It is going well and will take time.

Program Sharing – Presented by Amber McCoy, Food Program and Epidemiologist lead.

Food Program Assessment –Jon presented a power point which prompted Commissioner Taylor to suggest we raise fees before 2020, and Tom Harris suggesting to possibly have cities give money specific to the food program and they can have their personal inspector. May help with growth and offset the costs. The board agreed to evaluate how best to staff and fund the program over the next several meetings, starting with how best to fund the Temporary Food program.

Other Updates – In future BOH meetings we will be proposing updates to our Water Recreation Ordinance and our Solid Waste Ordinance.

COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT – Theresa Adkinson

North Central Washington Immunization Shared Services Program – Theresa presented AFIX and VFC numbers. Our Regional Immunization Coordinator, Cyndi Cantu, is caught up and doing great work with this program.

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North Central Washington Opioid Response Conference – This will be held March 15, 2019 and are expecting 50 people to attend. There has been some regional marketing around opioid use.

Other – The data is there and is clear that vaping is not good for your health. Healthy Youth data shows that student vaping has increased and leads to tobacco and/or marijuana use. It also shows, 20% of 12th graders vape, 30% go on to smoking cigarettes and 66% think that it's for the flavor and do not realize the nicotine addiction. Market Match numbers were presented, Ephrata is working on getting software that would be compatible with EBT cards.

Assessment Report – Theresa Adkinson

Grant County has one (1) assessment coordinator locally and regionally, who is teaming up with organizations to be more efficient. It is very important to have the health assessments for accurate data.

Administrator's Report -Theresa Adkinson

Foundational Public Health Services – Important to remember that Communicable Diseases do not have specific funding, GCHD relies on TB funding as well as flexible funds for other CD work. Public Health education is extremely important, and people need to know that outbreaks are very expensive. HB 1497 has passed house and will now go to the senate; it is supported on both sides and we were able to share our story about mumps outbreak, which cost us around \$100,000. Theresa sits on the statewide steering committee and they are working on getting funding for Communicable Disease, Environmental Health and Assessment. We asked for \$300 million it was dropped to \$100 million, Governor Inslee approved \$27 million which gives Grant County about \$40,000.

Legislative Update -- Weekly update from WSALPHO shows Public Health as being the enforcer of the plastic straw legislation. HB 1873 is one to keep an eye on concerning the taxation of vapor products as tobacco. There's been movement around immunizations and there is currently more than one bill that would allow the take away of personal exemptions for the MMR vaccine for school entry. Religious and medical exemptions would still be available.

2019 Public Health Day on the Hill – Theresa, Jon, Heather and Cassandra, our Health Educators, all attended and were able to meet with everybody or their aids in legislative districts 12 and 13. GCHD staff discussed foundational public health, environmental health services, tobacco and vape 21. As well as answered their questions regarding public health in Grant County.

Budget Update – Emily, is our new accounting lead out of the Yakima CLA office. She has been on site twice in the last month and specializes in governmental accounting. She is currently working on our BARS and audit prep. Theresa has asked to have a running budget for the Board.

Other – None

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HEALTH OFFICER’S REPORT – Dr. Brzezny

Measles Outbreak in WA – Clark County has 71 cases while King County has one (1), none in Grant County. We are working with school superintendents on improving vaccinations rates and processes to facilitate compliance with state law at school entry. The school nurses are verifying that exemptions records, if any, are on record.

Influenza Season – Reported cases of influenza were dwindling the prior months, but there was again an increase in influenza-like illness and influenza reports during the month of March, more double that of January and February combined; influenza season is not yet over. Oregon and Alaska have seen the most cases in our region (US West) and the epidemic will most likely continue through April.

Opioid Misuse and Syringe Services Update – Dr. Brzezny presented current numbers on the SSP program. A recent agreement was made with local law enforcement that we would take their almost expired Narcan and replace with new and recirculate the naloxone before expiration dates.

Communicable Diseases — Dr. Brzezny presented on old and emerging disease trends; Epi-Update presented; stats graph with current numbers, including continued concerns about bacterial resistance to antibiotics were reviewed.

Other – World TB day is March 24, 2019 and National Public Health week is April 1-7, 2019 with each day of that week having a specific public health focus or activity featured for the public and media.

OTHER BUSINESS – None

Executive Session – The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm to executive session according to RCW 42.30.110 to last 10 minutes regarding potential litigation.

Other Business – Commissioner Carter stated that she would like to see our meeting shortened; mentioned starting earlier and ending earlier. To discuss the important parts of presentations instead of the whole thing, requested having agenda items sent to the board prior to meeting for review and then only highlight the important points during the meeting. It was explained to Commissioner Carter that an earlier start time was discussed at January’s meeting and the board voted to continue the 7:00 pm hour.

ADJOURNMENT - With no other business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm (M/S Wanke/Carter – unanimous).

Tony Massa, Chairman Board of Health

ATTEST:

Rita Morfin, Board Clerk