



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

KITTITAS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH (BOH) Meeting Minutes

May 23, 2017
Commissioners' Auditorium
3:00 p.m.

Present

Board of Health (BOH): Laura Osiadacz, Obie O'Brien (called in), Paul Jewell

Absent: Rich Elliott, John Asriel, M.D.

Board of Health Advisory Committee (BOHAC): None present

Public Health: Candi Blackford, Katie Odiaga, Kaitlyn Reddick, Kaitlyn Kelly, Kasey Knutson, Amy Fuller, Tristen Lamb, Holly Myers, Robin Read, Mark Larson, M.D., Sonora Stampfly, Liz Whitaker

Meeting called at 3:00 p.m.

Introductions

Introductions were done around the room.

Minutes

Paul Jewell noted a change in the April 28, 2017 Public Hearing meeting minutes. Commissioner Jewell asked for a motion to approve the April 28, 2017 Public Hearing meeting minutes as amended.

Motion 05-01: Motion to approve the April 28, 2017 Public Hearing meeting minutes as amended. Laura Osiadacz moved to approve the April 28, 2017 Public Hearing meeting minutes as amended. Obie O'Brien second. All approved. Motion 05-01 carried to approve the April 28, 2017 Public Hearing meeting minutes as amended.

Paul Jewell noted a change in the BOH meeting minutes. Commissioner Jewell asked for a motion to approve the April 28, 2017 BOH meeting minutes as amended.

Motion 05-02: Motion to approve the April 28, 2017 BOH meeting minutes as amended. Laura Osiadacz moved to approved the April 28, 2017 BOH meeting minutes as amended. Obie O'Brien second. All approved. Motion 05-02 carried to approve the April 28, 2017 BOH meeting minutes as amended.

Public Comment

None

BOHAC update

Robin Read stepped to the microphone and noted the following activity at the last BOHAC meeting:

- A comprehensive plan update given by Robin Read
- Anne Riley and Jessica Rowe asked to be on the agenda and discuss the 1/10 of 1% Mental Health Substance Abuse tax
- Resignation of Freida Ellison and Guadalupe Huitron from BOHAC
- Discussed bylaws for membership and updates to be done in the fall

Department updates

Administrator update

Robin Read gave a brief update on the following:

- CPG funds for solid waste is expected to be cut by 1/3 for the next biennium
- Kaitlyn Kelly, an Environmental Health intern that started on May 15, is with the department for 10 weeks and will be working mostly on air quality
- Sonora Stampfly has been hired as the SNAP-Ed coordinator and started on May 10
- Kimberly Sarver's last day was on May 8- she is now working for Ecology
- Erin Moore and Kimberly Sarver were recognized with awards at the Annual Conference of the Washington State Environmental Health Association
- The department received notification that we will continue to receive funding for health insurance assistance and an increase in SNAP- Ed funding in the upcoming federal fiscal year
- Mountain River Trails Campground Association is now in full compliance with the department's health order
- Discussions about Kittitas Valley Healthcare and/or Kittitas County moving out of Region 7 Healthcare Coalition and Public Health Emergency Response and preparedness and into Region 8 (Yakima)
- SmartGov permitting system has moved the go live date to June 5, 2017
- The department is working on a plan to convene a new coalition for addressing substance use in youth in order to apply for a Drug Free Communities grant in 2018
- The department is still working on implementing an Upper County Syringe Exchange program
- The admissions tax has brought in a total of \$234,000.00

Health Officer Update

Dr. Mark Larson informed the board members that the State Health Officer has sent out a letter to health officers to increase syphilis testing around the state. The state had more cases in 2016 than in previous years. In Kittitas County we see 2-3 cases a year.

Dr. Larson is looking into the funding for TB and how much the department should be putting into the account. Currently the department is putting about \$17,000 a year into the TB account, but will gather some data and will bring back a recommendation to the board next month.

