



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

KITTITAS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH (BOH) Meeting Minutes

July 17, 2017
Commissioners' Auditorium
1:00 p.m.

Present

Board of Health (BOH): Laura Osiadacz, Obie O'Brien, Rich Elliott

Absent: Paul Jewell, John Asriel M.D.

Board of Health Advisory Committee (BOHAC): Carin Thomas

Public Health: Candi Blackford, Kaitlyn Reddick, Kasey Knutson, Amy Fuller, Holly Myers, Robin Read, Mark Larson, M.D., Liz Whitaker

Other: Jocelyn McCornack

Meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m.

Introductions

None

Minutes

Laura Osiadacz asked for a motion to approve the June 15, 2017 meeting minutes as presented.

Motion 07-01: Motion to approve the June 15, 2017 BOH meeting minutes as presented. Rich Elliott moved to approved the June 15, 2017 BOH meeting minutes as presented. Obie O'Brien second. All approved. Motion 07-01 carried to approve the June 15, 2017 BOH meeting minutes as presented.

Public Comment

None

BOHAC update

Carin Thomas, a CWU Chemistry Professor, stepped to the microphone and noted that at the last BOHAC meeting they reviewed the following:

- Public health is moving forward with applying for accreditation.
- In the state health rankings, Kittitas County is doing well overall.

Department updates

Administrator update

Robin Read reviewed the following updates from her administrator report that was sent out by email last week:

Funding and Finance

- Kittitas County Health Network received a \$100,000 planning grant and KCPHD is written in that grant for \$5,000 towards community health assessment.
- KCPHD received \$4,900 in performance incentive funds for our work as navigators for health insurance.
- \$10 million dollars was approved in the state budget for new public health funding for communicable disease, chronic disease, and injury prevention. Allocations are not finalized yet, but drafts indicate that KCPHD will receive around \$40,000 annually.
- The state capital budget still hasn't been approved, so currently KCPHD does not have funding for the Coordinated Prevention Grant for solid waste.

Program Updates

- Changes to our cistern water program have been presented to the Board of County Commissioners. Code updates and fee changes will be presented to BOH with a public hearing in the next couple of months.
- As of June 30th, KCPHD will have no more air quality funds or interns to complete the Path Forward Plan, activity will be suspended or shifted to the Air Quality Advisory Committee. There was discussion about how the department will attempt to work with community partners to take on some of the work in air quality, and Holly Myers noted that she will be applying for non-attainment grant funding.
- A vaccine clinic in Cle Elum will take place on July 19th.

Admin Updates

- KCPHD staff has made several unsuccessful attempts to reach out to Kittitas and Ellensburg School Districts to discuss the Drug Free Communities grant, and at this point will hold off until next year to try again.
- The kick off meeting for the Community Health Assessment and Improvement Planning process was held on June 29th with twenty six participants.
- Management team staff attended the county budget retreat and will begin working on the 2018 budget soon.

Health Officer Update

Mark Larson, M.D. introduced Jocelyn McCornack and reviewed the involvement of medical students in the TRUST program. The hope is that the medical students who participate in the program will end up back in rural communities like Ellensburg. Community Health of Central Washington has two grad students this year that came as residents and plan on staying. They just signed contracts locally.

Dr. Larson discussed Healthcare reform, which is a moving target at this point. Washington State could end up with a block grant and which means less money to provide services for those who have increased service needs. Will wait and see how the healthcare reform plays out.

Obie O'Brien asked about the cost of Naloxone and restrictions on obtaining Naloxone with issues rising around the country. Liz Whitaker stepped to the microphone and responded that at this time that the Naloxone the county is receiving was through the Samsagrants University of Washington Alcohol and Drug grant. The board discussed dispensing the free nasal kits to friends and families (those who do not want to inject or know how to) and the free injectable kits to participants of the exchange (those who know how to inject). Rich Elliott discussed briefly why EMS protocols for overdoses do not include naloxone at this time.

Financial update

No financial update due to moving the meeting date.

Business

Cost recovery ordinance discussion

Robin Read stepped to the microphone and reviewed the costs associated with the latest enforcement issue at Mountain River Trails. The current code does not allow for the department to collect these fees, and how to fix this for future enforcement issues. Stephanie Hartung stepped to the microphone and reviewed the options with the Commissioners. The department would like to change the process and code to allow for the recouping of cost once the health order is final. Ms. Hartung asked the commissioners how they would prefer the code be set up to recoup costs. Any changes would also affect the health order to include how charges will be imposed, identify health order requirements, and definition of enforcement costs. Obie O'Brien asked how many health orders the health department issues in a year. Mark Larson, M.D. noted that they are not issued often, but when they are used they are mostly to change behavior. Only in rare occurrences do they end up in enforcement costs. A discussion ensued about how staff code time to these instances and how tracking is done within the department. Ms. Hartung will put this together and present at a future BOH meeting.

Emergency Operations Plan updates approval

Kasey Knutson stepped to the microphone and briefly reviewed the Emergency Operations Plan and noted the accreditation additions and the update of deliverables. The Emergency Operations Plan has been previously reviewed by the commissioners and Ms. Knutson asked if there were any questions. There were no questions. Commissioner Osiadacz asked for a motion to approve the Board of Health 2017-03 Resolution to adopt the Kittitas County Public Health Department's Emergency Operations Plan.

Motion 07-02: Motion to approve the Board of Health 2017-03 Resolution to adopt the Kittitas County Public Health Department's Emergency Operations Plan. Rich Elliott moved to approve the Board of Health 2017-03 Resolution to adopt the Kittitas County Public Health Department's Emergency Operations Plan. Obie O'Brien second. All approved. Motion 07-02 carried to approve the 2017-03 Board of Health Resolution to adopt the Kittitas County Public Health Department's Emergency Operations Plan.

Accreditation progress update

Amy Fuller presented the Accreditation progress update to the Board of Health members. The presentation reviewed the:

- Application progress report
- Public Health Accreditation Board requirements by domain
- What accreditation means
- Why we want to be accredited
- List of accredited health departments
- Washington State accredited health departments
- Public health accreditation measuring
- How measuring is done
- Standards and measures
- Inside domains
- KCPHD and accreditation progress and progress report
- KCPHD next steps in the process to become accredited

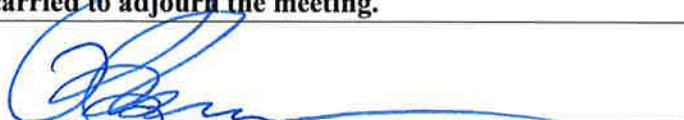
Other

Rich Elliott brought up the construction on I-90 and the impact it has on transporting patients to the west side. At this time they are trying to utilize Wenatchee and Yakima for services if possible and trying to minimize air services due to costs for patients. The group discussed issues/concerns with obtaining medical care due to construction.

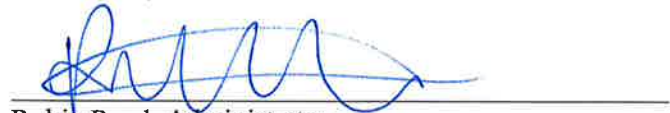
Kittitas Valley Fire and Rescue is hosting a community forum on mental/behavioral health on July 19th at 6:30 p.m. at the main fire station.

Meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m.


Motion 07-03: Motion to adjourn the meeting. Obie O'Brien moved to adjourn the meeting. Rich Elliott second. All approved. Motion 07-03 carried to adjourn the meeting.



Paul Jewell, Chair of the Board of Health



Robin Read, Administrator,
Kittitas County Public Health



Candi Blackford, Clerk of the Board of Health