



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

**KITTITAS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH (BOH)  
December 18, 2025  
Commissioners' Auditorium**

**Present**

**Board of Health (BOH):** Brett Wachsmith, Laura Osiadacz, Danielle Bertschi, Dede Feddema

**Absent:** Cory Wright, Linda Navarre

**Public Health:** Jesse Cox, Candi Blackford, Chelsey Loeffers, Erin Moore, Kate Johnson, MacKenzie Carter, Melissa Schumaier, Katie Odiaga, Cambron Walker, Audi Martinez, Chris Ofsthun, Dan Suggs, Kim Shilley, Kasey Knutson, Laurie Holt, Rebekah Moon

*Laura Osiadacz called the Board of Health meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.*

**Public Comment**

Open at 10:02 a.m.

Closed at 10:02 a.m.

**Introduction of Guests**

Chelsey Loeffers introduced Zack DeHaven, Kittitas County Auditors Office, is in attendance to observe the public health budget process.

**Approval of Minutes**

Laura Osiadacz asked for a motion to approve the following minutes as presented:

- Minutes for September 18, 2025, Board of Health Meeting

12.01: Motion to approve the September 18, 2025, Board of Health Meeting with one minor edit. Brett Wachsmith moved to approve September Board of Health meeting minutes with one minor edit. Danielle Bertschi second. All approved. Motion 12.01 carried to approve the September 18, 2025, Board of Health meeting minutes with one minor edit.

Laura Osiadacz asked for a motion to approve the following minutes as presented:

- Motion to approve the minutes for September 18, 2025, Joint Public Hearing meeting minutes.

12.02: Motion to approve the September 18, 2025, Joint Public Hearing meeting minutes as presented. Brett Wachsmith moved to approve September Board of Health meeting minutes as presented. Dede Utley second. All approved. Motion 12.02 carried to approve the September 18, 2025, Joint Public Hearing meeting minutes As presented.

**Other Business**

**Veteran Services Program Introduction and Update**

Christ Ofsthun introduced himself and has joined the Veteran Services Program as of November. Mr. Ofsthun noted his passion for helping veterans and that he is working to collaborate with all veterans and bring them together. Mr. Ofsthun is working with community partners to be more present in the community and make sure that veterans know where the Veteran Services Program is and what we do.

### Core Services Report Presentation

Erin Moore presented the Core Services report presentation in a Jeopardy game. Questions about public health core services and the program that provides those services.

### Director/Administrative Officer Report: Preliminary 2026 Budget and Fees

Chelsey Loeffers, Director Public Health, stepped to the microphone and noted that the board had received the December 2025 Department updates and highlighted a few items:

- Lianne Bradshaw, KCPHD Epidemiologist, is back and working on our regional partnership with this position
- Successful annual flu clinic
- Processed 68 passports- probably more since the count was asked for
- The Sunset Clause for the 1/10 of 1 percent funding was rescinded

Ms. Loeffers took a moment to recognize Melissa Schumaier, Environmental Health Specialist III, who is celebrating her 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the county. Her dedication, mentorship, and experience have been appreciated throughout the years here in the department. Jesse Cox also presented his appreciation for her years of service in the department. The Board of County Commissioners presented her with a certificate and thanked her for her years of service at the county.

Ms. Loeffers followed up with the Kittitas County Public Health Department 2026 Final Budget Narrative and reviewed her presentation that reviewed the following with the board:

- 2026 Department Wide Budget Overview
- Department Structure
- 2026 Division Budgets
- 2026 Revenue Detail
- 2026 Expense Detail

Ms. Loeffers discussed Foundational Public Health Services Funding and potential reduction over the next couple budget seasons. There are no specifics yet to know where those reductions will take place. Ms. Loeffers will be active in conversations and will update the board when more information becomes available.

### Q23 Financial Report

Katie Odiaga reviewed the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financial Report:

- Jan- Sept 2025 Department fees
- Federal Funding
- State Funding
- Public Health Funding
- Interlocal Grants
- Misc. Revenue

### 2026 Topics of Interest Exercise

Erin Moore stepped to the podium and discussed the activity she had planned for the board members. Mrs. Moore placed 2026 Public Health Topics on the wall. Board members were instructed to choose 5 topics that they wanted public health to prioritize for the Board of Health Briefs. Mrs. Moore will email absent members to get their input and then report the results at a later date.

### Other Business

#### Annual Election for the Vice Chair of the Kittitas County Board of Health

Danielle Bertschi nominated herself for the Board of Health Vice Chair position.

12.03: Motion to approve Danielle Bertschi as the vice chair Board of Health for 2026. Danielle Birtschi moved to approve herself as the vice chair for the Board of Health. Dede Feddema second. All approved.

Motion 12.03 carried to approve Danielle Bertschi as the vice chair for the Board of Health.

**Board of Health Member Updates**

None.

Concluded at 11:24 a.m.



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Laura Osiadacz, Commissioner, Chair



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Chelsey Loeffers, Director  
Kittitas County Public Health



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Candi Blackford, Clerk of the Board of Health