

**Minutes
Board of Health Meeting
Chelan-Douglas Health District
August 19, 2019**

Doug England, Chelan County Commissioner and Board of Health Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:05 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

Administrative Staff Present:

Dr. Francis Collins, Health Officer
Barry Kling, Administrator and Environmental Health Director
Kandis Boersema, Associate Administrator, Fiscal and Support Services
Veronica Farias, Health Communications Coordinator
Lorena Orozco, Chief Deputy Registrar, Fiscal Assistant, Board Secretary

Public Present:

None

Consent Agenda

Jill Thompson, Waterville City Council, made a motion to approve the consent agenda that includes the July, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes, July Payroll in the amount of \$228,369.49, July Benefits in the amount of \$81,077.97, the approval of payment of 2019 Vouchers No. 2019-0465 to 2019-0529 in the amount of \$50,791.33 and the Contract Matrix including the following:

- 1.Consolidated Contract CLH18238 Amendment 9-Imms-Hep B**
- 2.Consolidated Contract CLH18238 Amendment 9-VFC Ops**
- 3.Consolidated Contract CLH 18238 Amendment 9-VFC Ops**
- 4.Interlocal Agreement Home Visiting Services Account-Contract #20-1167**
- 5.Solid Waste Management Local Solid Waste Financial Assistance Agreement-SWMLSWFA-2019-CDHDED-00104**

Dan Sutton, Douglas County Commissioner, seconded the motion, noting a minor correction be made to a last name. The original minutes had the wrong last name for one of the members making a motion. The change was to correct Marc Overbay to Marc Straub.

Program Update

Barry Kling, Administrator, gave an update about homelessness and a new development. He reported that the State has declared a Hepatitis A outbreak in four counties-Spokane, Snohomish, King and Pend Oreille County. Barry stated that the State Epidemiologist suggested immunizing homeless people with the Hepatitis A vaccine, which is very effective against the disease. Barry stated that contracting the disease is likely to happen in areas with poor sanitation and many of the homeless encampments fit that description. He stated that in many cities in the United States there have already been significant Hepatitis A outbreaks with some deaths. Hepatitis A is not always fatal, but in a frail person and occasionally in others, it can be. Our public health objective is to prevent a Hepatitis outbreak in our counties. We are working to determine how we could best manage the delivery of the vaccine to homeless people, including the possibility of providing the vaccine at homeless encampments. So far, it is unclear how many homeless people at such locations would accept the vaccine. He also mentioned that we are looking on teaming up with community partners.

Barry also mentioned that he is exploring with North Central ACH the possibility of creating a regional initiative to bring elected officials together develop a coherent regional approach to the homelessness issue and its several causes. Meantime, he is also working with City of Wenatchee officials to better understand the Chelan-Douglas-Wenatchee homelessness programs, and will serve as the public health representative on the Homelessness Steering Committee, a non-voting position.

Board Discussion

None

Public Comment

None

New Business

Doug England, Douglas County Commissioner and Board Chair, had a question regarding certification of a septic system for number of rooms versus the number of people when advertising a vacation rental. He asked if there was a fee for that type of service. **Barry Kling**, Environmental Health Director, stated that we have an hourly fee of \$91 for On-site that could be used, but we do not have a specific fee at this time. Barry stated that it would be easy to include in our upcoming budget as one of our fees if the Board approved it.

Unfinished Business

Barry Kling, Administrator, stated that at the last month's Board meeting we had the first reading on a motion for On-site Test Holes and indicated that on the last page of the Board packet was a brief summary and revised wording of the proposed motion for consideration at this second reading.

Jill Thompson, Waterville City Council, moved to adopt the following statement:

The Chelan-Douglas Board of Health finds that WAC 246-272A-0260, as it exists today, gives the Health Officer and CDHD staff the authority to require that soil test holes, created for site assessments for on-site septic systems, remain open for up to two business days (properly marked for safety purposes) after the Health District is notified that the holes are dug, to allow CDHD staff to inspect soils revealed in the holes as a part of such assessments. Any licensed septic system installer or designer acting in compliance with this requirement is simply complying with the WAC.

