

BOARD OF HEALTH

January 11, 2023

6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order in person and via Zoom at 6:00 pm by Mr. Harris with the following members and staff present:

MEMBERS

Danny Stone-Commissioner (Zoom)

Matt Paluch—Stakeholder Rep Alternate (In Person)

Tom Harris – Cities/Towns (Zoom)

Cindy Carter-Commissioner (Zoom)

Nokey Pando—Consumer of PH (Zoom)

Sheila Berschauer—Healthcare Rep (Zoom)

Kent Anderson—Cities/Towns Alternate (Zoom)

STAFF

Theresa Adkinson – Administrator

Laina Mitchell – I & R Manager

Stephanie Shopbell – EH Manager

Darcy Moss, Finance Services

Katherine Kenison – H.D. Attorney

Dr. Brzezny – Health Officer (Zoom)

Maria Vargas – HCF Manager (In Person)

Lexi Smith – Communication Coordinator

ABSENT

Stan Fuhriman—Stakeholder Rep

Deanna Martinez – Cities/Towns

Dr. Alison Ball—Tribal Rep

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA – A motion was made to approve the agenda (M/S Berschauer/Carter – unanimous).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of the December 14, 2022 meeting were approved as written (M/S Paluch/Berschauer – unanimous).

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS—The December vouchers for the period ending January 10, 2023 totaling \$356,929.40 (#1-#3 totaling \$221,974.63, #4-#13 totaling \$23,303.88, #14-#29 totaling \$43,862.44 #30-#47 totaling \$22,546.30 and #48-#52 totaling \$45,242.15) were approved (M/S Berschauer/Carter – unanimous).

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF INVITED GUESTS—Theresa Adkinson

Theresa introduced Dr. Person and Jeannie Colvin from Department of Health and representatives for the North Central Washington Region, to the board.

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Tom Harris, Chair (M/S Stone/Paluch – unanimous) Danny Stone, Vice Chair (M/S Carter/Paluch – unanimous, Commissioner Stone abstained from voting).

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Cindy Carter (M/S Stone/Harris – unanimous, Commissioner Carter abstained from voting) Deanna Martinez (M/S Harris/Paluch – unanimous).



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PUBLIC FORUM FOR CITIZEN'S COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS –

None

GCHD Staff Spotlights—Lexi Smith

Lexi presented a video highlighting work being done within GCHD, discussion held.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH – Stephanie Shopbell

Ordinance 23-01, Relating to Food Service Sanitation—The public hearing was opened for comment on Ordinance 23-01. Hearing no comments, the hearing was closed (M/S Stone/Berschauer - unanimous).

Adoption of Ordinance 23-01 Relating to Food Service Sanitation—Motion made to approve Ordinance 23-01, Relating to Food Service Sanitation (M/S Berschauer/Carter – unanimous).

2022 Environmental Health Year in Review—Information on SharePoint, brief update given to board; discussion in held.

Other Updates—Stephanie let the board know that Daniel Wilson is retiring at the end of the month and GCHD will be hosting a retirement open house on January 27, all are welcome to attend.

GCHD has filled the Environmental Health Technician position; Marisol Celis started training on January 1, 2023 and comes from working in the Investigations and Response division as an investigator.

We celebrated GCHD's anniversary last month; sadly there was not cake at this meeting.

HEALTHY COMMUNITIES AND FAMILIES (HCF) REPORT – Maria Vargas

Program Updates—Maria gave an update to the board.

A CDC grant was recently received by GCHD to work with the Ukrainian population regarding TB and other public health concerns; discussion held.

Other Updates—None

INVESTIGATIONS AND RESPONSE (I&R) REPORT – Laina Mitchell

PHEP After Action Report, Wilbur Ellis Fire—Clean up of the fire will continue through the end of the month.

Positive Influenza Tracking—Influenza is not a reportable condition however, GCHD is still receiving reports of positive cases. GCHD continues to work with local facilities to get Tamiflu to those unable to get it on their own.

Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) Investigation Update—GCHD received 20 positive Chlamydia cases; nine (9) cases were interviewed and completed treatment, 11 of the cases were not reachable.

Other Updates—CD stats update was given to the board; discussion held.

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ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT -Theresa Adkinson

Financials—Report is on SharePoint, no questions.

2023 Local Public Health Legislative Priorities—update to board, no questions.

Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS)—Update given to board; discussion held.

Other Updates-GCHD celebrates 55 years—None.

HEALTH OFFICER’S REPORT – Dr. Brzezny

Respiratory Viruses Update—Included in PowerPoint.

COVID-19 News—Included in PowerPoint.

Childhood Vaccinations—Included in PowerPoint.

Epi Update—Included in PowerPoint; discussion held.

Other Updates—None.

Executive Session—The meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm to executive session according to RCW 42.30.110 to last 5 minutes regarding potential litigation. The public meeting was reopened at 7:23 pm.

OTHER BUSINESS—None

ADJOURNMENT—With no other business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. (M/S Berschauer/Carter – unanimous).

Tom Harris, Chairman Board of Health

ATTEST:

Rita Morfin, Board Clerk