



To Protect and Promote the Health and the Environment of the People of Kittitas County

Meeting Title: PUBLIC HEALTH STUDY SESSION
Date: January 27, 2009
BOCC Attendees: Commissioner Crankovich, Commissioner Jewell
By Phone: Commissioner McClain
KCPHD Attendees: Cathy Bambrick, Candi Blackford
Other Attendees: None
Start time: 11:03am

DOE Exempt Well Project Update: This agenda item was postponed until another study session date.

November 2008 Financial Review: Cathy Bambrick discussed how at this time the public health department currently is unable to pull any data from cayenta. At this time the public health department has “view only” access to cayenta. Commissioner Crankovich will send an e-mail to reinstate access to cayenta to Jerry Pettit in the auditors department and to information services.

Motion 01-01: Paul Jewell moved to approve the authorization of information services to reinstate cayenta access to the Public Health Department. Alan Crankovich seconded the approval of information services to reinstate cayenta access to the Public Health Department. All approved. Motion carried.

At this time Mark McClain hung up with the meeting

Smoking –Morris Sorenson Building: Cathy discussed the smoking issues at the Morris Sorenson Building. Currently there is a designated smoking tent in the courtyard at the Morris Sorenson Building which is a problem in the spring and summer when the building offices facing that direction need to open the windows for air. All the smoke is then entering in through the windows. Also the department has a problem with people smoking in front of the building on the sidewalks in front of the entry of the building. It is impossible to enter the building without walking through cigarette smoke when they are out there smoking and disposing of cigarette butts are left on the ground. Cathy had proposed to have the tent in the courtyard moved to an area that is 25 feet from the building. It was recommended that across the street in a corner of the parking lot at the Morris Sorenson Building would be adequate for this and the building needs to also provide a bucket with sand for disposal of cigarette butts. Commissioners Jewell and Crankovich agreed that this would be ok. The Health Department will begin to work on this.

Public Health Electronic Medical Record- Update: Cathy updated that the Public Health Department is working on implementing new software. The department should begin getting hooked up to Next Gen in February. This will help in the development of a public health module. The grant has a short time span and is up in November.

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Staff Retreat-Permission to close for a day: Cathy asked the Commissioners for permission to close the Public Health office Wednesday February 25, 2009 for the staff retreat. Cathy also discussed with the commissioners what will happen on the retreat day that will begin with a NIMS refresher taught by Rich Elliott (KVFD) and will open that part up to county employees who need their NIMS update.

Upper County Office Space: Cathy discussed with the commissioners that originally we had WIC/ First steps, immunizations and our needle exchange out of this space for 500.00 a month/2 days a week. With WIC and First steps now moved the only thing we use it for is immunizations 1 time a month and the needle exchange on Thursday afternoons. There is discussion of splitting the cost/building with Community Health of Central Washington. Cathy noted that at this time we are operating month to month. At this time it was recommended by Commissioners Crankovich and Jewell to try to find another location that would be less money or even free. Possibilities were to look at churches, other small buildings, new clinic in Cle Elum, or even check buildings in Roslyn. Cathy will continue to look into this and keep commissioners updated.

