

BOARD OF HEALTH

July 12, 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

Sheila Berschauer—Healthcare Rep (Zoom)
Stan Fuhriman - Stakeholder Rep (In Person)
Dr. Alison Ball—Tribal Rep (Zoom)

Tom Harris – Cities/Towns (In Person)
Commissioner Danny Stone (In Person)
Deanna Martinez – Cities/Towns (Zoom)

STAFF

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

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

ABSENT

Theresa Adkinson – Administrator
Cindy Carter – Commissioner

Rita Morfin, Administrative Services Facilitator
Nokey Pando—Consumer of PH

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of the June 14, 2023 meeting were approved as written (M/S Fuhriman/Berschauer – unanimous).

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS—The June vouchers for the period ending July 11, 2023 totaling \$928,371.14. #1–#3 (\$243,446.55), General Fund Vouchers #4–#21 (\$534,502.59) General Fund Vouchers #22–#36 (\$31,252.82), General Fund Vouchers #37–#54 (\$58,424.90), and General Fund Vouchers #55–#74 (\$60,744.28) were approved (M/S Berschauer/Stone – unanimous).

PUBLIC FORUM FOR CITIZEN’S COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS –

None

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH – Stephanie Shopbell

Health Lakes Tracker – The Healthy Lakes Tracker website will go live this week. It is a pilot project working in collaboration with the Conservation District to track areas of high blue green algae toxins in Moses Lake. There are currently four volunteers collecting water samples at 13 sites. The tracking sites on the website contain dates and pictures for the public to view by clicking on the colored dots. Sites are indicated by green dots, orange for warnings, red for danger in areas with high toxin levels or confirmed illness or death in pets close section of lake. GCHD will continue to work with the Conservation District to upload more information to site and sampling will continue through September. A media release will go out tomorrow announcing it to the public. Next year sampling will start earlier in the year as well as adding a Potholes site.

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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—None.

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

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

Staff have been coordinating treatment with an emphasis on Gonorrhea cases in collaboration with the Wa State Department of Health and Grant County clinics. This is along with continuing to investigate other reportable communicable diseases.

Madison will be presenting GCHD's COVID after action report that will be reported to the state, at the August BOH meeting.

Other Updates—None.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Darcy Moss

Financials—Report is on SharePoint, no questions.

Resolution 23-03 Petty Cash Amount Increase – A request was made to increase petty cash from \$600.00 to \$1,000.00 due to increase in revenue as well as staff activities.

A motion was made to approve Resolution 23-03 Petty Cash Amount Increase (M/S Berschauer/Martinez – unanimous).

Resolution 23-04 Credit Card from Amazon – A request was made to acquire an additional credit card from Amazon to meet the Health Districts supply needs. The request was made due to the primary credit cards being canceled because of fraudulent charges.

A motion was made to approve Resolution 23-04 Credit Card from Amazon (M/S Stone/Martinez – unanimous).

Board of Health Seats – Term Ending December 2023 - Terms for Seat #3 – City/Town Elected Official, Seat #5 – Healthcare Facility, Healthcare Provider, or Public Health Professional and Seat #7 – Community Stakeholder will be expiring December 31, 2023. For Seats #5 & #7 persons recommended as members or alternative members will be sent to the Board of County Commissioners for appointments. The Association of Grant County Cities and Towns will make recommendations for a member and alternate for Seat #3. The people recommended will need to apply and interviews will be conducted by the Board in October.

BOCC Ordinance & the Health District Resolution do not limit terms Board seat terms. Anyone on the current Board could re-apply. Recruitment for potential applicants will begin soon by the Health District.

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HEALTH OFFICER’S REPORT – Dr. Brzezny

Epi Update—Included in PowerPoint; discussion held.

COVID, COVID Vaccine Changes, Communicable Disease Update – COVID case rates, hospitalizations and data were presented. The most recent COVID vaccine recommendation from Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee recommends a 2023-2024 formula update of the current COVID-19 vaccine composition to a monovalent XBB lineage. FDA advised manufacturers to develop vaccines with a monovalent XBB.1.5 composition. A summary of the vaccine was presented.

Washington is one of the top five state with up to date COVID vaccine rates with 27.4% of people being up to date.

Tuberculosis Update—Update given

Other Updates— Animal bite and bat exposure, West Nile Virus, Malaria and Air quality for school and childcare activities presented in PowerPoint.

OTHER BUSINESS—None

ADJOURNMENT—With no other business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m. (M/S Stone/Fuhriman – unanimous).

Tom Harris, Chairman Board of Health

ATTEST:

Darcy Moss, Finance Services Facilitator