

**BOARD OF HEALTH****April 10, 2019****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

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

**STAFF**

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

Theresa Adkinson – Administrator  
Rita Morfin – Board Clerk

**ABSENT**

Tom Harris-Quincy  
Tom Taylor-Commissioner

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

**APPROVAL OF MINTUES** – The minutes of the March 13, 2019 meeting were approved as written (M/S Wanke/Curnel – unanimous).

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

The vouchers for the Period ending April 10, 2019, totaling \$180,942.49 (#1 – 3 totaling \$124,390.00 #4 – 23 totaling \$9,288.36 #24 – 52 totaling \$47,264.13) were approved (M/S Stevens/Carter – unanimous).

**PUBLIC FORUM FOR CITIZEN’S COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS** – None

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT** – Jon Ness

**Food Program Workshop-Temporary Food Fee Assessment and Comparison** — Presented temporary food fees for comparison due to the challenges being faced. Asked the board for direction and input. It was recommended to increase fees to cover the cost of program. Jon will bring a proposed ordinance for review to May Board of Health meeting.

**Food Program Report** – March 2019 report was emailed to Board of Health prior to tonight’s meeting. No questions or concerns.

**Septic and Building Permit Report** – Current report emailed to Board of Health prior to tonight’s meeting. No questions or concerns.



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**Moses Lake Watershed Council Report** – Jon provided notes and updates from previous meetings and discussion was held.

**Solid Waste Site Cleanup Report** – Legislation is cutting funding for solid waste cleanup, which is an important part of public health. We are asking for the support of our board and requesting a letter be signed by our chair to send to our legislatures with information regarding the importance of solid waste cleanup. A motion was made to send letter of support (M/S Curnel/Wanke – unanimous)

**Other Updates** – Jon is a member of the On-Site Rule Revision committee and there was a proposed rule revision for septic systems that would have required a two (2) acre minimum size but after discussion were able to revert it back to one (1) acre.

### **COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT** – Theresa Adkinson

**Program Update** – Update emailed to Board of Health prior to tonight's meeting. No questions or concerns.

**Other** – GCHD will be hosting a Syringe Services training on April 30. We are working on using more volunteers and less staff time. There will be an informative meeting on May 2, 2019 in Quincy regarding drugs and vaping provided by GCHD and INET.

**Assessment Report** – None

**Administrator's Report** -Theresa Adkinson

**Public Health Week** – Public Health week is the first week in April.

**Legislative Update** – FPH bill was signed on April 3 and negotiations are being made on how the funding will be provided. WSALPHO sent to both chambers to discuss the funding; \$450 million was asked while only \$22 million was given. Tobacco 21 and Vape 21 were passed and signed by Governor Inslee, which is a huge win for Public Health. Some things to keep an eye on is vital records possibly increasing their fees for birth and death certificates from \$20 to \$25. There are currently three pots that the \$20 goes towards; \$2 to the state, \$11 medical examiner for investigation and remaining stays at GCHD.

**Budget Update** – Theresa presented January and February financials; still waiting for a running budget from CLA which may take a bit longer as she is preparing our BARS report. There was a request for the board to sign an engagement letter from CLA which includes the monthly fee increase. A motion was made to approve and sign the engagement letter. (M/S Wanke/Curnel – unanimous)

**Other** – None

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

**Measles Outbreak in WA** – Current numbers presented.

**School Communicable Disease Report** – Dr. Brzezny has met with five superintendents in Grant County with additional meetings scheduled. Planning to have all school aged children following the state law for immunizations by next school year. Students will be excluded if non-compliant.

**Epi Report** – Current numbers presented.

**Syringe Services Program** – Soap Lake had their first SSP with no customers which was expected. Once trust is built, we plan to see people using the services. We are still working on a Quincy location.

**Other** – Hepatitis A is of concern currently as there is little immunity due to lack of testing. The CDC has issued an alert on improving immunization rates for Hep A. Some risks of Hep A include liver failure and reduction in life expectancy.

**Other Business** – Jon announced that we have hired Jaime Menendez for our summer Environmental Health Technician Intern position. Jaime is from Moses Lake.

**ADJOURNMENT** - With no other business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm (M/S Curnel/Wanke – unanimous).

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Tony Massa, Chairman Board of Health

**ATTEST:**

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Rita Morfin, Board Clerk