



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

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**KITTITAS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH (BOH)  
Meeting Minutes**

**April 28, 2017**  
**Commissioners' Auditorium**  
**2:00 p.m.**

**Present**

Board of Health (BOH): Laura Osiadacz, Obie O'Brien, Paul Jewell, John Asriel, M.D.

Absent: Rich Elliott

Board of Health Advisory Committee (BOHAC): Andrew Lyons, Hartwig Vatheuer

Public Health: Candi Blackford, Katie Odiaga, Kaitlyn Reddick, Kasey Knutson, Erin Moore, Amy Fuller, Tristen Lamb, Holly Myers, Robin Read, Mark Larson, M.D., Will Schwab, Liz Whitaker

**Introductions**

Introductions were completed.

**Minutes**

Paul Jewell asked for a motion to approve the March 6, 2017 Special Meeting minutes and the March 16, 2017 Board of Health meeting minutes.

**Motion 04-01: Motion to approve the March 6, 2017 Special Meeting minutes and the March 16, 2017 Board of Health meeting minutes. Obie O'Brien moved to approve the March 6, 2017 Special Meeting minutes and the March 16, 2017 Board of Health meeting minutes. Laura Osiadacz second. All approved. Motion 04-01 carried to approve the March 6, 2017 Special Meeting minutes and the March 16, 2017 Board of Health meeting minutes.**

**Public Comment**

None

**BOHAC update**

Andrew Lyons, BOHAC Chair, stepped to the microphone and presented the Public Health Champion Award to Michelle Cawley of the Kittitas County Early Learning Coalition.

Hartwig Vatheuer stepped to the microphone and introduced himself as a BOHAC member. He has been a member for over 10 years. Mr. Vatheuer updated the board on the last BOHAC meeting on April 10, 2017. The following was discussed:

- Updated water bank presentation (Holly Myers and Erin Moore did a great job putting this together)

- Length of water bank rights availability

## Department updates

### Admin Updates

Robin Read updated the board on the following:

#### Staffing:

- Kimberly Sarver's last day is May 8<sup>th</sup>. She will be working in the solid waste program at the Department of Ecology.

#### Program Updates:

- KCPHD's work with the Kittitas County Breastfeeding Coalition to create a baby feeding station at the fair has been highlighted in a state wide publication about the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant. The Coalition will be working with CWU on a lactation station for commencement events.
- Tim Roth spent three days in the beginning of April at a free training at SeaTac for the immunization program. Two days were required for performing AFIX visits with our VFC providers. AFIX is a quality improvement program designed to increase child immunization levels. The third day was focused on ways to increase HPV vaccination rates.
- In April the department added new free supplies of naloxone to our inventory. UW's Center for Opioid Safety Education received a SAMHSA grant and our syringe exchange program was one of the beneficiaries. We received 25 kits of injectable naloxone, intended for syringe exchange participants, and 48 boxes of nasal Narcan. Julia has been busy arranging training and distribution of the nasal Narcan to professionals who may see opioid overdoses, such as drug rehab programs and law enforcement.
- Secretary of Health John Wiesman sent us compliments on our annual report.
- EH staff has been dealing with a lot of complaints regarding failed septic systems, solid waste, smoking in public places, etc. One health order was issued for a septic issue in Easton.

There was discussion about a poster that was intended for opioid users. The board has recommended having a phrase be changed or removed due to the phrase not being taken as it was originally intended. The phrase "Just because you get high doesn't mean you have to die" could cause some concerns in the community. Liz Whitaker will work with staff to have this changed or removed. Dr. Mark Larson did note that the needle exchange is probably the most important program in the department, and if the board is uncomfortable with the phrasing of the poster than other people may be uncomfortable with it. The department will review the poster and make it more appropriate or remove the phrase.

### Health Officer Update

Dr. Mark Larson discussed vaccination rates and informed the commissioners that the county is fortunate to not have had an outbreak of a single communicable disease. It would require all hands on deck. Dr. Larson noted that there are a lot of anti-vaccine groups out there and a lot of misinformation out there through social media. Society thinks that these diseases do not exist, but they do, and it takes just one to start the spread of a communicable disease. Dr. Larson informed the board that in Hennepin County, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Minnesota, they had one infant measles case in a daycare and they now have twenty cases of measles and nine hundred contacts. Dr. Larson discussed immigrant Somalian population and uptake in vaccines in Washington is less than those of other immigrant populations for reasons we do not really know. There was discussion about why people may not vaccinate their kids.

