



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

**KITTITAS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH (BOH)  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, July 18, 2019  
Commissioners' Auditorium  
10:00 am**

**Present**

Board of Health (BOH):

Cory Wright, Laura Osiadacz, Rich Elliott, John Asriel M.D.

Absent: Brett Wachsmith

Board of Health Advisory Committee (BOHAC):

None

Public Health: Candi Blackford, Tristen Lamb, Kasey Knutson, Chelsey Loeffers, Amy Fuller, Lianne Bradshaw, Tina Rowan, Katie Odiaga, Mark Larson M.D

*Meeting called to order at 10:02 am*

**Introductions**

Introductions were completed.

**Minutes**

Motion to approve the June 20, 2019 Board of Health meeting minutes

**Motion 07-01: Motion to approve the June 20, 2019 Board of Health meeting minutes as presented. Rich Elliott moved to approve the June 20, 2019 Board of Health meeting minutes as presented. John Asriel second. All approved. Motion 07-01 carried to approve the June 20, 2019 Board of Health meeting minutes as presented.**

**Public Comment**

Public Comment open at 10:04 am

Public Comment closed at 10:04 am

**Department updates**

**Administrator update**

Tristen Lamb stepped to the microphone. Ms. Lamb then updated the board members on the following updates from public health:

- Liz Whitaker has retired. Candi Blackford has moved into Liz's office and taken over some of her duties and Samantha Cox will be moving up to the front desk to better assist customers with water banking information.

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- Water Resources worked with Public Works to create a short term water lease program that focuses on providing water to agriculture land during drought times.
- It is year-end for a lot of contracts, and the department is working on renewals.
- KCPHD will be receiving up to \$5000 for the vector program from the state, specifically for staff time for mosquito trapping.
- Ms. Lamb is working on 2019 budget finalization, as well as 2020 fees and budget.
- Several KCPHD staff attended open government training with Judy Pless.

Ms. Lamb then asked Kasey Knutson to give a brief update regarding the coffee stand in the courthouse. Ms. Knutson gave a quick background on the coffee stand, and noted that she had drafted a contract, which had been submitted to the prosecuting attorney's office and received edits, and was now with Human Resources. Ms. Knutson is also drafting a resolution.

#### Health Officer Update

Dr. Larson stepped to the microphone to discuss bike safety and helmet use. Currently 12 areas in Washington State have helmet laws, the most recent being Spokane. Dr. Larson stated he is not advocating for a helmet law, but he hopes in the future we can promote helmet safety for biking and skateboarding, in hopes that normalizing it will encourage more people to use helmets. He also hopes that Kittitas County can continue to become safer for cyclists and those who choose to walk. There were several questions and discussion from the board about a previous law, and the difficulty in studying data regarding helmet safety for individuals who are injured and receive head trauma in accidents, vs individuals who are killed. Rich Elliot noted that there is Ellensburg City Code regarding helmets being required for those under 16.

#### Financial Update

Tina Rowan stepped to the microphone and gave the financial update. Ms. Rowan is currently working on grant renewals, and discussed the origins of several additional revenue funds, as well as an overage of expenditures due to employee trainings.

There was a question from the board regarding year-to-date revenue percentages; these are due to an expected influx of permits during the fall.

#### Business

##### Syringe Exchange Evaluation Update

Amy Fuller stepped to the microphone to present data regarding KCPHD Syringe Exchange. The presentation included the following information:

- History and Purpose of Syringe Exchange
- Program Evaluation Results from Ellensburg and Upper County


There were questions from the board regarding the collection of client demographics, and partnerships with Central Washington University.

##### Upper County Syringe Exchange – Request for Direction

Lianne Bradshaw presented information about the first year of the Upper County Expansion project. The information included program activities to date, estimated cost of the program, number of participants and the number of syringes disposed of.

Ms. Bradshaw then asked the board for direction on how to proceed with the Upper County Expansion program. There was board discussion. Ms. Bradshaw and Ms. Fuller will put the program on pause, while searching for other locations and assessing the needs of how to better provide this service to Upper County.

Meeting adjourned at 11:38 am



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Cory Wright, Chair of the Board of Health



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Tristen Lamb, Administrator  
Kittitas County Public Health



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Katie Odiaga, Clerk of the Board of Health