



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

KITTITAS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH (BOH) Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2017
Commissioners' Auditorium
10:00 a.m.

Present

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

Board of Health Advisory Committee (BOHAC): Nancy Jewett

Public Health: Katie Odiaga, Holly Myers, Robin Read, Liz Whitaker, Gabby Villa

Other: Susie Anderson, Elmview, Dr. Kevin Martin, KVH, Susan Grindle, HopeSource

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Introductions

Robin Read stepped to the microphone to introduce Gabby Villa, who has been working at KCPHD for a few months as an office assistant. Introductions were then done around the room.

Minutes

Paul Jewell noted a change in the May 23, 2017 BOH meeting minutes. Commissioner Jewell asked for a motion to approve the May 23, 2017 BOH meeting minutes as amended.

Motion 06-01: Motion to approve the May 23, 2017 BOH meeting minutes as amended. Rich Elliott moved to approved the May 23, 2017 BOH meeting minutes as amended. Obie O'Brien second. All approved. Motion 06-01 carried to approve the May 23, 2017 BOH meeting minutes as amended.

Public Comment

None

BOHAC update

Nancy Jewett stepped to the microphone and noted the following activity at the last BOHAC meeting:

- Creation of two committees; one to focus on membership, one to focus on budget stabilization.
- Membership is currently on the low end, but still within acceptable numbers. They will look for additional members in the fall.
- Looking to integrate the admissions tax into budget stabilization.
- There was discussion about the Drug Free Community Grant and whether or not to apply for the grant this year.

Department updates

Administrator update

None

Health Officer Update

Liz Whitaker gave an update about a recent case of E. coli at a childcare center. Guidelines state anyone exposed who has had diarrhea in the last 3 weeks should be tested, and may not return to the childcare center until a negative result is obtained. Anyone who is at risk of exposure has already been notified. The source of the E. coli is unknown at this time, however Ms. Whitaker notes that it is unlikely it came from a food source in the center, as none of the food workers have experienced diarrhea. The strain of E. coli is also unknown at this time- lab results have not come back.

Ms. Whitaker also noted that in May, Kittitas County had its first case of wound botulism that has ever been recorded. It was drug injection related. Botulism causes paralysis of the diaphragm. The person in question is currently recovering in an assisted living/rehab facility.

Financial update

None

Business

Kittitas County Health Network presentation

Robin Read stepped to the microphone to start off a presentation about the Kittitas County Health Network (KCHN). The Network recently applied for a grant for care coordination and a community assessment improvement plan, which HopeSource agreed to lead.

Susan Grindle, director of HopeSource, stepped to the microphone to continue the presentation. Ms. Grindle explained that KCHN is trying to enter into the field of care coordination, which would avoid care duplication, and lower healthcare costs. The three main areas of care coordination are mental health, physical health, and social determinants of health. The network first started to try to help “frequent fliers” from needing recurring emergency medical services. Ms. Grindle mentioned that Royal Vista closing resulted in an increase in Emergency Medical calls.

Ms. Read then returned to the microphone to explain a bit more about the Community Health Assessment/Community Health Improvement Planning (CHA/CHIP). When CHA/CHIP was first started in 2012, it was led mainly by the Health Department, without much involvement from partners in the community, which meant a lack of investment by the community. However the recent CHA/CHIP process is led mainly by community partners, which means there is a vested interest and more chance for success.

Dr. Kevin Martin then stepped to the microphone. He is a member of the team at the hospital that was originally created to figure out what to do when Royal Vista closed. It was soon discovered that Royal Vista closing was a non-issue, and the true issue was an unmet need to coordinate care. They dubbed themselves the “A-Team” and continue to work on helping with care coordination, and with determining how to reduce emergency service needs in recurring patients. In one year they have helped 45 people, all with no funding.

There was further discussion around the room about mental health and community partners. It was mentioned that work done by the “A-Team” and KCHN must go on even if the funding from the grant is denied.

Upper Kittitas County Syringe Exchange implementation plan and progress

Liz Whitaker stepped to the microphone to report on Upper Kittitas County syringe exchange progress. The project is currently at a standstill, as they currently do not have a location secured. They are having difficulty finding an appropriate place that is rent free. They are receiving a lot of pushback from Roslyn businesses, and Cle Elum is the primary focus due to the larger population. They group will begin to look at other options and start calculating costs if rent is necessary.

Drug Free Communities grant opportunity

Robin Read stepped to the microphone to explain the federal grant opportunity for Drug Free Communities, that fund coalitions and local groups, which means the role of KCPHD would be limited. The next deadline to apply is March 2018, and the coalition must be established at least 6 months prior to applying. There was previously a county wide coalition, which received funding and is no longer eligible. There is currently an option to create a coalition for just the city of Ellensburg or the city of Kittitas. Ms. Read proceeded to provide pros and cons for each option.

There was further discussion around the room and it was determined that more input was necessary from the school districts, as their participation would be paramount to the success of the coalition and the grant.

Approval for BOHAC recognition letter

Commissioner Jewell asked for a motion to approve the BOHAC recognition letter as presented.

Motion 06-02: Motion to approve the BOHAC recognition letter as presented. Rich Elliott moved to approve the BOHAC recognition letter as presented. Obie O'Brien second. All approved. Motion 06-02 carried to approve the BOHAC recognition letter as presented.

Other

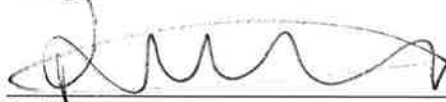
Rich Elliott stated that on July 18th the City of Ellensburg is hosting a behavioral/mental health forum at Kittitas Valley Fire and Rescue at 6pm, and he would like a county commissioner to attend. Commissioner O'Brien stated his interest in the event and would like to attend.

Commissioner Jewell adjourned the meeting at 11:37am.

Next Board of Health meeting will be held on July 17, 2017



Laura Osiadacz, Commissioner



Robin Read, Administrator,
Kittitas County Public Health



Katie Odiaga, Clerk of the Board of Health