



Chelan-Douglas Health District

200 Valley Mall Parkway, East Wenatchee, WA 98802

Chelan-Douglas Health District Board of Health Meeting Minutes – August 16, 2021

Board Members Present:

Dan Sutton, Douglas County Commissioner
Jill Thompson, Mayor, Town of Waterville
Marc Straub, Douglas County Commissioner
Jerrilea Crawford, Mayor, City of East Wenatchee

Kevin Overbay, Chelan County Commissioner
Ruth Esparza, Wenatchee City Council
Sharon Waters, Leavenworth City Council

Staff Present:

Luke Davies, Health Administrator
Cari Hammond, Personal Health Director
Chuck Zimmerman, CDHD Attorney
Veronica Farias, Health Communications Director
Rob Eastman, Environmental Health Director

Malcolm Butler, CDHD Health Officer
Janet Perez, Board Secretary
Kent Sisson, RERC
Diane Forhan, Operations Director

Public Present

Meeting was held via Zoom and phone conferencing with members of the public listening to the meeting.

Meeting – Chairman Dan Sutton called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

Consent Agenda –

- a. Approval of the July 19, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes
- b. Approval of July Payroll in the amount of \$ 363,500.73
- c. Approval of July Benefits in the amount of \$ 104,750.54
- d. Approval of Payment of 2021 Vouchers No. 20210585-20210710
In the amount of \$ 294,343.15

Mayor Jill Thompson moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Marc Straub seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Program Update –

a. Epidemiologist Update – Health Officer Dr. Butler
Cases are at 712 per 100,000 for the last 14 days. We are in the fifth wave; disease transmission is uncontrolled, numbers are about the same as the December winter wave. About 40 percent of cases are in people ages 20-39. There are nine separate outbreaks in long-term care facilities and four outbreaks in agriculture facilities. We also had two local businesses and two local homeless shelters with outbreaks.

We have 28 hospitalizations, 13 patients in critical care and, three in the Intensive Care Unit. There was no mortalities this month. We currently have five beds in the Isolation and Quarantine Facility and are looking to acquire more. Food is provided to the patients. The Health District is purchasing the food and Confluence Health is preparing it.

There is a huge demand for testing and vaccinations on top of healthcare staffing shortages. This may worsen with the vaccine mandate. There was approval last week of a third dose of the Covid-19 Vaccine for people who likely did not respond to their initial doses due to organ transplants, chemotherapy, and or high-dose steroids. There was guidance published for universal masking indoors, large events, county fairs and, theaters. Dr. Butler met with the Chamber of Commerce towards increased public masking. Dr. Butler states, for any Mandate to be impactful, we must impose them now.

We are also in the midst of fire season and high temperatures. Chelan-Douglas Health District has published several advisories. We had to cancel the Leavenworth Summer theater performance this past Friday due to air quality and high temperatures.

Board Discussion

Public Comment –

No Public Comment

New Business

a. Capital Improvements

Chelan-Douglas Health District is moving forward on getting quotes for the Board of Health on improvements. We will have quotes for the board next month. We are currently engaging a consultant for IT systems and we are looking at Smart GOV, a system to digitize our Environmental Health Department. We will need a board member to review and help the Health District with the bid process. Commissioner Marc Straub and Mayor Jill Thompson offered to help the Health District with the process.

Unfinished Business

Reports

Fiscal Report – Diane Forhan

We continue to catch up on grant request and continue to improve fiscal policies. The Fiscal review for June and July looked great. We have the state audit for 2019 to 2021 on September 7. The audit will take 4 weeks; we should have a report by October. The auditor needs to know all board members affiliations and boards they serve, Diane will be reaching out to gather the information.

Personal Health Report – Cari Hammond gave the Personal Health report

Monthly report provided in the packet. Discussion followed.

Health Communications Report – Veronica Farias gave the Health Communications report

Monthly report provided in the packet. Discussion followed.

Environmental Health Report- Rob Eastman

The On-site Program had an increase in revenue the first 5 months, we were under for June and July but we have seeing it start increasing again this month. We had new hires start last month, one new hire will start half time in the Food Program late September. The Food Program is in full swing with temporary

event permits. We are working on second quarter billing for the Solid Waste Program. Scott Reynolds is working on fourth quarter facility inspections for Solid Waste.

Health Administrator Report – Health Administrator Luke Davies

We hired three new employees in July and three new employees in August. We currently have five positions we are advertising for, we are still working on staffing up while working with the increase in cases from the Delta Variant.

We would like to extend the reopening date to September 15 or October 1 due to the increase of the variant and staffing up the front desk. We are looking to hire support for the front desk and entrance through the temporary agency. Chair Dan Sutton would not like to delay the opening day, but rather do a partial open instead of a full open. The Health District can be open Monday and Thursday starting September 1 and still offer all services via phone and online Tuesday and Wednesday.

Chairman Dan Sutton adjourned the meeting at 3:58 pm.

Closed Session RCW 42.30.140(b) – Collective Bargaining



Dan Sutton, Board Chairman



Janet Perez, Board Secretary