



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

Public Health Study Session
August 27th, 2025
at 10:00 am
Commissioners' Conference Room
Meeting Minutes

Present: Laura Osiadacz (chair), Brett Wachsmith, Cory Wright

Absent: N/A

Others: Emma Madland (Clerk), Chelsey Loeffers, Jesse Cox, Dr. Mark Larson, Kate Johnson, Stephanie Hartung, Jamey Ayling, Chad Bala

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am by Laura Osiadacz

All present gave a brief introduction.

Other Business

Executive Session A.

Chairman Osiadacz announced a 15-minute Executive Session at **10:01 AM** under RCW 42.30.110 (i).

They met to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency. At **10:16 AM** the board requested an additional 5 minutes.

At **10:21 AM** the board reconvened out of Executive Session. No action was taken.

Executive Session B.

Chairman Osiadacz announced a 2-minute Executive Session at **10:22 AM** under RCW 42.30.110 (i). They met to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency. At **10:24 AM** the board reconvened out of Executive Session.

Motion 08.01: Cory Wright moved to approve the next step in Opioid Abatement project as discussed. Brett Wachsmith second. All approved. Motion 08.01 carried.

Citizen Comment (1 minute time limit)-None

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Department Business

Naloxone Kiosk Program Overview

Kate Johnson, Communicable Diseases Supervisor, gave the board an overview of the Naloxone Kiosk project. She gave details on the kiosks that have been funded and what will be available, such as emergency information packets and resources. She shared a list of potential kiosk locations, noting that they prioritized areas with less access to current Naloxone distribution locations. Dr. Mark Larson discussed how Naloxone can be lifesaving for people, including those taking doctor prescribed opioids. The board offered feedback on potential locations, specific concerns, and suggested reaching out to each municipality prior to placing kiosks. Stephanie Hartung asked about the availability of Naloxone training and whether they could be provided to other county departments. Overall, Kate Johnson discussed the importance of education and stigma reduction. Public health will begin reaching out to municipalities and other potential partners.

Cold Weather Shelter Funding Discussion/Direction

Chelsey Loeffers gave the board an update on Cold Weather Shelter funding. She shared that they were able to secure \$250,000 through the department of commerce to put towards a 2-year operator contract. She requested approval to move forward with an RFP process to select an operator to contract with.

Motion 08.02. Cory Wright moved to approve the use of an RFP process to select a Cold Weather Shelter operator to contract with. Brett Wachsmith Second. All approved. Motion 08.02 carried.

Health Officer Update

Dr. Mark Larson gave the board an update on the health of Kittitas County. He shared that they were testing animals at the fair for avian influenza. He also discussed Substance Use Disorder in our county and how he expects to see Methadone therapy discussed more in the future. Dr. Larson also spoke on current Covid cases, vaccinations, and the upcoming flu season. Kate Johnson added additional data about a recent vaccination event for the Ellensburg School district.

The meeting concluded at 10:59am.

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Laura Osiadacz, BOCC Chair

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Emma Madland, Clerk