



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

**KITTITAS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH (BOH)  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, September 19, 2019  
Commissioners' Auditorium  
10:00 am**

**Present**

Board of Health (BOH):

Laura Osiadacz, Brett Wachsmith, Rich Elliott, John Asriel M.D.,

Absent: Cory Wright

Board of Health Advisory Committee (BOHAC):

None

Public Health: Tristen Lamb, Katie Odiaga, Jesse Cox, Candi Blackford

Other: Stephanie Hartung, DPA

*Meeting called to order at 10:00 am*

**Introductions**

Introductions were completed.

**Executive Session**

Executive session was entered into at 10:02 am for 15 minutes, to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency. There was not actions taken as a result of executive session.

**Minutes**

Motion to approve the August 15, 2019 Board of Health meeting minutes.

**Motion 09-01: Motion to approve the August 15, 2019 Board of Health meeting minutes as presented. Rich Elliott moved to approve the August 15, 2019 Board of Health meeting minutes as presented. John Asriel second. All approved. Motion 09-01 carried to approve the August 15, 2019 Board of Health meeting minutes as presented.**

**Public Comment**

Public Comment open at 10:18 am

Public Comment closed at 10:18 am

### **Department updates**

#### **Administrator update**

Jesse Cox stepped to the microphone to give the administrator report on behalf of Tristen Lamb. Mr. Cox updated the board on the following items:

- Severe lung disease associated with vaping
  - There were clarifying questions from the board regarding the data that is being collected by the state
- Contracts and amendments
  - New grant cycle for tobacco funding between KCPHD and Benton Franklin Health District
  - New grant cycle for Solid Waste Enforcement Funding (LSWFA)
  - Renewal of the Interlocal agreement with KVFR for the syringe exchange command vehicle
- Staff Updates
  - The Health Promotion Supervisor position received three internal applicants. Interviews were conducted September 13<sup>th</sup>. Chelsey Loeffers was offered and has accepted the position.
  - Environmental Health Specialist feasibility assessment will be done to determine the need to fill the current vacancy.

#### **Department Updates**

- KCPHD held three different school vaccination clinics with Ellensburg, Cle Elum-Roslyn, and Kittitas School Districts.
- The annual drive thru flu clinic is scheduled for October 25<sup>th</sup>, 7am to noon.
  - An upper county flu clinic is scheduled the following day, October 26<sup>th</sup>, hosted by KVH Urgent Care in Cle Elum.
- A team representing the Kittitas County Resilience and ACEs Task Force was selected for a statewide leadership development program, put on by the Washington State Department of Health's Essentials for Childhood.

#### **Health Officer Update**

No Health Officer update given.

### **Business**

#### **Environmental Health Updates, Policies and Outstanding Health Order(s)**

Jesse Cox discussed the following Environmental Health Updates:

- A new soil lab policy has been created, with the assistance of stakeholders, to assist with the resolution of contested septic site evaluation and soil log results.
- A mobile food truck procedure and agreement has been created to allow food trucks in Kittitas County to safely park the vehicle in a location other than the approved commissary kitchen.
- New technologies are being developed in the OSS field that will help smaller lots be granted variance approval for septic systems.
- Lucy Garcia is the new lead food inspector, and is working on efficiency measures when doing plan reviews and paperwork.
- Some of the environmental health specialists are planning to take the Registered Sanitarian exam.
- Nirvana Inn and Grill was issued a health order the weekend of Labor Day. The issues were resolved and the health order was rescinded within 2 weeks.

- Cabin Creek Lodge had a health order and has since signed an affidavit stating they will not conduct business in a manner that would utilize their unapproved water system, until they have received approval of the system from the state department of health so the health order has been lifted.

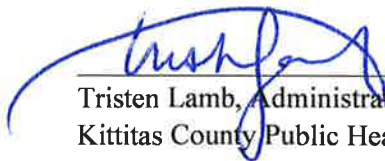
Developmental Disabilities Update

Jesse Cox asked the board to email Kasey Knutson with any questions they have regarding the DD update included in the packet.

Meeting adjourned at 10:32 am



Brett Wachsmith, Vice Chair of the Board of Health



Tristen Lamb, Administrator  
Kittitas County Public Health



Katie Odiaga, Clerk of the Board of Health