



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

**KITTITAS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH (BOH)
Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2018
Commissioners' Auditorium
10:00 am**

Present

Board of Health (BOH):

Cory Wright, Brett Wachsmith, Rich Elliott, John Asriel M.D.

Absent: Laura Osiadacz

Board of Health Advisory Committee (BOHAC):

Nancy Pfiefer, Community Health of Central Washington, Alicia Vialoco, Community Health

Public Health: Candi Blackford, Amy Fuller, Tristen Lamb, Jesse Cox, Liz Whitaker, Kasey Knutson, Samantha Cox, Tina Rowan, Mark Larson M.D.

Other

Lina Wieland (Ellensburg High School Student)

Meeting called to order at 10:00 am

Introductions

Introductions were completed.

Minutes

Motion to approve the Board of Health meeting minutes and the Joint Board of Health and Board of County Commissioners Public Hearing meeting minutes.

Motion 01-01: Motion to the Board of Health minutes and the Joint Board of Health and Board of County Commissioners Public Hearing meeting minutes. Rich Elliott moved to approve the Board of Health minutes and the Joint Board of Health and Board of County Commissioners Public Hearing meeting minutes. Brett Wachsmith second. All approved. Motion carried to approve the Board of Health minutes and the Joint Board of Health and Board of County Commissioners Public Hearing meeting minutes.

Public Comment

Public Comment open at 10:02 am

Public Comment closed at 10:03 am

Department updates

Administrator update

Tristen Lamb stepped to the microphone and updated the board members on the following:

- Public Health topic of the month “Older Adults” has now been added to the Healthy People 2020 topics and objectives

Contracts and Agreements:

- To be updated next month as there have been a couple contracts approved by BOCC after the Administrator Update was completed

Staffing updates:

- First interviews for the EH Supervisor has been completed and Ms. Lamb is happy to announce that Jesse Cox has been hired for this position
- Lianne Bradshaw welcomed a baby earlier this month and is now on leave
- West Adams has submitted her resignation and the department does not intend to fill the position as it currently exists

Program updates:

- Health Promotion is actively seeking a new grant opportunity with a potential of five years of funding
- The STARS surveillance data revealed that None of the sixteen retailers in our county were selling pipes/bongs, whippits, or salvia
- Our first participant at the Upper County Outreach Unit came on December 12 seeking health insurance assistance
- The Ellensburg Syringe Exchange had it busiest quarter with over 16,000 syringes and 37 naloxone kits distributed
- Rule revisions for onsite septic systems are in progress and will be bringing updates to the board in the near future

Administration updates

- The department all staff retreat will be held on January 25, 2019 at the Fairgrounds
- Briefly informed the board of the Measles outbreak in Clark County with eight confirmed cases at this time with none in Kittitas County

BOHAC update

Nancy Pfieler stepped to the microphone and noted that the last meeting was held on Monday January 14, 2018. The following reports were given:

- Three members renewed their membership
- Executive Committee members were voted on
- BOHAC is sponsoring the 5th annual Kittitas County Champion Award- nominations due on February 22, 2019
- Working on obtaining secure funding sources for public health
- Next meeting will be February 11, 2019

Health Officer Update

Dr. Larson informed the board that the immunization rates in Kittitas County are not as good as other counties in the state and the department is always looking at ways to help increase them. Lower vaccination rates can lead to potential outbreaks and added a few comments about the measles outbreak in Clark County and how a large number of those confirmed are unimmunized.

Dr. Larson also informed the board of the concerns of the increased suicides in our younger population.

Dr. Larson noted that Julia Karns was recently hired as the referral Coordinator at the high school to help guide students in the right direction for help. Suicide education and prevention is increasing in Kittitas

County and community partners are talking about it. There was discussion about teen suicide/depression and how smart phones play into mental health in kids.

Finally, Dr. Larson stated that at this time there is increasing flu activity, but most of it is Influenza A. The flu season isn't over and we could have a later season. He will continue to monitor flu and update flu numbers next month.

Financial update

Tina Rowan gave a brief update on the department financials for January through November 2018 for all programs. There were no questions asked.

Business

BOH Annual Orientation

Tristen Lamb gave the current Board of Health (BOH) members their annual orientation for public health that started with a quiz. The BOH orientation included information about what public health is, what the core functions are, the impacts of public health, review of the local public health system, board responsibilities, statutes that govern public health, and a review of the public health department programs.

2018 Recap

The following staff gave brief highlights on accomplishments from 2018:

Samantha Cox: Water Resource Division gave brief update on mitigation certificates. There were 124 certificates issued and department data shows that the annual average of water usage is 131 gallons per day which is less than our daily average of 275 gallons.

Amy Fuller: Assessment accomplishments such as the Community Health Assessment, Mental Health First Aid program, helping coalitions to create logic models and evaluations, completed High Yield Core Competency Analysis, completed survey on HPV, implemented dashboard for public health

Kasey Knutson: Health Promotion took on the Department of Behavioral Health and Recovery and incorporated the Developmental Disabilities Coordinator position with the Health Promotion Supervisor position to cut down on turnover


Candi Blackford: Admin staff finally got SmartGov Adhoc reporting up and running to pull reports needed for quarterly reports, Cerner, the department's new medical software, was implemented, and staff worked many hours archiving septic records and reorganizing our file rooms.

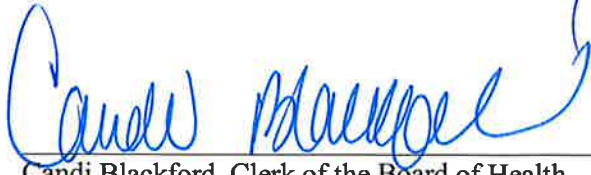
Liz Whitaker: Reviewed what Community Health does and noted the following accomplishments: Cerner implementation, new communicable disease reporting system, hiring Lianne Bradshaw to run our harm reduction program, and the state has taken on most of the work for the vaccine for children while giving funds to help increase vaccination rates.

Tristen Lamb: The Environmental Health accomplishments include the removal of three health orders, the Snoqualmie Pass Utility District boil water incident that shut down some of the establishments at the pass in the winter time, staff changes, and the establishment of a statewide workgroup for air quality.

Commissioner Wright thanked the department for all the work that they do.

Meeting adjourned at 11:36 am


Cory Wright, Chair of the Board of Health



Candi Blackford, Clerk of the Board of Health



Tristen Lamb, Administrator
Kittitas County Public Health