

BOARD OF HEALTH**June 12, 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

Tom Harris-Quincy
Mark Wanke – Ephrata
Tony Massa – Warden

Cindy Carter – Commissioner
Richard Stevens – Commissioner

STAFF

Dr. Brzezny – Health Officer
Jon Ness – E.H. Manager
Darcy Moss – Finance Program Facilitator

Theresa Adkinson – Administrator
Katherine Kenison – H.D. Attorney

ABSENT

Dr. David Curnel - Moses Lake
Tom Taylor-Commissioner

Rita Morfin – Board Clerk
John Glassco – SL, Krupp, WC

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

APPROVAL OF MINTUES – The minutes of the April 10, 2019 meeting were approved as written (M/S Stevens/Harris – unanimous).

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

The April vouchers for the Period ending May 7, 2019, totaling \$146,991.62 (#1 – 3 totaling \$63,660.51 #4 – 15 totaling \$19,314.73 and #16 – 42 totaling \$64,016.38) were approved (M/S Carter/Harris – unanimous).

The May vouchers for the Period ending June 11, 2019, totaling \$314,432.87 (#1 – 3 totaling \$193,312.90 #4 – 25 totaling \$13,698.71 and #26 – 56 totaling \$107,421.26) were approved (M/S Carter/Wanke – unanimous).

PUBLIC FORUM FOR CITIZEN’S COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS – None

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT – Jon Ness

Food Program Workshop – Ordinance 19-2 Temporary Food Permit Fee Schedule – A revised Fee Schedule was presented with an increase in temporary food permit fees to cover the cost of the program. The proposal did not include an increase in fees for non-profit food vendors in permanent locations, i.e. the non-profit vendors at the fairgrounds. Discussion was held regarding different types of food permitting and the fees for food permits.

A motion was made to hold a public hearing at the July 10 meeting to adopt Ordinance 19-2 – Fee Schedule (M/S Stevens/Wanke - unanimous).



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Solid Waste Ordinance 19-3 – The Department of Ecology recently updated the states solid waste WAC and intern the Grant County’s solid waste ordinance needed to be updated to be in line with this new WAC. The draft ordinance was previously e-mailed to board members.

A motion was made to hold a public hearing at the July 10 meeting to adopt Ordinance 19-3 – Solid Waste (M/S Stevens/Wanke - unanimous).

Septage Disposal – Ecology contacted GCHD with a septage disposal concern of disposing during the winter months when the ground is frozen. In follow-up, a letter from the Health District was mailed out to Grant County septic pumpers.

EH Program Updates – Food, Septic and Building permit reports were emailed to Board of Health prior to tonight’s meeting for review. No questions or concerns.

Other – Group B funding is no longer available to pay for work that GCHD was carrying out in the water program.

Mr. Ness noted that a letter was sent to the Health District and Board members from a complainant regarding a solid waste issue.

COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT – Theresa Adkinson

Program Updates – Included in BOH Packet – The 2019 Prescription to Play Assessment report was presented. The program partnered with healthcare providers to give families in financial need the opportunity to participate in programs through Grant County cities parks and recreation departments. GCHD will continue to work with providers and cities to continue and expand this program.

Other – Recently a Health Educator resigned from their position. A temporary Health Educator and a permanent position is currently being advertised. This position will cover work in the tobacco, marijuana and opioid prevention programs.

ASSESSMENT REPORT – None

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT -Theresa Adkinson

August Board of Health Meeting – Grant County Fair Week – Mrs. Adkinson explained that the August meeting is during the fair and asked if the board would like to cancel the meeting for August or change it to another date.

A motion was made to hold the August Board of Health meeting on Monday, August 19 at 7:00PM (M/S Carter/Harris – unanimous).

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Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials – Theresa Adkinson’s term as President June 2019- June 2020 – Mrs. Adkinson began her presidency term for the WSALPHO board last week at the annual conference. She is currently the only representative on the executive leadership committee from the east side of the state.

Legislative Update – Foundational Public Health Services – The funding ask for the FPHS will again be brought back to the 2020 legislative session. The funding would have a focus of shared services model between LHJ’s. This is primarily to assist the small LHJ’s with smaller budgets.

Resolution 19-2 Petty Cash & Cash Box Amounts – The two front office Public Health Associates currently have \$50 in their cash boxes, but they frequently need to get change throughout the day. The resolution is to increase their cash boxes to \$100 and decrease the petty cash by \$100, which is currently \$700.

A motion was made to approve Resolution 19-2 Petty Cash & Cash Box Amounts (M/S Stevens/Wanke - unanimous).

Other – Mrs. Adkinson explained that she has the opportunity to attend the National Association of County and City Officials conference in Orlando, Florida. The only cost to GCHD is her salary. The remainder of the costs are covered by WSALPHO.

A motion was made to approve Mrs. Adkinson’s travel request form to go to the National Association of County and City Officials conference in Orlando, Florida (M/S Carter/Harris - unanimous).

HEALTH OFFICER’S REPORT – Dr. Brzezny

Communicable Disease Update – As of May 10 there is a new law that removes the personal and philosophical option to exempt children from the MMR vaccine that is required for school and childcare entry. The law does not change religious and medical exemptions. It is expected that all Grant County schools will be following the law by next school year. Washington school immunization exemption rates were almost 6% in 2009 and have gone down closer to 2% in 2018.

There have been 81 cases of measles in Washington this year. This is a record high, both statewide and nationally. This indicates that we need to be prepared for cases in Grant County.

An individual who acquired Hantavirus in Grant County last month has recovered.

Communicable disease stats for Grant County were reviewed. Hepatitis C cases have increased with more testing because a new treatment that has become available. STI cases continue to increase. There was one case of pertussis in April.

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Mumps Cluster and Vaccination Clinics – A cluster of mumps cases occurred amongst farm workers in a housing unit in Grant County. The persons diagnosed were restricted to the area where they worked, but there was a potential risk to approximately 150 others because they did not have documentation of vaccinations. GCHD responded with two MMR vaccination clinics. The first clinic was held on April 24 vaccinating 138 individuals and a follow-up clinic for the second MMR on May 30, where 164 individuals were vaccinated. Dr. Brzezny expressed to the board how well the mass clinic went and commended the GCHD staff on how efficiently they responded. He also stated that the clinic could not have gone as well if it weren't for the cooperation of the employer. A Public Health Emergency Action Report for the mumps response was distributed outlining the response. There have been no secondary cases in Grant County to date.

Tuberculosis Update – An individual who lives in Mattawa is receiving treatment daily with the assistance of a local clinic.

SSP Update – The syringe service team has collected close to 32,000 needles and distributed 231 Narcan kits. Soap Lake and Quincy are now partnering to receive the program in their cities. So far, there has not been a suitable location determined in Ephrata.

Other – Wildfire season is approaching and could create air quality hazards for large outdoor events in Grant County. Dr. Brzezny reviewed some of the recommendations from the Washington Air Quality Advisory index, which is what the state recommends using as a guide for outdoor activities.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m. to executive session according to RCW 42.30.110 to last approximately 5 minutes regarding performance of a public employee. The public meeting was re-opened at 8:12 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS - None

ADJOURNMENT - With no other business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:13.m. (M/S Wanke/Carter – unanimous).

Tony Massa, Chairman Board of Health

ATTEST:

Darcy Moss, Finance Program Facilitator
Substitute Clerk of the Board