



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

**Public Health Study Session  
July 23, 2025  
at 10:00 am  
Commissioners' Conference Room  
Meeting Minutes**

Present: Brett Wachsmith, Cory Wright

Absent: Laura Osiadacz

Public Health: Chelsey Loeffers, Candi Blackford, Kasey Knutson, Erin Moore

The meeting was called to order at 10:13am by Brett Wachsmith.

Citizen Comment (1 minute time limit)-None

**Other Business**

Introduction of Public Lands Commissioner Upthegrove and discussion on Kittitas County priorities

Item rescheduled.

**Department Business**

**Naloxone Kiosk Program Overview**

Moved to next meeting.

**Opioid Settlement Funding Discussion/Direction**

Chelsey Loeffers briefly summarized the opioid settlement funding work performed by the department and asked the board for the approval of \$100,000 annually for five years of Opioid Settlement funds to the Kittitas County Public Health Department to fund the Harm Reduction Program.

**Motion 07.01: Brett Wachsmith moved to approve the allocation of \$100,000 annually for five years of Opioid Settlement funds to the Kittitas County Public Health Department to fund the Harm Reduction Program. Cory Wright second. All approved. Motion 07.01 carried to approve the allocation of \$100,000 annually for five years of Opioid Settlement funds to the Kittitas County Public Health Department to fund the Harm Reduction Program for the next 5 years.**

**1/10<sup>th</sup> Sunset Preparations Discussion/Direction**

Kasey Knutson reviewed the summary of the 1/10<sup>th</sup> of 1% Mental Health and Chemical Dependency Tax sunset preparations and asked for direction for staff to compile committee requested data, solicit public comment and award recipient comment, compiled contractual reporting, and plan a Board of County Commissioner public meeting to address the sunset clause on 1/10th funding. The board agreed they would like information on the following:

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- Success stories from funding that
- Recidivism prevention in community
- Number of people served
- afterschool activities for kids
- Information on the success of cel phone pouches in schools

The board discussed and agreed that a public hearing would be held to discuss the future of projects and funding. Chelsey Loeffers will reach out to Commissioner Osiadacz to have discussion about this prior to any movement forward.

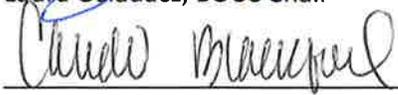
**Request to approve promotion of Kim Shilley to EHS II**

Chelsey Loeffers discussed the request to promote Kim Shilley to Environmental Health Specialist II based on her performance, professional development, and achievement of required certifications. Approval was requested from the Board of County Commissioners to approve the promotion of Kim Shilley.

**Motion 07.02: to approve the promotion of Kim Shilley to EHS II. Brett Wachsmith moved to approve the promotion of Kim Shilley to EHS II. Cory Wright Second. All approved. Motion 07.02 carried to approve the promotion of Kim Shilley to EHS II.**

The meeting concluded at 10:24am.

  
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Laura Osiadacz, BOCC Chair

  
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Candi Blackford, Clerk