John Sterk, East Wenatchee City Council, seconded the motion. Doug England, Chelan County Commissioner and Board Chair, asked Barry to give a brief overview of the proposed motion before making a final decision. Barry reviewed the proposed motion with the Board and indicated the slight changes in wording. After further brief discussion, Chairman England called the question and the motion passed unanimously.

Reports

Kandis Boersema, Associate Administrator of Fiscal and Support Services, reported that through July 2019, 58% of the year completed, the revenue was 51% of budget and expenses were 57% of budget.

Kandis also reported that last month was the final mortgage payment for the building. She also reported that the official audit for 2018 will start September 3rd and the Board will be receiving an invitation to the Entrance Conference that is scheduled for September 5th for anyone that would like to attend.

Personal Health: Update provided by Administrator Barry Kling in Carol McCormick's absence.

Barry Kling reported there were nine unrelated cases of Campylobacter, which means there is a gastroenterological infection. Stephanie Snitily, our communicable disease nurse, reported that the cases were not related and it does not appear to be any indication of an outbreak. To date, there have been four animals tested for rabies, but all were negative. He also reported that whenever there are high lead readings among Medicaid or Headstart children, we are notified and investigate to determine what environmental factors may be involved. In one recent case where no source could be readily identified, Public Health nurse Cari Hammond asked the state Department of Health to assist in a childhood lead investigation where the source of the lead has so far evaded local investigators. He also reported that the Nurse-Family Partnership program is fully staffed, receiving a good flow of referrals, and has a new web page that will soon be available in Spanish.

Doug England, Chelan County Commissioner and Board Chair, mentioned that he received a report complimenting the nurses that are going to the jail to do consults with pregnant inmates.

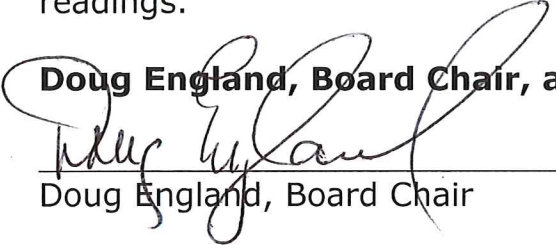
Dr. Collins, Health Officer, also wanted to commend the CDHD support staff for all their hard work and dedication. He mentioned that two employees received recognition for assisting a customer to obtain their birth certificates.

Veronica Farias, Health Communications Coordinator, reported on recent outreach events. Veronica reported that CDHD staff have attended three outreach events in the last month. Two were Columbia Valley Back-to-School Health Fairs, one in Wenatchee and the other in Chelan. The outreach event in Wenatchee had a very good outcome, with about 500 to 600 people. She

stated that the Nurse-Family Partnership program and Access to Baby and Child Dentistry both participated and received a good response from the public. They also attended the Back-to-School Health Fair in Chelan. The other outreach event was the National Night Out that is organized by our local law enforcement. Veronica also reported on the Annual Report regarding the discrepancies for the vital statistics information that was provided to her from the State. She stated that when we had initially contacted the State they gave us the occurrence numbers (where a birth or death occurred) instead of resident counts (showing the county of residence for the birth or death). Veronica stated that was why there was a significant discrepancy in the vital statistic numbers compared to previous years. She reported that there were 852 births in Chelan County and 487 in Douglas County. The death counts would not be available until September. She will report back next month with those figures. Veronica also mentioned that the Social Media Analytics update was in her report.

Barry Kling, Administrator/Environmental Health Director, gave a brief update on the Land Use/Onsite and Food Programs. He reported that the On-site applications are running somewhat behind last year, but about the same as the previous year. He reported that the Food program is doing well as compared to recent years. Barry also reported that we are prepared for fire season and have a large supply of masks. He also mentioned that we now have a particulate monitor that Environmental Health Specialists can take to facilities such as schools and hospitals to provide indoor air quality readings.

Doug England, Board Chair, adjourned the meeting at 3:59p.m.



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