

BOARD OF HEALTH

August 9, 2023

6:01 PM

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

MEMBERS

Sheila Berschauer—Healthcare Rep (Zoom)
Cindy Carter – Commissioner
Deanna Martinez – Cities/Towns (Zoom)

Stan Fuhriman - Stakeholder Rep (In Person)
Danny Stone – Commissioner (In Person)
Nokey Pando—Consumer of PH (In Person)

STAFF

Theresa Adkinson – Administrator
Maria Vargas – HCF Manager (In Person)
Dr. Brzezny – Health Officer (Zoom)
Darcy Moss – Finance Services (In Person)
Lexi Smith – Communication Coordinator (In Person)

Anna Franz – H.D. Attorney (In Person)
Laina Mitchell – I & R Manager (In Person)
Stephanie Shopbell – EH Manager (In Person)
Rita Morfin – Board Clerk (In Person)
Madison Boss – Emergency Preparedness (In Person)

ABSENT

Tom Harris – Cities/Towns (In Person)

Dr. Alison Ball—Tribal Rep (Zoom)

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA – A motion was made to approve the agenda with the amendment: removal of #11g and #11h. (M/S Fuhriman/Berschauer – unanimous).

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

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS—The July vouchers for the period ending August 8, 2023 totaling \$416,214.02. #1–#3 (\$243,553.13), General Fund Vouchers #4–#14 (\$11,494.25) General Fund Vouchers #15–#24 (\$2,244.83), General Fund Vouchers #25–#33 (\$33,050.32), and General Fund Vouchers #34–#46 (\$125,871.49) were approved (M/S Fuhriman/Berschauer – unanimous).

PUBLIC FORUM FOR CITIZEN’S COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS –

None

GCHD Staff Spotlight—Lexi presented video to board.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH – Stephanie Shopbell

Program Updates—OSS files have all been taken offsite to the FreeDoc warehouse. GCHD is working on interim procedures while working out the details for file retrieval.

Other Updates—Stephanie advised the board that inspections at the Gorge are almost all completed.

Healthy Lakes Tracker is up and running smoothly on GCHD’s website, there are 30 volunteers signed up with 7-9 volunteers helping each week. EH is working on feedback and making any necessary changes.



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Stephanie met with the Department of Ecology to bring a new grant funded program “Pollution Prevention Assistance”, discussion held with board.

Monthly reports 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 – Theresa Adkinson
Program Updates—Program updates given to board.

COVID After Action Report Overview—Madison presented a PowerPoint on COVID AAR to board; discussion held.

Other Updates—None.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – Theresa Adkinson
Financials—Report is on SharePoint, no questions.

NCW LHJ MOU – NCW MOU with Chelan, Okanogan, Kittitas, and Grant counties will help streamline the partnerships.

A motion was made to authorize the Vice-Chair to sign on behalf of GCHD; discussion held (M/S Martinez/Berschauer – unanimous).

Enduris Annual Renewal – Theresa presented the invoice to the board for renewal.

A motion was made to authorize GCHD to pay the Enduris Invoice in the amount of \$77,469 (M/S Berschauer/Carter – unanimous).

Smarsh Renewal—Presented renewal to board.

Motion made to authorize GCHD to pay the Smarsh Invoice in the amount of \$12,091.97 (M/S Martinez/Fuhriman – unanimous).

Employee Handbook Benefits Section 10.7 & 10.13—Presented verbiage changes to the board; discussion held.

Motion made to approve the changes made to the 2023 GCHD Employee Handbook in section 10.7, 10.8, and 10.13 (M/S Berschauer/Fuhriman – unanimous).

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

Other Updates—None

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HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT – Dr. Brzezny

CD Epi Update—Included in PowerPoint; discussion held.

Summer COVID Trends—Included in PowerPoint; discussion held.

TB Update— Included in PowerPoint; discussion held.

Other Updates— Dr. Brzezny invited the board to the International Overdose Awareness Resource Fair on August 24, 2023.

OTHER BUSINESS—None

ADJOURNMENT—With no other business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. (M/S Berschauer/Fuhriman – unanimous).

Danny Stone, Co-Chairman Board of Health

ATTEST:

Rita Morfin, Board Clerk