

BOARD OF HEALTH**February 8, 2023****6:06 PM**

The meeting was called to order in person and via Zoom at 6:06 pm by Mr. Harris with the following members and staff present:

MEMBERS

Katie Siebein—Healthcare Alternate Rep (Zoom)
Cindy Carter-Commissioner (Zoom)
Stan Fuhriman—Stakeholder Rep (In Person)

Tom Harris – Cities/Towns (In Person)
Deanna Martinez – Cities/Towns (In Person)

STAFF

Theresa Adkinson – Administrator (In person)
Laina Mitchell – I & R Manager (In Person)
Stephanie Shopbell – EH Manager (In Person)
Darcy Moss, Finance Services (In Person)

Katherine Kenison – H.D. Attorney (Zoom)
Dr. Brzezny – Health Officer (Zoom)
Maria Vargas – HCF Manager (In Person)

ABSENT

Lexi Smith – Communication Coordinator
Danny Stone-Commissioner (Zoom)

Dr. Alison Ball—Tribal Rep
Nokey Pando—Consumer of PH (Zoom)

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of the January 11, 2023 meeting were approved as written (M/S Martinez/Fuhriman – unanimous).

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS—The January vouchers for the period ending February 8, 2023 totaling \$360,925.23 (#1 - #3 totaling \$247,344.40, #4 - #8 totaling \$1,424.70, #9 - #27 totaling \$42,209.88 #28 - #34 totaling \$7,078.90 and #35 - #50 totaling \$62,867.35) were approved (M/S Martinez/Fuhriman – unanimous).

PUBLIC FORUM FOR CITIZEN’S COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS –

None

GCHD Staff Spotlights—Theresa Adkinson

Video presented highlighting work being done within GCHD, discussion held.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH – Stephanie Shopbell

Program Updates—Updates are on SharePoint; Stephanie did let the board know that EH wrapped up renewals in January and permits for seasonal establishments are still coming in.

Other Updates—Daniel and Ashly had their last day of work on January 31, 2023 and GCHD currently has one opening posted for an Environmental Health Specialist. Until that vacancy is filled the workload has been shifted and distributed amongst current EH staff to cover any gaps; discussion held.

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HEALTHY COMMUNITIES AND FAMILIES (HCF) REPORT – Maria Vargas

Program Updates—Maria gave an update to the board; discussion held.

Other Updates—None

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

Program Updates—Laina gave an update to the board; discussion held.

Other Updates—None

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT -Theresa Adkinson

Financials—Report is on SharePoint, no questions.

Cash Box Resolution 23-01—Theresa explained to the board that the two Program Specialists (PS) have been absorbed into the EH division and are no longer helping the Public Health Associates (PHA) with the receipting process. GCHD would like to absorb the cash that the PS had and distribute amongst the three PHA’s bringing their total cash drawer balance to \$125 from \$100.

Motion made to approve Resolution 23-01 (M/S Carter/Fuhriman – unanimous).

Other Updates—Notice has been given to terminate the lease at the I&R building and GCHD is working on getting staff moved into the one building and working on share workspaces.

Theresa advised the board that the Emergency Declaration is set to end in May and the funding tied to the declaration will continue to be available.

HEALTH OFFICER’S REPORT – Dr. Brzezny

Epi Update—Included in PowerPoint; discussion held.

COVID-19 Developments—Included in PowerPoint.

Respiratory Illnesses Update—Included in PowerPoint.

Measles in Washington—Included in PowerPoint.

Other Updates—None.

Executive Session—The meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm to executive session according to RCW 42.30.110 to last 10 minutes and extended five (5) additional minutes regarding potential litigation. The public meeting was reopened at 7:29 pm.

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OTHER BUSINESS—None

ADJOURNMENT—With no other business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. (M/S Berschauer/Carter – unanimous).

Tom Harris, Chairman Board of Health

ATTEST:

Rita Morfin, Board Clerk