

BOARD OF HEALTH

July 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

Tom Harris-Quincy
Mark Wanke – Ephrata
Tony Massa – Warden
Dr. David Curnel - Moses Lake

Cindy Carter – Commissioner
Richard Stevens – Commissioner
John Glassco – SL, Krupp, WC

STAFF

Dr. Brzezny – Health Officer
Jon Ness – E.H. Manager

Rita Morfin, Board Clerk
Maria Vargas, Healthy Communities Facilitator

ABSENT

Tom Taylor-Commissioner
Katherine Kenison – H.D. Attorney

Theresa Adkinson – Administrator

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of the June 12, 2019 meeting were approved as written (M/S Wanke/Stevens – unanimous).

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Vouchers were not present for approval, will have for August meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM FOR CITIZEN’S COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS – None

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT – Jon Ness

Public Hearing and Adoption of Ordinance 19-2 – Fee Schedule—Explained to board that proper documentation is required for nonprofit applicants and verification will be done prior to permitting. Late fees will be based on how many days prior to an event the application is received. Opened for public hearing, no comments, public hearing closed.

A motion was made to adopt Ordinance 19-2 – Fee Schedule (M/S Wanke/Harris - unanimous).

Food Program Workshop-Proposed Updated Food Categories—Jon explained the challenges we face with our computer system and permanent food categories. Information was given and discussion held with the board. Will work together to proceed with proposed permit changes and hope to implement the new process by November to be ready for the 2020 permit period.



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Public Hearing and Adoption of Solid Waste Ordinance 19-3 – Opened for public hearing, no comments, public hearing closed.

A motion was made to adopt Ordinance 19-3 – Solid Waste (M/S Curnel/Harris - unanimous).

Harmful Algae Bloom Training Update—GCHD has held two volunteer trainings facilitated by Kelsey Jacobs, Environmental Health Specialist, with approximately 20 attendees that plan to take lake samples from Moses Lake through the summer.

Mid-Year Food and Septic Report—Jon gave update for mid-year reports and reported on the new rule revisions proposed by DOH, discussion held.

Other—Jon reported that solid waste environmental Health Specialist Stephanie Shopbell hosted a meeting with Grant County Public Works staff, the counties consultant and DOE (Washington State Dept of Ecology) concerning the landfill expansion application. During the meeting, the consultant mentioned that the clarification of requirements for one of the items DOE needed addressed will save the county about 3 million dollars.

COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT – Maria Vargas

Program Updates— Included in BOH Packet no questions or concerns.

Health Educator Position Update—Our Health Educator II position is open to replace Heather Massart. We have four qualified applicants and plan to extend an offer this week.

Other—Discussion held regarding access to CBD (Cannabidiol) items and drug paraphernalia in convenience stores. Our Healthy Communities division is working with community partners in trying to remove items such as “edibles” and “drinkables” from the view of minors.

ASSESSMENT REPORT—Update on Laina Mitchell’s current assessment work, no questions.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT—Maria Vargas

Financial Report—Updated financial information in BOH packet, no questions. Preparedness grant was utilized for the mumps outbreak and was completely spent by June 30. Currently working on a spenddown plan for Marijuana and Tobacco programs.

FPHS Funding Allocation Changes—Status quo; finalizing allocations and for year one we will get the same allocation as last year which is \$51,469. Our primary use of this fund is communicable diseases. WSALPHO, DOH, the Tribes and State Board of Health plan to ask legislature for additional funding during January’s special session. As WSALPHO president, Theresa will be signing a joint letter to the State Office of Financial Management requesting the funding be released to DOH so that they can release the funds to locals and the tribes.

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Youth Suicide Prevention Tabletop Exercise—GCHD hosted its first Youth Suicide Prevention tabletop exercise in June. Participants included school nurses, a pediatric clinic, a managed care organization. Several important players were missing at the table; however, the tabletop was insightful, and the participants were engaged and provided excellent information. Due to PHEP (Public Health Emergency Preparedness) funds being spent, the report will be finalized later this summer and a follow up meeting to go over findings will be held in early fall. At that time GCHD will hold the Royal City tabletop. We have been contacted by state officials and Senator Murray's office to be included in the next steps.

DOH Leadership Site Visit in August—DOH leadership reached out to Theresa asking to do a short site visit to discuss DOH processes, relationships with locals and learn more about our small to mid-sized local health agency. Theresa did invite Jon and Maria to participate with her.

Other – State Auditor's Office has scheduled our audit of 2017 to begin the first week in September. Emily from CLA has been preparing for the audit and has been on site weekly over the past several weeks. A reminder to the board that an invitation will be sent for an audit overview meeting. It will be sent directly from the State Auditor's Office.

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT – Dr. Brzezny

Norovirus Outbreak—A long term facility had 20 residents and four staff members become ill with Norovirus. GCHD implemented restrictions and isolations; no new cases over the last couple of weeks. GCHD considers the outbreak as controlled and now over. Norovirus can be a very dangerous illness to the elderly, and it is very easy to transmit. We must remember that hand sanitizer does not protect from this virus, always wash your hands with soap and water.

Pertussis—One confirmed case in Grant County with exposures in local clinics and health facilities.

Measles—No cases currently in Grant County. As of July, King County had eight confirmed cases of measles. We are continuing to work with school districts regarding the new religious and philosophical exemption law, which removes the option for MMR vaccine, that takes effect July 28, 2019.

SSP Update – Update given; we have been unsuccessful with finding a suitable site in Ephrata; therefore, we do not have SSP services there. Currently we are in Soap Lake the 1st Tuesday of every month and in Quincy every Tuesday at their local food bank. Emphasis was placed on the 1 for 1 exchange.

Wildfire Smoke Guidance—Presented board with an updated draft of the rules and regulations for outside activities. GCHD has the authority to cancel outdoor activities but it will be the responsibility of the event coordinator to enforce it. A well fitted N-95 mask is a great option if you need to be outside when the air quality is bad.

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Other – Benton County has had its first positive mosquito testing for West Nile Virus, Grant County specifically the Moses Lake area, has also had a positive mosquito testing just today. There were two cases of Salmonellosis reported to GCHD in a local licensed daycare facility. GCHD did an investigation and has been working with the state licensor to ensure the safety of those in the facility. There have been no new cases to date.

OTHER BUSINESS – John Glassco, representative for Soap Lake, Wilson Creek and Krupp has stepped down effective immediately. Thanked the board for the opportunity and knowledge that he gained.

ADJOURNMENT - With no other business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. (M/S Curnel/Wanke– unanimous).

Tony Massa, Chairman Board of Health

ATTEST:

Rita Morfin, Clerk of the Board