



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

Public Health Study Session
February 25, 2026
at 10:00 am
Commissioners' Conference Room
Meeting Minutes

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

Others: Chelsey Loeffers, Candi Blackford, Kasey Knutson, Erin Moore

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Cory Wright

No citizens present for public comment

Department Business

1/10th 2027 Gap Funding discussion/decision

Kasey Knutson reviewed the 1/10th of 1 percent RFP application process as is and discussed current overlapping requests that have been approved to make sure that funding was utilized and ensure proper distribution of funds. With the Sunset Clause being rescinded, Kittitas County Public Health Staff, Auditor's Office, Prosecuting Attorney's Office and the Chairperson for the 1/10th Advisory board have all met to discuss streamlining the RFP process in the future. The new process will allow RFP's to be on a two-year funding cycle with no overlapping RFPs. The last round of RFPs will end in 2027, and cycle before will end in 2026. Starting in 2028 a new RFP project year will not provide RFP funding between the project years ending in 2026, so any agency that did not apply for the most recent RFP will not have access to funding until 2028.

For the Stop Gap funding, KCPHD would work with the advisory board to update the RFP and test the updates with the two agencies in the stop gap process. It would not be an open competitive process for the one-year funding.

At this time Ms. Knutson asked for approval to move forward with the Stop Gap RFP process.

02.01: Motion to move forward with the Stop Gap RFP process. Brett Wachsmith moved to approve moving forward with the Stop Gap RFP process. Laura Osiadacz second. All approved. Motion 02.01 carried to approve moving forward with the Stop Gap RFP process.

Opioid Settlement Process Update

Kasey Knutson discussed best attempts at finding out total amount of funds for the opioid settlement funds between the city of Ellensburg and county. With the interlocal that was signed in November with the city the county will provide staff support, implement, and oversee the RFP process. The department

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will also provide contract oversight. The department will also develop a group for review of the RFP's and then will put them through the Board of County commissioners for approval. Ms. Knutson reviewed a tentative timeline that would include the release of the one-time RFP in March and a tentative start date for July 1.

HopeSource Teanaway Project discussion/decision

Chelsey Loeffers discussed the Teanaway Project proposal and provided a brief overview of the new submitted proposal. HopeSource is hoping to have all financing closed by April 1, 2026, including the \$750,000.00 from Kittitas County and should not change overall funding availability. This is currently under legal review for approval before new contract is drafted.

The board discussed new proposed changes and how to proceed forward.

Ms. Loeffers informed the board that they have met with Pacifica Law Group. They specialize in affordable housing and are willing to help us work through this project and future affordable housing contracts. The group discussed the benefits of contracting with the group and the knowledge Kittitas County will acquire during this process. The board was in favor of contracting and agreeing to splitting the funds of \$20,000.00 in a 2-year contract with Pacifica. It was also discussed that the first \$10,000.00 would be out of admin funds from local affordable housing specific tax and fee revenue and the next \$10,000.00 would be out of general fund.

The board directed Ms. Loeffers to wait and see what Pacifica recommends when they receive the documents for review and to send a letter to HopeSource to notify them that we are working with Pacifica and not promise the April 1st deadline as they presented. We will notify them when we know how to proceed forward with new proposal.

Shared Website Pages Update

Erin Moore reviewed with the board that with new website pages update she is working with IT. She is also working on a side project that incorporates the "customer experience" into the new website updates. Mrs. Moore has met with staff from:

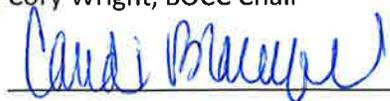
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to combine efforts and work on making our website user friendly to the customer. Erin will report back to the board as progress evolves.

Meeting concluded at 10:42 am



Cory Wright, BOCC Chair



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Candi Blackford, Clerk