



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

Public Health Study Session
January 28, 2026
at 10:00 am
Commissioners' Conference Room
Meeting Minutes

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

Others: Chelsey Loeffers, Candi Blackford, Kasey Knutson

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

No citizens present for public comment

Department Business

All Staff Retreat Half Day Office Closure Resolution Request for Approval

Chelsey Loeffers noted the health department closes annually for its All-Staff Retreat. This year the department would like to close for half the day to get staff the necessary annual training. Ms. Loeffers asked for approval of resolution to authorize the closure of the Kittitas County Public Health Department on February 20, 2026, for annual staff training

01.01: Motion to approve Resolution 2026-013 to Authorize the Closure of the Kittitas County Public Health Department on February 20, 2026. Brett Wachsmith moved to approve Resolution 2026-013 to Authorize the Closure of the Kittitas County Public Health Department on February 20, 2026. Laura Osiadacz second. All approved. Motion 01.01 carried to approve Resolution 2026-013 to Authorize the Closure of the Kittitas County Public Health Department on February 20, 2026.

Human Services Plans Request for Approval

Kasey Knutson discussed a project proposal from Robin Read and asked the commissioners for approvals on the following project proposals:

- Creation of a two-year strategic plan for 1/10th of 1% mental health and substance use disorder prevention
- Update of the Kittitas County Developmental Disabilities Plan 2026-2028
- Creation of an action plan for the Homelessness and Affordable Housing Committee based on the 2025-2030 Local Homeless Plan for Kittitas County

There was discussion and the Commissioners would like to be updated on plans that are created to make sure that they align with county goals. Discussed quarterly updates would be fine.

APPROVED
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01.02: Motion to approve Robin Read Consulting to creating plans for the Human Services committees. Brett Wachsmith moved to approve Robin Read Consulting creating plans for the Human Services Committees. Laura Osiadacz second. All approved. Motion 01.02 carried to Robin Read Consulting to create plans for the Human Services Committees.

FPHS Resolution and Support from county Lobbyist Request for Approval

Chelsey Loeffers presented a Resolution to urge the Washington State Legislature to maintain funding for Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS) and direct staff to provide the Kittitas County lobbyist with additional information to support advocacy for FPHS funding during the legislative session. Ms. Loeffers reviewed a summary of the funding and the importance of maintaining these funds. The resolution will be presented to Kittitas County lobbyists.

01.03: Motion to approve Resolution 20216-014 to urge Washington State Legislature to maintain funding for Foundational Public Health Services. Brett Wachsmith moved to approve Resolution 20216-014 to urge Washington State Legislature to maintain funding for Foundational Public Health Services. Laura Osiadacz second. All approved. Motion 01.03 carried.

HopeSource Teanaway Project Amendment Discussion/Decision

Chelsey Loeffers reviewed proposed Teanaway project amendments and asked for approval or denial of amendments to proceed with contracting. The board discussed amendments and then approved:

- Reduction of units from 50 to 41
- AMI increase from 30-50% to 60%
- 20 of the 41 units added to homeless stock

Kittitas County Public Health Department continues to work with HopeSource and contractor for clarification of items. The group also confirmed the meeting with HopeSource is still being scheduled to discuss invoicing.

Ms. Loeffers noted that there will need to be more time with Homelessness and Affordable Housing contracts before entering into them due to the complexity of the details. The department would like to make sure that the county is clear on contract language and obtain additional information if needed.

Health Officer Update

Dr. Mark Larson was not at the meeting, but Chelsey Loeffers updated the following about measles in Kittitas County:

- January 30th and 31st are the quarantine end dates
- Staff continue to do symptom checks for individuals who were exposed and not vaccinated



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- The final 3 weeks after the last exposure dates are general monitoring and lower risk
- Vaccination status updates
- The department is working with Department of Health to bring the vaccination Caravan to Kittitas County
- Will do outreach to community to know vaccination status

Other Business

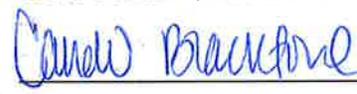
Kasey Knutson and Chelsey Loeffers discussed an inquiry from Ed Buntin at the jail inquiring about opioid settlement funding for its Medication for Opioid Use Disorders. The group discussed this possibility since they meet the requirements for funding. The Commissioners agreed that this would meet the requirements for funding. More discussion at future meetings with the BOCC.

Meeting concluded at 10:34 am

Cory Wright



Laura Osiadacz, BOCC Chair



Candi Blackford, Clerk