



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

Public Health Study Session

June 29, 2021

4:00 PM

Webex Meeting

Attendees

Commissioners: Brett Wachsmith, Cory Wright, Laura Osiadacz

Public Health: Tristen Lamb, Chelsey Loeffers, Jesse Cox, Katie Odiaga, Erin Moore

Department Business

Fees & Budget Process

Director Tristen Lamb discussed the nine different COVID-19 funding streams, foundational public health services funding, and Environmental Health fee for services, and Admissions Tax.

Tristen also updated the board that the time audit and fee calculations were being conducted for the Environmental Health fee schedule.

1152 Implementation, continued

Tristen Lamb updated the board that there is not much to update since the last BOH meeting but her current understanding is that things will be primarily up to local jurisdictions to implement. Her current recommendation would be to expand the current Board of Health rather than to put resources into expanding the BOHAC.

Department Staffing update/requests

EH Staffing Increase- Approval Request

Tristen Lamb reported that the Environmental Health budget was not impacted by COVID-19 as much as anticipated and revenues were coming in higher than expected.

KCPHD was awarded more grant funds from LSWFA (solid waste grant). We received a 40-50K increase for next biennium.

Director Lamb requested .6 FTE from BOCC in food safety. The County has many food establishments per capita, and we are also seeing increase in TFES. The requested FTE would have designated evening and weekend hours to cover weekend temporary events. Data shows that this increase in FTE is sustainable, without increase in food fees.

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Jesse Cox presented some benchmarking he conducted with other rural counties on how many food inspections per specialist they complete each year. Kittitas County staff are conducting approximately 300 inspections per year, which is almost 200 more per year than staff in other counties.

Tristen clarified that the request for .6 FTE is not an ask from the general fund and is a budget neutral request for the 2021 budget and she is not anticipating a significant increase in fees for the 2022 budget due to the additional position.

Tristen Lamb requested that the BOCC approve the presented .6 FTE position for the food safety program.

This request was approved by Commissioner Laura Osiadacz and Commissioner Brett Wachsmith.

2022 Staff Training Plans

Director Lamb reported that the Assessment Coordinator is looking at some epidemiology certificates and other staff are looking into Spanish interpretation certifications through Box in the Virus funds.

Department Business

None

Other

None

The meeting was adjourned at 4: 25 PM.

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Brett Wachsmith, BOCC Chair

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Erin Moore, Clerk