

BOARD OF HEALTH**May 10, 2023****6:01 PM**

The meeting was called to order in person and via Zoom at 6:01 pm by Mr. Harris with the following members and staff present:

MEMBERS

Sheila Berschauer—Healthcare Rep (Zoom)
Cindy Carter – Commissioner (Zoom)
Stan Fuhriman—Stakeholder Rep (In Person)

Tom Harris – Cities/Towns (In Person)
Rob Jones – Commissioner (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)
Lexi Smith – Communication Coordinator (In Person)

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

ABSENT

Dr. Alison Ball—Tribal Rep
Danny Stone-Commissioner

Nokey Pando—Consumer of PH
Deanna Martinez – Cities/Towns

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA – A motion was made to approve the agenda with the amendment: removal of #7 GCHD Staff Spotlight and add #11C Nash Consulting (M/S Fuhriman/ Berschauer – unanimous).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of the April 12, 2023 meeting were approved as written (M/S Berschauer/Fuhriman – unanimous).

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS—The April vouchers for the period ending May 9, 2023 totaling \$408,888.16 (#1 - #3 totaling \$244,336.89, #4 - #18 totaling \$51,132.56, #19 - #30 totaling \$13,431.12, #31 - #48 totaling \$46,924.12, and #49 - #68 totaling \$53,063.47) were approved (M/S Berschauer/Fuhriman – unanimous).

PUBLIC FORUM FOR CITIZEN’S COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS –

None

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH – Stephanie Shopbell

Ordinance 23-02, GCHD Fee Schedule—Update given to board, discussion held. Motion made to hold public hearing at June 14, 2023 BOH meeting (Fuhriman/Berschauer – unanimous).

Healthy Lakes Blue Green Algae Tracker—Stephanie attended the Desert Lawns and Landscape Seminar along with Kelsey Jacobs regarding BGA. Update was given to board, discussion held.

OSS Scanning Pilot Project Update—Pilot project for on-site septic is underway, four boxes were taken for the estimate process and will have a quote by June BOH meeting.

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Other Updates—All other reports are on SharePoint.

HEALTHY COMMUNITIES AND FAMILIES (HCF) REPORT – Maria Vargas

Program Updates—Program updates are on SharePoint; no questions.

Other Updates—Maria informed the board that GCHD filled the Injury Prevention/Central Basin Traffic Safety Task Force (CBTSTF); Jana Rackham started May 1st and has hit the ground running.

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

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

GCHD's PHEP Coordinator and RN are now trained to perform Respirator Fit Testing and have been able to fit test eight staff, they're now prepared to do home visits safely and appropriately.

Other Updates—Update on COVID strike team for response to public health emergencies.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT -Theresa Adkinson

Financials—Report is on SharePoint, no questions.

Response Trailer Request—Theresa explained the need for a mobile trailer as a “to go” box for emergency response. Three estimates were presented to the board and a request was made for approval to purchase an enclosed trailer; discussion held. Motion made to allow the Administrator to purchase an enclosed trailer up to \$6,000 (M/S Berschauer/Carter – unanimous).

Nash Consulting – Regional Executive Team Leadership Development—Theresa presented a price quote to the board for a personalized and customized executive level training through Nash Consulting that would be divided amongst four counties; in depth conversation held and motion was made to move forward with the training (M/S Berschauer/Jones – unanimous).

Other Updates—Theresa and other members of leadership will be away the week of BOH in June, meeting will be remote, but Rita will be in the office for anyone that would like to attend in person.

Theresa let the board know that she will be attending the National WSALPHO meeting in July.

Update to board on the Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS) Steering Committee meeting and upcoming occurrence for the allocation of the 2023-2024 FPHS funds, which are determined by the steering committee that Theresa is a member of.

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT – Dr. Brzezny

Ending Public Health Emergency—Included in PowerPoint; discussion held.

COVID and Other Respiratory Diseases Update—Included in PowerPoint.

Tuberculosis Investigations—Included in PowerPoint.

Other Updates—None

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Executive Session—The meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm to executive session according to RCW 42.30.110 to last five (5) minutes to discuss the performance of a public employee, no action will be taken. The public meeting was reopened at 7:31 pm.

OTHER BUSINESS—None

ADJOURNMENT—With no other business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m. (M/S Fuhriman/Jones – unanimous).

Tom Harris, Chairman Board of Health

ATTEST:

Rita Morfin, Board Clerk