



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

Public Health Study Session  
September 24, 2025  
at 10:00 am  
Commissioners' Conference Room  
Meeting Minutes

Present: Laura Osiadacz (chair), Brett Wachsmith

Absent: Cory Wright

Others: Candi Blackford, Erin Moore, Kasey Knutson, Emily Brown (Lower District Court)

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

**Department Business**

**Behavioral Health Court Funding Request**

Kasey Knutson discussed with the board the request for continued funding for Kittitas County Behavioral Health Court with 1/10<sup>th</sup> of 1% mental health chemical dependency funds. Ms. Knutson briefly discussed previous funding allotted for behavioral court in Kittitas County. Emily Brown briefly discussed funding continuation through 2027 and how they utilize other sources of funding first before using these funds. Ms. Knutson recommended the board approve a resolution to continue funding the Kittitas County Behavioral Health Court with 1/10<sup>th</sup> of 1% mental health chemical dependency funds.

09.01: Motion to approve Resolution 2025-173 to ratify revenues received by the Kittitas County Public Health Department and approved by the Kittitas County Board of Commissioners to fund Behavioral Health Court with 1/10<sup>th</sup> of 1% Funding for Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder. Brett Wachsmith moved to approve Resolution 2025-173 to ratify revenues received by the Kittitas County Public Health Department and approved by the Kittitas County Board of Commissioners to fund Behavioral Health Court with 1/10<sup>th</sup> of 1% Funding for Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder. Laura Osiadacz second. All approved. Motion 09.01 carried to approve Resolution 2025-173 to ratify revenues received by the Kittitas County Public Health Department and approved by the Kittitas County Board of Commissioners to fund Behavioral Health Court with 1/10<sup>th</sup> of 1% Funding for Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder.

**Cold Weather Shelter Funding Discussion/Direction**

Kasey Knutson noted that KCPHD released a request for proposal this month and received one submission to the proposal from Hopesource. Hopesource was the previous Cold Weather Shelter Operator during the 2024/2025 season. The current RFP submission was evaluated by two KCPHD staff and two City of Ellensburg staff and the submission was determined to meet requirements of the RFP.

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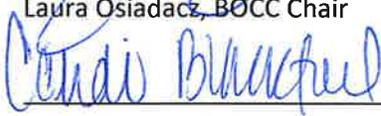
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Ms. Knutson noted the recommendation from KCPHD and City of Ellensburg staff would be to enter contract negotiations with HopeSource to become the Cold Weather Shelter for the 2025/2026 and 2026/2027 seasons with a budget of \$250,000.00.

09.02: Motion to approve the recommendation to enter into contract negotiations with HopeSource to become the Cold Weather Shelter for the 2025/2026 and 2026/2027 seasons. Brett Wachsmith moved to approve the recommendation to enter into contract negotiations with HopeSource to become the Cold Weather Shelter for the 2025/2026 and 2026/2027 seasons. Laura Osiadacz second. All approved. Motion 09.02 carried to approve the recommendation to enter into contract negotiations with HopeSource to become the Cold Weather Shelter for the 2025/2026 and 2026/2027 seasons. Brett Wachsmith moved

The meeting concluded at

  
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Laura Osiadacz, BOCC Chair

  
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Candi Blackford, Clerk