Financial update

Kaitlyn Reddick stepped to the microphone and highlighted a few areas on the April 2017 report:

- Slight increase in Federal Funding
- Public Health revenues have increased due to billing environmental health inspection fees
- Expenditures are about where we estimated them to be
- Department is paying CDS for SmartGov and discussed payment process moving forward

Business

Smoking and Vaping in Public Places

Robin Read stepped to the microphone and noted that local health jurisdictions are responsible for enforcing smoking and vaping complaints. Public Health has been working on policy and procedures for enforcement. Paul Jewell mentioned that he was concerned with the enforcement piece and that the policy and procedures may be a little time consuming and recommended scaling back the enforcement piece. Commissioner Jewell also noted that he believes that the health department's money should be spent doing core public health work. The group discussed the departments approach to this. Ms. Read will scale back the documents and bring to a future meeting for continued discussion.

County Health Rankings presentation

- Amy Fuller, Public Health Assessment Coordinator, stepped to the microphone and gave a presentation on the County Health Rankings and Roadmaps 101. The following was discussed in the presentation:
 - Why this matters: health outcomes, health factors, policies and programs
 - What health gaps are
 - Reviewed the county health rankings logic model
 - Reviewed status of Kittitas County in :
 - Health Outcomes Ranking: 8 out of 39 counties
 - Mortality Indicator: 5 out of 39 counties
 - Morbidity Ranking: 13 out of 39 counties
 - Health Factors Ranking: 15 out of 39 counties
 - Health Behavior Ranking: 22 out of 39 counties
 - Clinical Care Ranking: 27 out 39 counties
 - Social and Economic Factors Ranking: 11 out of 39 counties
 - Physical Environment Ranking: 19 out of 39 counties
 - Foundation of Roadmaps
 - Evidence Matters: smart investments, informed decisions, inform innovation
 - A menu of ideas: evidence rating, literature summary, disparity rating, and implementation examples and tools

In summary, Ms. Fuller noted that where we live matters to our health, there are great disparities in health based on where we live, health is more than health care, and it takes all of us working together to improve the health of a community. Ms. Fuller noted that all of this information can be found at www.countyhealthrankings.org.

STARS presentation

Tristen Lamb stepped to the microphone gave a STARS (Standardized Tobacco Assessment for Retail Settings) presentation about Youth Tobacco Prevention and Control. The following information was presented to the Board of Health:

- Research shows exposure to tobacco advertising and promotions prompts smoking initiation:
 - Each day 1,000 youth under 18 become new daily smokers
 - Smoking is the leading cause of preventable death
 - There is no safe level of second hand smoke
 - The tobacco industry spends \$1 million/hour in marketing for products at the point of sale
 - Tobacco companies spend \$25 million on marketing every day
 - Almost 4,000 US youth try their first cigarette every day

Ms. Lamb discussed the group of girl scouts used to do the STARS survey. They surveyed 22 stores that were selected for various reasons, and reviewed products advertised in those stores. Out of the surveys performed the following data was collected:

- Ninety percent sold visible tobacco products
- Fourteen percent had a pharmacy counter

- Only 10 percent displayed graphic health warnings
- Ninety percent sold alcoholic beverages

Ms. Lamb also reviewed the location of tobacco in the stores, prices, and promotions. Ms. Lamb noted that if there were any questions to feel free to contact her.

Paul Jewell asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

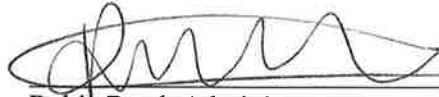
Motion 05-03: Motion to adjourn the meeting. Laura Osiadacz moved to adjourn the meeting. Obie O'Brien second. All approved. Motion 05-03 carried to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:46pm

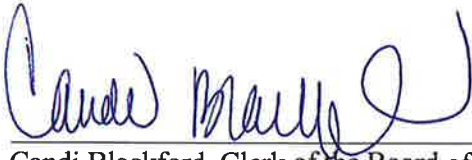
Next Board of Health meeting will be held on June 15, 2017



Paul Jewell, Chair of the Board of Health



Robin Read, Administrator,
Kittitas County Public Health



Candi Blackford, Clerk of the Board of Health