

**KITTITAS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH (BOH)**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**November 23, 2021**  
**WebEx**  
**2:30pm**

**Present**

**Board of Health (BOH):** Cory Wright, Laura Osiadacz, Dede Utley, Brett Wachsmith

**Absent:** John Asriel M.D.

**Public Health:** Audelia Martinez, Chelsey Loeffers, Cambron Walker, Candi Blackford, Erin Moore, Jesse Cox, Kasey Knutson, Kate Johnson, Katie Odiaga, Tristen Lamb, Mark Larson M.D., Mackenzie Carter, Lianne Bradshaw, Marie Betts, Rebekah Moon

**Other:**

*Meeting called to order at 2:31pm*

**Introductions**

No introductions needed

**Minutes**

Motion to approve the October 21, 2021 Board of Health meeting minutes.

**Motion 11-01: Motion to approve the October 21, 2021 Board of Health meeting minutes. Laura Osiadacz moved to approve the October 21, 2021 Board of Health meeting minutes. Brett Wachsmith second. All approved. Motion 11-01 carried to approve the October 21, 2021 Board of Health meeting minutes.**

Public Comment Opened at 2:33pm

Frank Shaw, community member, gave a public comment regarding the concern of a horse manure disposal from a neighbor near his well head.

Public Comment Closed at 2:36pm

**BOHAC Update**

Public Health Director Tristen Lamb stated that Board of Health Advisory Committee did not meet since last Board of Health meeting. A Special Purpose Committee was established to work on recruitment and recommendation of the new BOH member.

**Department updates**

**Health Officer Update**

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

- COVID-19 incidence rate in Kittitas County
- Hospital admission in Washington state
- Breakthrough cases in Kittitas County
- Booster vaccines
- COVID-19 vaccination rates
- Antiviral medications for COVID-19, waiting approval
- Disaster cascade-mental health

- Opioid death rates in Washington state
- Opioid overdose reversal medication

#### Director's Report

Ms. Lamb updated the board on the following topics:

- Staff Updates
  - Rebekah Moon, Health Promotion Project Specialist
- Pediatric COVID-19 Clinic at the Department 11/20/21
- Public and professional speaking training for KCPHD Leadership 1/28/22
- Progress update on 1152 Implementation
- Public Health Director recruitment update
- Upcoming office closure: December 17, 2021
- Annual report(s) in progress
- BOH vacancy and recruitment progress

#### Business

Request to set joint BOCC/BOH public hearing to consider the 2022 Public Health Fee schedule for December 16, 2021

Ms. Lamb gave background information on the fee calculation model. She also requested to set a joint BOCC/BOH public hearing to consider the 2022 Public Health Fee schedule for December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Motion to approve request to set a joint BOCC/BOH public hearing to consider the 2022 Public Health Fee Schedule

**Motion 11-02: Motion to approve request to set a joint BOCC/BOH public hearing to consider the 2022 Public Health Fee Schedule. Laura Osiadacz moved to approve request to set a joint BOCC/BOH public hearing to consider the 2022 Public Health Fee Schedule. Cory Wright second. All approved. Motion 11-02 carried to approve request to set a joint BOCC/BOH public hearing to consider the 2022 Public Health Fee Schedule.**

Request to approve closure of the Kittitas County Public Health Department on Friday December 17, 2021

Ms. Lamb asked to approve request for closure of Kittitas County Public Health Department on Friday December 17, 2021.

Motion to approve request of closure of the Kittitas County Public Health Department on Friday December 17, 2021

**Motion 11-03: Motion to approve request to approve closure of the Kittitas County Public Health Department on Friday December 17, 2021. Laura Osiadacz moved to approve request of closure of the Kittitas County Public Health Department on Friday December 17, 2021. Cory Wright second. All approved. Motion 11-03 carried to approve request to approve closure of the Kittitas County Public Health Department on Friday December 17, 2021.**

#### Communicable Disease Division Update

Kate Johnson, Communicable Disease Supervisor, gave an overview on what the Communicable Disease Division is going to encompass including:

- Responding to communicable disease in Kittitas County
- Restarting vaccinations at health department
- Clinic services
- Jail medical services

#### COVID-19 Student Assessment Results

Lianne Bradshaw, Assessment Coordinator, gave a presentation on the COVID-19 Student Survey created as a needs assessment on thoughts, feelings, and behaviors Washington state students grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> had during the COVID-19 pandemic.

There was a question and discussion on whether this data will be used in the Kittitas County Community Health Assessment being done by Kittitas County Health Network.

Preliminary Kittitas County COVID-19 Vaccination Assessment Results

Cambron Walker and MacKenzie Carter gave an overview of the Kittitas County Vaccination Assessment Results.

There was a question and discussion on population representation in the survey and how to get more responses from areas outside of Ellensburg.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50pm



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Brett Wachsmith, Chair of the Board of Health



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Tristen Lamb, Director  
Kittitas County Public Health



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Audelia Y. Martinez, Clerk of the Board of Health