



Chelan-Douglas Health District

200 Valley Mall Parkway, East Wenatchee, WA 98802

Chelan-Douglas Health District Board of Health Regular Meeting Minutes – August 15, 2022

Board Members Present (quorum):

Kevin Overbay, Chair (1)	Dan Sutton (3)
Marc Straub, Vice Chair (4)	Jerrilea Crawford (5)
Sharon Waters (6)	Joseph Hunter (11)
Bill Sullivan (10)	Marissa Smith (7)
Dr. Bindu Nayak (8)	Alma Chacon (9)

Board Members Absent:

Tiffany Gering (2)

Alternate Board Members Present:

Daniel Moody (10)	Michael Peterson (7)
Kristen Hosey (8)	Maria Hansen (11)

Staff Present:

Luke Davies, Health Administrator	Rob Eastman, Environmental Health Director
Janet Perez, HR Specialist	Veronica Farias, Communications Director
Chuck Zimmerman, CDHD Attorney	Kent Sisson, RERC
Diane Forhan, Operations Director	Hollie Casey, Clerk of the Board
Cari Hammond, Personal Health Director	Dr. James Wallace, Interim Health Officer

Public Present –

Meeting was held in person and via zoom and phone conferencing with members of the public attending and listening to the meeting.

Meeting –

Chair Kevin Overbay called the meeting to order at 3:01pm. He then asked the Clerk of the Board to take roll call.

Public Comment:

Members of the public were present and on zoom requesting to give comments. Each were given a three-minute time limit to speak. There were nine members of the public from Chelan County and one from King County speaking in regards to BOH vaccine safety discussion that is on today's agenda.

Consent Agenda –

- a. Approval of the July 18, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes
- b. Approval of July Payroll in the amount of \$270,790.23

- c. Approval of July Benefits in the amount of \$91,470.42
- d. Approval of Payment of 2022 Vouchers No. 20220581-20220657 in the amount of \$321,582.11

Mayor Jerrilea Crawford moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Dan Sutton seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Program Update –

a. Health Officer Update

Interim Health Officer, Dr. James Wallace:

COVID levels are declining across the country as well as hospitalizations, including here in Washington State. BA5 is still the most prominent in the Omicron variant. State case rate is down trending as well as hospital rates across the state. NCW plateaued in new cases. Chelan and Douglas Counties hospital rates remain high and are higher than the state average. The impact on the healthcare system is not as prevalent as previous- there are currently eight patients hospitalized with COVID at Central Washington Hospital. All age groups are down trending; the 5-17 age groups are showing to be the least effected age group while the pediatric and elderly community member numbers are showing higher.

Monkey Pox has spread across the world since April of this year. It's a viral disease spread by bodily fluids- mostly through blood and droplets. Vaccine is available, but in very short supply. Treatment is also available, but in very short supply and saved for the most severe cases at this time. The focus is on the highest risk population to try to eliminate the spread and minimize the exposure to the general population. In addition, Dr. Wallace shared that Syphilis and STI rates remain high and TB is still a growing concern especially among refugee populations. He also shared that opioid overdoses are on the rise and evidence based interventions are being explored. Board discussion followed.

Board Discussion –

a. BOH Vaccine Safety Discussion

Data information provided by Bill Sullivan and Dr. Bindu Nayak was distributed to the Board prior to today's meeting. Bill Sullivan's data supports the premise that administering COVID vaccines to those under 18 is unsafe and Dr. Bindu Nayak's data supports the premise that administering COVID vaccines to those under 18 is safe. Bill Sullivan and Dr. Bindu Nayak shared their positions on vaccine safety. Board discussion followed.

Bill Sullivan moved that the Chelan-Douglas Health District be prohibited from administering or promoting the suite of COVID 19 vaccines currently available to the under 18 population. Board Chair Overbay seconded the motion for discussion purposes. Following discussion, Alma Chacon moved to take a vote and Jerrilea Crawford seconded. Board Chair Overbay called for a roll call vote. Of the 10 Board Members present, one voted in favor of the motion (Bill Sullivan) and nine voted against the motion. Therefore, the motion failed.

New Business-

No new business today.

Unfinished Business

- a. Request for Qualifications for Architect/Design Services. The District received four responses. Requested Board Action: Motion to delegate authority to the Board Chair and Vice-Chair to evaluate the qualifications of the responding firms and negotiate an agreement for presentation to the Board for consideration at a future Board meeting.

Board Member Joseph Hunter moved to delegate authority to the Board Chair and Vice-Chair to evaluate the qualifications of the responding firms and negotiate an agreement for presentation to the Board for consideration at a future Board meeting. Board Member Marissa Smith seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Reports –

Fiscal, Personal Health, Health Communications, and Environmental Health program reports were included in the packet but not discussed by the Board.

Health Administrator Report –

Luke Davies, Health Administrator, gave a brief report. At the end of August, the District will be starting the state audit and reviewing 2021. The District Administrative team is in the process of re-budgeting funds coming from FPHS and plan to present additional information to the Board in September or October. Luke shared that the District will be moving into union negotiations in September as well. