



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

**KITTITAS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH (BOH)  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, October 17, 2019  
Commissioners' Auditorium  
10:00 am**

**Present**

Board of Health (BOH): Cory Wright, Brett Wachsmith, Rich Elliott, John Asriel M.D.

Absent: Laura Osiadacz

Board of Health Advisory Committee (BOHAC): None

Public Health: Tristen Lamb, Katie Odiaga, Candi Blackford, Dr. Mark Larson, Lianne Bradshaw

Other: Robin Read, KCHN

*Meeting called to order at 10:00 am*

**Introductions**

Introductions were completed.

**Minutes**

Motion to approve the September 19, 2019 Board of Health meeting minutes.

**Motion 10-01: Motion to approve the September 19, 2019 Board of Health meeting minutes as presented. Brett Wachsmith moved to approve the September 19, 2019 Board of Health meeting minutes as presented. Rich Elliott second. All approved. Motion 10-01 carried to approve the September 19, 2019 Board of Health meeting minutes as presented.**

**Public Comment**

Public Comment open at 10:02 am

Public Comment closed at 10:02 am

**Department updates**

**Administrator update**

Tristen Lamb stepped to the microphone to give the administrator update. Ms. Lamb updated the board on the following items:

- Contracts and amendments
  - There were no questions from the board regarding recently approved contracts.
- Staff Updates
  - Chelsey Loeffers began as Health Promotion Supervisor on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

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- Kasey Knutson began her new role as Special Programs Coordinator.
- Amy Fuller was recognized for her 2019 Public Health Excellence Award by the Washington State Public Health Association and the Kittitas County Board of County Commissioners.
- The Regional Epidemiologist position has been filled by Joyous Van Meter, who began on October 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Amy Fuller will be resigning at the end of 2019.
- Department Updates
  - The annual drive thru flu clinic is taking place on October 25<sup>th</sup>, from 7am to Noon. The department has approximately 200 free adult doses to provide at the event.
  - The 71 Casey Drive health order was rescinded on October 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - The department has begun the strategic planning process for the 2020-2024 KCPHD Strategic Plan.
  - Multiple staff members participated in the CWU Masters of Public Health Kickoff Event's roundtable to discuss Trauma-Informed Systems and Harm Reduction.
  - The department's preliminary budget and narrative were submitted to the County.

Ms. Lamb also reviewed the meeting calendar for the rest of the year. There were no questions regarding the calendar.

#### Health Officer Update

Dr. Mark Larson stepped to the microphone and gave a brief update about a recent conference call he was a part of regarding Air Quality and Smoke. The main discussion of the call was about ethical issues involved in closures because of air quality.

#### Financial Update

Quarterly financial update will be given at November's meeting.

#### Business

##### KCHN Presentation

Robin Read, Executive Director of the Kittitas County Health Network stepped to the microphone and gave a presentation about the Kittitas County Health Network. The presentation reviewed the purpose of KCHN, how they got started, and what their future plans and priorities are. There were several questions from the board regarding the reach of services KCHN provides, and the interaction between KCHN and KCPHD.

##### Vaping Update and Info

Dr. Larson stepped to the microphone to give a presentation about vaping. The following information was included in the presentation:

- Background on vaping
- Vaping associated lung injury investigation
- Current youth vaping epidemic
- Vapor product use in adults
- Executive Order

There were questions from the board about the executive order, and why it was put in place. There were also discussion about where youth obtain vapor products.

##### 2020 Preliminary Budget and Draft 2020 Fees

Tristen Lamb reviewed the budget timeline through the end of the year, and also reviewed the proposed

2020 fee schedule. Ms. Lamb stated her goal is to have the department fees reviewed and updated regularly every January. Ms. Lamb also reviewed the budget narrative for 2020. There were questions from the board regarding some fee increases, and also a request to have a more in-depth review of fees and budget at the next meeting. Ms. Lamb confirmed that it was her plan to review the budget further in November.

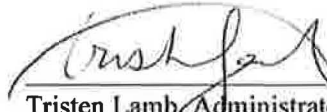
Other:

Rich Elliot noted that he had passed along the last three years of data on respiratory issues in regards to wildfire smoke to Dr. Larson. He also stated that he was going to the meeting for the 1/10 of 1% sales tax for mental health, which is part of the health network, and anticipates having a report on that to the board in November. Mr. Elliot added that the hospital is going to provide additional training for staff to recognize and prevent human trafficking.

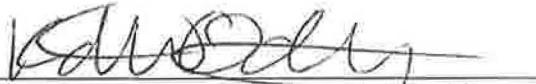
Meeting adjourned at 11:36 am



Cory Wright, Chair of the Board of Health



Tristen Lamb, Administrator  
Kittitas County Public Health



Katie Odiaga, Clerk of the Board of Health