



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

**KITTITAS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH (BOH)
Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2022
Commissioners' Auditorium and WebEx
10:00am**

Present

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

Absent: John Asriel M.D

Public Health: Audelia Martinez, Lauren Wickerath, Rebekah Moon, Whiteny Wheelock, Marie Betts, MacKenzie Carter, Cambron Walker, Chelsey Loeffers, Jesse Cox, Candi Blackford, Erin Moore, Tristen Lamb, Kate Jonson, Nea Alfaro, Mark Larson M.D.

Other:

Meeting called to order at 10:00am

Motion to amend today's agenda to move second bullet point under other business, community health workers in Kittitas County, to the top of the meeting and to add an executive session after that.

Motion 04-01: Motion to amend today's agenda to move second bullet point under other business, community health workers in Kittitas County, to the top of the meeting and to add an executive session after that. Brett Wachsmith moved to amend today's agenda to move second bullet point under other business, community health workers in Kittitas County, to the top of the meeting and to add an executive session after that. Dede Utley second. All approved. Motion 04-01 carried to amend today's agenda to move second bullet point under other business, community health workers in Kittitas County, to the top of the meeting and to add an executive session after that.

Community Health Workers in Kittitas County

Robin Reed in partnership with KCPHD presented an appreciation award to Teodora Moreno and Fatima Andraca, Promotoras de Salud, for all of the work they have done during COVID-19 response. Stephanie Wickstrom, Executive Director of Apoyo, gave an appreciation speech regarding the work that Teodora and Fatima have done.

Questions and discussion regarding the continuation of the work that Teodora and Fatima have been doing with the Spanish speaking community in Kittitas County.

Executive Session

At 10:15am, BOH Chair Osiadacz opened up a special meeting and announced the Board would go into Executive Session to start for 15 minutes, under RCW 42.30.110 (i) 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. No action is anticipated.

At 10:30am, BOH Chair Osiadacz announced that the Board would go back into Executive Session for another 15 minutes, under RCW 42.30.110 (i) 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. No action is anticipated.

At 10:45am, Board reconvened out of Executive Session. There was no action taken.

Discuss/Consider Group B Water System Bonds. To allow or not allow Building Permit Issuance

Mark Cook, Public Works Director, gave background information on issue regarding two apparent conflicting county codes, with one saying this cannot happen and the other saying this can happen under these conditions.

**Five-minute recess taken at 10:53am
10:58am BOH meeting continued.**

Tristen Lamb, Public Health Director, gave a presentation on the importance of safe drinking water and the importance of ensuring that there is adequate amount of safe water for homes. Along with clarifying why there is a conflict of code, access to water vs access to safe water.

Question and discussion on codes and where the cross-over happens between codes, also what specific code is associated with adequate water supply requirement for building permit. Jesse Cox, Environmental Health Supervisor, gave code information to the Board.

Andrew Miller, representing homeowners and Skyline Ridge LLC, came up to the podium to give their view and perceptions on issue that is being discussed today with Group B Water System Bonds.

Question and discussion on how close they are to getting the Group B water systems done in the development and what needs to happen in order to receive the adequate water supply determination.

Niel Caulkins, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, reiterate that one of the conditions for the Public Health Department to issue an adequate supply determination is to have Group B Water systems built and tested.

Question and discussion on what options the Board of Health has considering code issue being discussed. There was also questions and discussion on how long it takes to issue permits, what standard of inspection does the county have to follow in order to issue permits, and what the requirements for the foundation only permit is.

Neil Caulkins conquered that the foundation only permit also require adequate water supply.

Motion to refund the bonding fees received from developer for the 3 systems and continue the process in determining adequate water supply determination for Group B systems per county code as listed.

Motion 04-02: Motion to refund the bonding fees received from developer for the 3 systems and continue the process in determining adequate water supply determination for Group B systems per county code as listed. Cory Wright moved to refund the bonding fees received from developer for the 3 systems and continue the process in determining adequate water supply determination for Group B systems per county code as listed. Brett Wachsmith second. All approved. Motion 04-0 carried to refund the bonding fees received from developer for the 3 systems and continue the process in determining adequate water supply determination for Group B systems per county code as listed.

Discussion on having the ability to continue to trouble shoot this issue and the importance on upholding Washington state and Kittitas County codes.

Introductions

Whitney Wheelock, Public Health Medical Assistant

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the March 17, 2022 Board of Health meeting minutes as presented.

Motion 04-03: Motion to approve the March 17, 2022 Board of Health meeting minutes as presented. Brett Wachsmith moved to approve the March 17, 2022 Board of Health meeting minutes as presented. Cory Wright second. All approved. Motion 04-03 carried to approve the March 17, 2022 Board of Health meeting minutes as presented.

Public Comment Opened at 11:30am

Public Comment Closed at 11:30am

Department updates

Health Officer Update

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

- Earth Day 2022
- COVID-19 Situation Report Update
- Tools on how to control COVID-19 and other diseases
- Upcoming Vaccine clinic

Director's Report

Ms. Lamb updated the board on the following topics:

- Last in person BOH meeting in person with Director Lamb

Chelsey Loeffers, Incoming Public Health Director, updated the board on the following topics:


- Maternal Childhood Health funding will be brought back to the health department at the end of this contract year

Board of Health Member Updates

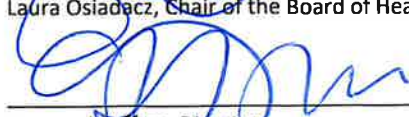
Dede Utley shared decrease of COVID-19 hospitalization rates, but higher with other issues. KVH working on expansion.

Cory Wright shared his gratitude on Director Lamb's leadership.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50am



Laura Osiadacz, Chair of the Board of Health



Chelsey Loeffers, Director
Kittitas County Public Health



Audelia Y. Martinez, Clerk of the Board of Health