



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

KITTITAS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH (BOH)

Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2021

WebEx

10:00 am

Present

Board of Health (BOH): Cory Wright, Brett Wachsmith, Laura Osiadacz, John Asriel M.D., Dede Utley

Public Health: Katie Odiaga, Tristen Lamb, Chelsey Loeffers, Jesse Cox, Mark Larson, Lauren Wickerath

Other: Jeanne Kilgore, Kittitas County Human Resources

Meeting called to order at 10:00 am

Introductions

Introductions were completed.

Minutes

Motion to approve the March 18, 2021 Board of Health meeting minutes.

Motion 04-01: Motion to approve the March 18, 2021 Board of Health meeting minutes. Dede Utley moved to approve the March 18, 2021 Board of Health meeting minutes. Cory Wright second. All approved. Motion 04-01 carried to approve the March 18, 2021 Board of Health meeting minutes.

Public Comment Opened at 10:02 am

Public Comment Closed at 10:02 am

BOHAC Update

Tristen Lamb informed the board that there had not been a BOHAC meeting since the last Board of Health, but that they will be convening on May 3rd to select the 2021 Public Health Champion, and to have a meet and greet with BOH member Dede Utley.

Department updates

Director's Report

Tristen Lamb gave updates regarding Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 1152. The biggest impact this bill will have on Kittitas County would be either the expansion of the Board of Health, or creating a more robust BOHAC.

Ms. Lamb also updated the board on staffing and offices shifting within the department.

There were questions regarding a recommendation to either expand BOH or BOHAC. There was no recommendation yet, as more clarifying information and research is needed.

Health Officer Update

Dr. Mark Larson updated the board on the following topics:

- Phase 2 vs. Phase 3 update
 - Last minute change of guidelines from the Governor kept Kittitas County in Phase 3.
- Phase 3 guidelines for schools
- Encouraging vaccinations/ vaccine outreach
- April 10th Johnson and Johnson Vaccine Clinic
 - Vaccine still on pause, looking at more data.
- Vaccine reaction data locally in Kittitas County.

There were questions from the board regarding how to support Public Health in encouraging vaccination, as well as discussion about the outlook of vaccination.

Business

IMT Update

Chelsey Loeffers quickly stated that she had no additional IMT updates for the board, as Dr. Larson had already covered her topics.

Environmental Health: Upcoming code, policy, and process revisions

Jesse Cox updated the board regarding the following process and procedure updates:

- Fully utilizing the CAMAS calendar
- Adding time logs to vehicle mileage logs
- 72 hours' notice of intent for well drilling
- Site plan clean ups for well site reviews
- OSS design distribution update and as-builts
- New food applications tailored specifically to mobile food trucks
- All food forms now available in Spanish

There were questions from the board regarding the well inspection contract between KCPHD and Department of Ecology.

Syringe Exchange Update

Lauren Wickerath gave a presentation to the board with information regarding KCPHD's syringe exchange program.

There were questions from the board about reception of fentanyl test strips, as well as questions about services in Cle Elum. The board also asked about naloxone in the jail, and when it is distributed.

BOCC Action Items

Chelsey Loeffers reviewed the University of Washington NEXUS contract with the board, and asked for approval of this contract.

Motion to approve the Public Health Director's signature on the University of Washington Nexus Contract.

Motion 04-02: Motion to approve the Public Health Director's signature on the University of Washington Nexus Contract. Laura Osiadacz moved to approve the Public Health Director's signature on the University of Washington Nexus Contract. Brett Wachsmith second. All approved. Motion 04-02 carried to approve the Public Health Director's signature on the University of Washington Nexus Contract.

Chelsey Loeffers asked the board for approval of a temporary Project Specialist Position hire to assist with the NEXUS contract work. The board gave their support of this hire.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 am



Brett Wachsmith, Chair of the Board of Health



Tristen Lamb, Director
Kittitas County Public Health



Katie Odiaga, Clerk of the Board of Health