

KITTITAS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH (BOH)
Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2022
Commissioners' Auditorium and WebEx
10:00am

Present

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

Absent:

Public Health: Audelia Martinez, Whiteny Wheelock, MacKenzie Carter, Erin Moore, Kasey Knudson Cambron Walker, Chelsey Loeffers, Jesse Cox, Candi Blackford, Kate Johnson, Nea Alfaro, Marie Betts, Katie Odiaga & Mark Larson M.D.

Other:

Meeting called to order at 10:00am

BOH Public Hearing to consider the following:

- Revisions to Kittitas County Code Chapter 2.10 Board of Health

Chelsey Loeffers presented the revisions to Kittitas County Code Chapter 2.10 Board of Health

Discussion about the appointment of Board of Health members and how that occurs.

There was no public comment

Motion to approve revisions to Kittitas County Code Chapter 2.10 Board of Health

Motion 05-01: Motion to approve revisions to Kittitas County Code Chapter 2.10 Board of Health. Cory Wright moved to approve revisions to Kittitas County Code Chapter 2.10 Board of Health. Brett Wachsmith second. All approved. Motion 05-01 carried to approve revisions to Kittitas County Code Chapter 2.10 Board of Health

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Motion 05-02: Motion to approve revisions to Kittitas County Code Chapter 2.10 Board of Health. Brett Wachsmith moved to approve revisions to Kittitas County Code Chapter 2.10 Board of Health. Cory Wright second. All approved. Motion 05-02 carried to approve revisions to Kittitas County Code Chapter 2.10 Board of Health

Introductions

Introductions were made

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the May 19, 2022 Board of Health meeting minutes as presented.

Motion 05-03: Motion to approve the May 19, 2022 Board of Health meeting minutes as presented. Brett Wachsmith moved to approve the May 19, 2022 Board of Health meeting minutes as presented. Dede Utley second. All approved. Motion 05-03 carried to the May 19, 2022 Board of Health meeting minutes as presented.

Public Comment Opened at 10:11am

Public Comment Closed at 10:11am

Department updates

Adopt Kittitas County Board of Health Bylaws via Resolution

Chelsey Loeffers, Public Health Director, gave a review on the Kittitas County Board of Health bylaws with changes made.

Motion to approve Kittitas County Board of Health Bylaws

Motion 05-04: Motion to approve Kittitas County Board of Health Bylaws. Dr. John Asriel moved to approve Kittitas County Board of Health Bylaws. Brett Wachsmith second. All approved. Motion 05-04 carried to approve Kittitas County Board of Health Bylaws.

Appoint Administrative Officer via Resolution

Motion to approve the appointment of the Administrative Officer

Motion 05-05: Motion to approve the appointment of the Administrative Officer. Brett Wachsmith moved to approve the appointment of the Administrative Officer. Dr. John Asriel second. All approved. Motion 05-05 carried to approve the appointment of the Administrative Officer

Administrative Officer Update

Ms. Loeffers updated the board on the following topics:

- Audi Martinez is now the Health Promotion Supervisor, no longer will clerk BOH
- Candi Blackford will be BOH clerk
- All Staff retreat on May 23rd, 2022
- Staff attended the Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials conference
- Leadership team taking a Project Management certification course through the University of Washington
- Environmental Health staff working on professional certifications
- COVID response transitioned to Communicable Disease Division supervised by Kate Johnson
- Candi Blackford will now go back to regular Chief Administrator duties
- Mid cycle review of our strategic plan happening at the end of the month
- Air Quality project has received very positive community response with the distribution of air purifiers
- NEXUS has ended
- Next month BOHAC will join us to award the Public Health Champion Award

Discussion on what will happen with the Hep C screenings now that NEXUS is done, data on screening results and who received the air purifiers (residents or commercial establishments).

Health Officer Update

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

- COVID-19 14-day incidence rate
- Violence and Mental health
- Local mental health resources

Discussion on the definition of mental illness and mental health strategies that are occurring in Kittitas County.

Department Finance Report

Katie Odiaga, Fiscal Analyst, gave an overview of the Kittitas County Public Health Department revenue and expenses

Discussion on admission tax and how that shows support from our local community giving more local control when it comes to public health. There was also discussion regarding vaccination funding in the future.

Other Business

Youth Marijuana, Tobacco and Vaping Presentation

Mackenzie Carter and Nea Alfaro gave a presentation on Youth Marijuana, Tobacco and Vaping Presentation.

Discussion on how we can involve Kittitas County school districts to combat marijuana, tobacco and vaping among their students and information about gender breakdown on usage among youth.

Board of Health Member Updates

Dede Utley

- CASA Board was awarded \$75,000
- KVH Crisis Case Management team will be presenting their program at a Washington state conference

Dr. Asriel

- Update on county jail expanding medication program

Meeting concluded at 11:21am



Laura Osiadacz, Chair of the Board of Health



Chelsey Loeffers, Director
Kittitas County Public Health



Candi Blackford, Clerk of the Board of Health