

**Minutes
Board of Health Meeting
Chelan-Douglas Health District
December 16, 2019**

Doug England, Chelan County Commissioner and Board of Health Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Doug England, Chelan County Commissioner
Jill Thompson, Waterville City Council
Marc Straub, Douglas County Commissioner
John Sterk, East Wenatchee City Council
Dan Sutton, Douglas County Commissioner
Keith Huffaker, Wenatchee City Council-via conference call
Kevin Overbay, Chelan County Commissioner

Administrative Staff Present:

Barry Kling, Administrator and Environmental Health Director
Kandis Boersema, Associate Administrator, Fiscal and Support Services
Carol McCormick, Associate Administrator, Personal Health Services
Veronica Farias, Health Communications Coordinator
Lorena Orozco, Chief Deputy Registrar, Fiscal Assistant, Board Secretary

Public Present:

Stephanie Snitily, Chelan-Douglas Health District
Richmond Petty, Chelan-Douglas Health District
Joyous Van Meter, Chelan-Douglas Health District
Sharon Waters, City of Leavenworth
Julie Rickard, NCWA BH Advisory Board
Deb Miller, Action Health Partners
Gerardo Perez, Beacon Health Options/NCWA BHAC

Consent Agenda

Kevin Overbay, Chelan County Commissioner, made a motion to approve the consent agenda that includes the November, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes, November Payroll in the amount of \$230,554.77, November Benefits in the amount of \$81,025.75, and the approval of payment of 2019 Vouchers No. 2019-0744 to 2019-

0790 in the amount of \$33,075.32. Jill Thompson, Waterville City Council seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Program Update

Barry Kling, Administrator, introduced Julie Rickard, PhD and NCWA BH Advisory Board Member. Barry stated that Julie has been heavily involved in providing behavioral health services and she asked to give a presentation on the syringe exchange program.

Julie Rickard, gave a presentation on the Syringe Exchange Program (SEP) and provided some background regarding the program. Julie also spoke about the different options that could be utilized to help fund an SEP in our counties.

Board Discussion

None

Public Comment

None

New Business

None

Unfinished Business

Kandis Boersema, Associate Administrator of Fiscal and Support Services, presented the 2020 budget report for review. She stated that this is the third time presenting the budget to the Board, but it is considered the second reading of the 2020 proposed budget. She went over the updates and the new positions that management is proposing with the Board. Kandis stated that the only change in the budget was an increase in the surplus of \$3,500 due to a recent resignation.

John Sterk, East Wenatchee City Council, made a motion to approve the 2020 proposed budget. Jill Thompson, Waterville Town Council, seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Reports

Kandis Boersema, Associate Administrator of Fiscal and Support Services, reported that through November 2019, 92% of the year completed, the revenue was 87% of budget and expenses were 90% of budget.

Carol McCormick, Associate Administrator for Personal Health, Stated that flu season is officially here. Carol passed around a handout that Stephanie Snitily, Communicable Disease nurse, created. The report provided statistics on Influenza outbreaks and flu-like illnesses. Carol stated that they continue to provide Hepatitis A vaccine outreach in the jail, shelters and severe weather shelters. Carol also stated the Federal government has approved more funds for home-visiting programs such as the Nurse-Family Partnership program provided by CDHD. Carol stated a new hire is needed for the position recently vacated by Olga Gonzales and this position will provide coverage for WIC and the Immunization program.

Stephanie Snitily, Communicable Disease Nurse, also provided more information on the flu. Stephanie stated that we are seeing flu activity sooner this year than last year; however, Washington State is still right under baseline or just at the baseline for the flu season.

Veronica Farias, Health Communications Coordinator, provided an update on the community outreach events. Veronica stated that they closed out the year with 24 outreach events. Veronica also provided a brief update on our social media analytics. She stated that our current social media efforts include winter preparedness tips and flu prevention.

Barry Kling, Administrator/Environmental Health Director, Provided an update on the Environmental Health program. Barry stated that the Land Use/Onsite manager resigned and they are in the process of recruiting someone to replace her. Barry stated that our Union contract requires a 5-day internal recruitment before we recruit externally. He stated that we have some potentially successful applicants who have applied for the position internally; therefore, we may not need to post externally.

Barry also provided an update on lead arsenates. He stated that the Department of Ecology has become reinterested in lead arsenic residue in the soils of old orchards where lead arsenate insecticide was used. The DOE had initially done testing on schoolyards in 2002 hoping to help reduce the exposure of arsenic and lead. Barry stated that long-term exposure increases the risk of certain health problems especially in small children, such as cognitive and behavioral issues. However, not enough data exists to


determine whether lead contamination has caused a problem or not. Medicaid does require all Medicaid recipients between the ages of 12-24 months to be tested for lead; however, it is done very sporadically. Most providers believe that lead arsenate contamination is not a real problem and only test children for lead if they are symptomatic. He also stated that the DOE is establishing requirements for all new developments to provide proof that the soil is not contaminated and if it were, it would need to be mitigated. Barry added that one way to find if there is an issue with high lead levels is to work together with physicians and Medicaid to enforce lead screenings. Barry also encourages families with small children to test the soil on their properties and daycares for lead arsenic contamination.

Barry also provided an update on the Bridgeport Landfill site. Barry passed around a google map image of the landfill area. The map also showed where the test wells are located. Barry introduced Hillary Knelleken, Solid Waste Supervisor, and stated she would be able to answer any technical questions regarding the Bridgeport Landfill site. Barry referred to the WAC regarding the post-closure process of a landfill site. He went over the basic criteria provided by the WAC that gives authorization to the jurisdictional health department to decide whether a landfill site fits the requirements to begin post-closure. Barry provided some results of the Bridgeport Landfill site, showing recent increases in manganese from test well samples. Manganese is a heavy metal with health effects similar to other heavy metals such as lead and arsenic Barry stated that there was a waste disposal violation of a nearby mining site and they are working with the department of ecology to figure out if that had any influence on the landfill test results. Therefore, it is still under investigation and post-closure is not recommended until this is resolved.

Dan Sutton, Douglas County Commissioner, made a motion to go into a Closed Session at 4:19 p.m. Marc Straub, Douglas County Commissioner, seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Closed Session was adjourned at 4:47 pm.

Doug England, Board Chair, adjourned the regular meeting at 4:47 p.m.



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