### Financial Update

Kaitlyn Reddick reviewed the March 2017 Financial Report with the board:

- March 2017- All Programs Revenues and Expenses: Budget to Actual

- Environmental Health (License/Permit and Fees)
- Major Environmental Health Revenue by Source
- Community Health Fees
- Community Health Revenue
- Major community Health Program Revenue by Source
- Health Promotions Program Revenue
- Health Promotions Program Revenue by Source
- All Program Revenue
- Major Revenue by Source
- 2017 Year to Date January – March all Programs Revenue by Source

## Business

### Water Resource Program Update

Erin Moore reported the following data on the Kittitas County Water Bank Data:

Total Applications 55

- Package A: 42
- Package B: 13

Total Approved Applications: 37

OTC: 27

Ecology Approved Applications: 11

Applications Pending Ecology Approval: 16 (8 WBN, 8 Permit)

Applications under review: 1 (OTC)

WaterBanks

Amerivest water: 42

Roth and Clennon: 13

Williams: 0

Average Customer Wait time

OTC: 4 days

Ecology: 217 days

Pending at Ecology current: 332-361 days

Ms. Moore noted that the county currently has 3 meters in the ground. Paul Jewell noted that with the data presented, it puts the county pretty close to accurate with the analysis that was done when setting up the water bank. Commissioner Jewell noted that with the water being sold at a rate of 5.376 acre feet, the county should have enough water for about 20 years. Commissioner Jewell also noted that the programs planning process is coming together like they had thought.

Holly Myers stepped to the microphone and gave a brief cistern code update. Ms. Myers noted that there are still some red and yellow zones that are still unable to obtain water. The county is working on a cistern program that would allow those parcels access to water through a cistern. The county is currently working on the following:

- Using water rights from a Group A system
- Processes and procedures (forms)
- Setting up fees
- Working on procedures to allow for self-hauling

The county currently has a customer who is interested in a cistern and we are working with him while we are setting up this program. The customer is currently looking for someone who will design a cistern for them.

Safe Kids program presentation

Kasey Knutson updated the board on the safe kids program. The department felt that these services were important services to keep and the department has been working with community partners to keep the services here in Kittitas County since 2016. Without program funding, the department focuses on maintaining the coalition, collecting data, applying for grant funds, and ensuring car seat technicians and free car sets are available to our residents. The County has two trained technicians and has access to neighboring county technicians if necessary. The department has acquired 31 car seats by donation or grant so far. The department distributes to partners to hand out when needed. KCPHD has applied for three grants (Group Health, Law and Justice, and City of Ellensburg Community Grant) and received awards for two in 2016, totaling \$3,500.00. Kittitas County Safe Kids Coalition (KCSKC) has received donations from Mercer Creek and the KCSKC members for car seats. Partners have provided locations for car seat checks and distribution of car seats. The 2017 Safe Kids Budget is currently \$2,500.00 (contribution from the City of Ellensburg) and this will be used to purchase supplies, registrations, and sponsorships.

Correction to resolution number for the Resolution to Recognize National Public Health Week --number from 2017-03 to 2017-001

**Motion 04-02: Motion to approve correction to resolution number to recognize National Public Health Week number from 2017-03 to 2017-001. Laura Osiadacz moved to approve motion 04-02 to approve correction to resolution number to recognize National Public Health Week number from 2017-03 to 2017-001. Obie O'Brien second. All approved. Motion 04-02 carried to approved to approve correction to resolution number to recognize National Public Health Week number from 2017-03 to 2017-001.**

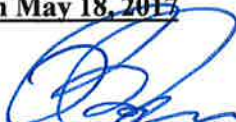
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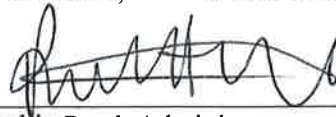
Approval requested for signature by the BOH Chair on a letter of appreciation for Freida Ellison for her time on the Board of Health Advisory Committee.

**Motion 04-03: Motion to approve the signature of the BOH Chair on a letter of appreciation for Freida Ellison for her time on the Board of Health Advisory Committee. Paul Jewell moved to approve the signature of the BOH Chair on a letter of appreciation for Freida Ellison for her time on the Board of Health Advisory Committee. Obie O'Brien Second. All approved. Motion 04-03 carried to approve the signature of the BOH Chair on a letter of appreciation for Freida Ellison for her time on the Board of Health Advisory Committee.**

Meeting adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

Next Board of Health Meeting will be held on May 18, 2017

  
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Paul Jewell, Chair of the Board of Health

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Robin Read, Administrator,  
Kittitas County Public Health



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Candi Blackford, Clerk of the Board of Health