



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

**Public Health Study Session
August 28, 2024, at 10:00 am
Commissioners' Conference Room
Meeting Minutes**

Attendees:

Brett Wachsmith, Cory Wright, Chelsey Loeffers, Candi Blackford, Erin Moore, Kate Johnson, Mark Larson , Bryan Carlson, Zack DeHaven, Jesse Cox

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am

Citizen Comment (1 minute time limit)

There were no members of the public present.

No citizen comments

Department Business

- **Human Services Manager discussion and direction**

Bryan presented about the structure and fund sources that would support a human services department. The BOCC gave staff direction to move forward with development of the human services department in KCPHD.

- **Request BOCC signature on HopeSource Pathways Project Compliance Letter**

Chelsey Loeffers presented the HopeSource Pathways Project compliance letter to the BOCC for discussion and signature. Cory Wright noted that he did not vote for the project through HopeSource but can see how it aligns with the 5-year plan. The BOCC approved signature on the HopeSource Pathways Letter.

- **Resolution- Request to close KCPHD for annual all staff training 9/27**

Chelsey Loeffers presented Resolution 2024-158 for signature for the closure of KCPHD for annual all staff training on September 27, 2024. Brett Wachsmith made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-158 to authorize the closure of KCPHD on September 27, 2024 for all staff training. Cory Wright second. Motion approved .

- **Change in Temporary Food Establishment Late Fees discussion**

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Jesse Cox presented the change in temporary food establishment late fees and the change in process for temporary events. Jesse explained that the change in process aligns with other jurisdictions. The BOCC agreed with the proposed changes.

- **Human Services contracting discussion and direction**

The school districts were given a deadline of October 1, 2024, to respond with intent to utilize funding from the 1/10th of 1% funding. There are two school districts that have not responded. Staff asked for direction on how to move forward. Commissioner Wachsmith volunteered to follow up with Ellensburg School District and Commissioner Wright will contact Kittitas School District.

- **Health Officer Update**

Dr. Mark Larson provided updates regarding flu/covid in the community and discussed vaccine rates in schools.

Other Business

- **HopeSource funding discussion**

Chelsey Loeffers discussed four Hope Source project proposals:

- Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project Program Support
- Senior Support and Advocacy Program
- Rapid Rehousing
- Permanent Supportive Housing

After discussion, the BOCC directed staff to move forward with the approval process for the two ongoing HopeSource projects, Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project and Senior Support and Advocacy Program, and to hold on the other projects because additional discussion is needed.

Concluded at 10:47 am

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Brett Wachsmith, BOCC Chair

A black ink signature of Erin Moore, consisting of a stylized 'E' and 'M' followed by a horizontal line.

Erin Moore, Clerk