

**BOARD OF HEALTH****November 13, 2019****6:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by Mr. Massa with the following members and staff present:

**MEMBERS**

Dr. David Curnel – Moses Lake  
Richard Stevens – Commissioner  
Tom Taylor – Commissioner

Tony Massa – Warden  
Tom Harris – Quincy  
Brad Parrish – Electric City

**STAFF**

Dr. Brzezny – Health Officer  
Jon Ness – E.H. Manager  
Stephanie Shopbell – Interim E.H. Manager  
Katherine Kenison – H.D. Attorney

Theresa Adkinson – Administrator  
Maria Vargas – Healthy Communities Supervisor  
Rita Morfin – Board Clerk

**ABSENT**

Mark Wanke – Ephrata

Cindy Carter – Commissioner

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – The minutes of the October 9, 2019 meeting were approved as written (M/S Stevens/Curnel – unanimous).

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

The October vouchers for the period ending November 13, 2019, totaling \$251,278.05 (#1 – 3 totaling \$192,277.20 #4 – 24 totaling \$13,518.87 #25 – 51 totaling \$45,481.98) were approved (M/S Stevens/Taylor – unanimous).

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

Theresa introduced Stacy and Emily from CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP.

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT** – Jon Ness

**Public Hearing – Ordinance 19-4, Proposed Fee Schedule for 2020** – The public hearing was opened for comment for Ordinance 19-4. Having no comments, the hearing was closed. (M/S Taylor/Stevens – unanimous).

**Environmental Health Director's Conference** – Jon attended the conference in October and shared information about the rule making discussion. No questions from the board.

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**Moses Lake Watershed Council Update** – Two recent samples came in below the threshold, caution signs are still up. There was a public hearing regarding the algae blooms on October 23 at the Moses Lake Civic Center. ML Irrigation noticed an increase in nutrient levels and asked the Conservation District to investigate.

**HealthSpace Update** – Stephanie gave an update to the board, no questions

**Other** – Reports provided in packet, no questions.

Jon gave his thoughts/concerns on improvements for GCHD consideration on septic systems in areas with multiple homes. Encouraged the board to find permanent funding for public health to address this and other emerging public health issues.

**COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT** – Maria Vargas

**Program Updates** – Provided in binder, no questions.

**Other** – Invited the Board to participate in the Written Off Documentary on Sept 21. Event flyer provided in the binder.

**ASSESSMENT REPORT** - None

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT** -Theresa Adkinson

**State Audit** – Theresa gave an update to the board. She shared there were no findings and that the previous findings were fully resolved. Brief discussion held regarding SOA recommendations and Theresa assured the board that the recommended policy is written and will be shared with Labor Management Committee.

**2019 Financial Report** – Update given to board with detailed items and she noted GCHD is on track to end 2019 better than the adopted budget. No questions.

**Salary Survey** – Discussed during 2020 draft budget.

**2020 Draft Budget** – PowerPoint presentation given with an overview of 2019 and 2020 considerations that will impact the 2020 budget; discussion held regarding budget shortfall and the salary survey.

**Other** – None

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

**Flu Season Update** – Flu cases have been reported currently in Montana, Utah and the Dakota's. Grant County currently has an increase in confirmed cases of A & B.

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**SSP Update/WA Hep A Outbreak Prevention Efforts** – Flier provided, no questions. Other services will be provided during SSP, to include Hep A and the Twinrix vaccine. There are currently 106 of Hep A cases statewide, 54 hospitalizations. To date, four (4) SSP clients have received the Hep A vaccination during the last two weeks.

**Gastrointestinal Illness Outbreak Season Update** – There was a Noro outbreak at an adult home facility in Moses Lake. No hospitalizations were reported.

**Varicella Case Investigation** – There is one (1) case that has been investigated and to our knowledge there were no additional cases in the community.

**Other** – Dr. Brzezny gave an update on e-cigarettes and vaping associated lung illness. No known cases in Grant County, around 15 in Washington. Nationally the number of new reported cases is decreasing. No questions.

**OTHER BUSINESS** – Plaque presented to Jon Ness for his years of service at GCHD.

**ADJOURNMENT** – With no other business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:40p.m. (M/S Curnel/Stevens – unanimous).

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Tony Massa, Chairman Board of Health

ATTEST:

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Rita Morfin, Clerk of the Board