

**Minutes
Board of Health Meeting
Chelan-Douglas Health District
June 17, 2019**

Jill Thompson, Vice Chair, presiding in the absence of Chair Doug England, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Dan Sutton, Douglas County Commissioner
Keith Huffaker, Wenatchee City Council
Kevin Overbay, Chelan County Commissioner
Jill Thompson, Waterville Town Council
Marc Straub, Douglas County Commissioner
John Alt, Mayor, City of Entiat
John Sterk, East Wenatchee City Council

Administrative Staff Present:

Barry Kling, Administrator and Environmental Health Director
Lorena Orozco, Chief Deputy Registrar/Fiscal Assistant/Board Secretary

Public Present:

Jim Mitchell, Douglas County Civil Prosecutor

Consent Agenda

1. Dan Sutton Douglas County Commissioner, made a motion to approve the consent agenda that includes the May, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes, May Payroll in the amount of \$222,358.58, May Benefits in the amount of \$80,613.01, the approval of payment of 2019 Vouchers No. 2019-0324 to 2019-0393 in the amount of \$71,891.89

Kevin Overbay, Chelan County Commissioner, seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Program Update

Hilary Knelleken, Environmental Health Specialist, provided an update on the Solid Waste Program. Hilary stated that the majority of their work is on routine inspections at permitted solid waste facilities. She stated that there are four transfer stations and seven landfill facilities that they routinely inspect. Hilary also stated that they receive a large number of solid waste complaints. Generally, the complaint comes from the public regarding accumulative solid waste on a private property, usually outside someone's home. In some cases, the Health District will clean up a domestic garbage accumulation posing a threat to health and quality of life in a neighborhood. Hilary stated that they also assist Cari Hammond, our immunization nurse, with home-visits when a child has elevated blood lead levels. She stated that at the home-visit they inspect the home for environmental factors that could be causing the elevated lead in the child's blood. Hilary stated that they also deal with a wide variety of other complaints including those on rats, bed bugs, ticks and mold. The Health District works with community members to resolve problems of this kind.

Board Discussion

None

Public Comment

None

New Business

Dan Sutton, Douglas County Commissioner, raised the issue of homelessness in our counties. He stated that this is a serious public health issue that needs to be addressed. For example, no sanitation facilities are available for the people camped out along the Columbia River. Used needles are often found along the bike trail, which is a health hazard for the people who use the trail. It was noted that homelessness is not one problem but a complex set of problems, which differ for different homeless individuals. Members of BOH and CDHD staff have been involved in this issue, including serving on the Homelessness Steering Committee. It was mentioned that our area should continue to emphasize approaches that are documented successes in other communities, and not repeat efforts that have failed elsewhere. There are already valuable ongoing efforts to address homelessness in our area, including major efforts by the City of Wenatchee with support from the counties, and any efforts by CDHD should complement

and support existing initiatives. However, it appears that not every potentially helpful stakeholder is engaged at this point – for example, many homeless encampments along the Columbia are on PUD land, but it is not clear how PUD has been engaged in the effort so far. After further discussion, the Board agreed that homelessness is an important public health issue. Commissioner Sutton said he believes the Health Department would be the most appropriate agency in the area to build a broader community response. **Jill Thompson**, Waterville City Council and Vice Chair, made a proposal that Chelan-Douglas Health District take the lead on this by gathering a broad group of stakeholders to explore ways to improve efforts to address homelessness in the two counties. Administrator Barry Kling accepted this challenge and will report back at future BOH meetings on this effort.

Unfinished Business

None

Reports

Kandis Boersema, Associate Administrator of Fiscal and Support Services, was unable to attend the Board meeting due to a prior engagement. Barry Kling, Administrator, reported on her behalf. He reported that through May 2019, 42% of the year completed, the revenue was 35% of budget and expenses were 39% of budget.

Barry also reported that next month is our last mortgage payment for the building and bids to repair the elevator will be going out soon.

Carol McCormick, Associate Administrator for Personal Health Services, was not able to attend the Board meeting due to a training for the Nurse Family Partnership program.

Barry Kling, Administrator, shared on her behalf. He stated that getting the Nurse Family Partnership program started has been very challenging due to two main factors. He stated that Carol has had a very hard time recruiting nurses because we pay much less than other organizations in the area. The other factor is that our health insurance is much more expensive for coverage of family members than what other companies offer. Barry also reported that Gay Jackson-Allbee, TB nurse, is about to discharge our TB patient, who will complete treatment at the end of June. Gay has also been very busy performing lead testing on preschoolers from Head Start. Barry

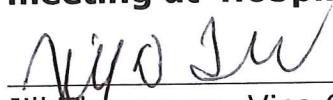
noted that the Legislature has changed exemptions allowed for vaccinations required for schooling, which means that people may still get an exemption, but it requires a legitimate excuse such as religious beliefs or medical exemption.

Veronica Farias, Health Communications Coordinator, was not able to attend the meeting.

Barry Kling, Administrator, reported that there was a Migrant and Bilingual Family outreach event at Wenatchee High School. He stated that over 500 people attended this event and it was a record-breaking attendance for Wenatchee School District. Barry also reported that Chelan-Douglas Health District is holding our first public health fair in recent years on June 29th at Pybus Market. Barry also reported that Veronica completed our Annual Report and will hand out a copy at our next Board meeting. He also stated that Veronica is participating in a Community Health Needs Assessment, something that Health Departments and Hospitals are required to do every three years.

Barry Kling, Administrator/Environmental Health Director, gave a brief update on the Land Use/Onsite and Food Programs. He reported that Land Use applications are a little behind than last year's numbers, but things should start to pick up very soon. He reported that the Food Program is also moving along very well.

Jill Thompson, Waterville City Council and Vice Chair, adjourned the meeting at 4:05p.m.



Jill Thompson, Vice Chair, Presiding