

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

# KITTITAS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH (BOH) Meeting Minutes December 16, 2021 WebEx 10:00am

#### **Present**

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

Absent: John Asriel M.D.

<u>Public Health</u>: Audelia Martinez, Chelsey Loeffers, Cambron Walker, Candi Blackford, Erin Moore, Jesse Cox, Kasey Knutson, Kate Johnson, Katie Odiaga, Tristen Lamb, Mark Larson M.D., Mackenzie Carter, Lianne Bradshaw, Marie Betts, Rebekah Moon

Other:

Meeting called to order at 10:00am

# Introductions

No introductions needed

#### **Minutes**

Motion to approve the November 23, 2021 Board of Health meeting minutes.

Motion 12-01: Motion to approve the November 23, 2021 Board of Health meeting minutes. Laura Osiadacz moved to approve the November 23, 2021 Board of Health meeting minutes. Dede Utley second. All approved. Motion 12-01 carried to approve the November 23, 2021 Board of Health meeting minutes.

Public Comment Opened at 10:02am
Public Comment Closed at 10:02am

# **BOHAC Update**

No BOHAC update

#### Department updates

#### Health Officer Update

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

- COVID-19 death rates in the United States
- Kittitas County COVID-19 incidence rate
- Importance of vaccinations and boosters
- Omicron variant
- Vaccine efficacy

# **Director's Report**

Ms. Lamb updated the board on the following topics:

- Staff Updates
  - Audrey Alderman, Public Health Technician
- 2<sup>nd</sup> first dose pediatric COVID-19 vaccine clinic (58 primary doses given)
- House Bill 1152 Implementation progress update
- Public Hearing delay for 2022 Fees (moved to January 2022)

- Office closure for annual archiving day
- Public Health Administrator recruitment update
- Board of Health member recruitment update

#### <u>Business</u>

# Rural Health Equity Team Progress

MacKenzie Carter gave an overview of the Rural Health Equity grant and invited a Board of Health member to participate in the coalition.

There was a question and discussion of whether other groups working on health equity have been linked in with this new grant.

Meeting adjourned at 10:26am

Brett Wachsmith, Chair of the Board of Health

Tristen Lamb, Director Kittitas County Public Health

Audelia Y. Martinez, Clerk of the Board of Health