

## KITTITAS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH (BOH)

### Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2021

WebEx

10:00 am

#### Present

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

Public Health: Katie Odiaga, Tristen Lamb, Chelsey Loeffers, Jesse Cox, Mark Larson MD, Kasey Knutson, Candi Blackford

*Meeting called to order at 10:00 am*

#### Introductions

Introductions were completed.

#### Minutes

Motion to approve the April 15, 2021 Board of Health meeting minutes.

**Motion 05-01: Motion to approve the April 15, 2021 Board of Health meeting minutes. John Asriel moved to approve the April 15, 2021 Board of Health meeting minutes. Cory Wright second. All approved. Motion 05-01 carried to approve the April 15, 2021 Board of Health meeting minutes.**

Public Comment Opened at 10:02 am

Public Comment Closed at 10:02 am

#### BOHAC Update

Tristen Lamb informed the board that the 2021 Public Health Champion had been selected, and will be presented with the award at the June Board of Health meeting. The 2020 Public Health Champion will also be recognized at this meeting, as they were never officially presented with the award last year due to COVID-19.

#### Business

##### Drinking Water Program Review

Jesse Cox updated the board on the water program, beginning with a quick overview of the water permitting process through Public Health. The drinking water program is also working with the Department of Ecology to receive direct notification of intent to drill, and working on code revisions for chapter 13.

There were questions from the board regarding shared/individual/group wells, and the classifications of them.

##### IMT Update

Chelsey Loeffers updated the board regarding Pfizer vaccine for 12-15 year olds, and discussed upcoming clinics. IMT is trying to transition into pop-up clinics from the main mass vaccination site. There were questions from the board regarding scheduling for pop-up clinics, and about vaccination for seasonal/migrant workers.

### DD Update

Kasey Knutson gave an update regarding the Developmental Disabilities program on the following items:

- Subcontractor update
  - Elmview and Entrust continue to provide services, Yakima Valley Memorial is amending their contract due to COVID.
- Funding
  - Washington State has allowed for a temporary rate increase to employment and day services.
- Trainings in Kittitas County.

### Department updates

#### Director's Report

Tristen Lamb updated the board on staffing changes in the department:

- Katie Odiaga has accepted the Fiscal Analyst position, hired to replace Tina who is retiring in August
- Madi Gigstead has accepted the Public Health Technician position
- Case and contact investigators; one hired and, looking for one more
- Public Health Nurse will be increasing to full time in July
- Interviews scheduled for COVID planning positions
- Lianne Bradshaw will be back from maternity leave June 1

Ms. Lamb also gave an update regarding Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 1152, which was signed by Governor Inslee on May 10. Implementation is over a year away, and some details still need fine tuning. Ms. Lamb is still awaiting more guidance from the Washington State Department of Health before making a recommendation to the board regarding expanding the BOH or BOHAC.

#### Health Officer Update

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

- Vaccination rates in Kittitas County
- COVID-19 case numbers
- Governor Inslee phases/reopening dates
- New masking guidance from the CDC

There were questions from the board regarding vaccine boosters, serious illness in the young and healthy, and about what info goes home with patients with COVID-19 after discharge from the hospital.

Meeting adjourned at 11:24 am



Brett Wachsmith, Chair of the Board of Health



Tristen Lamb, Director  
Kittitas County Public Health



Katie Odiaga, Clerk of the Board of Health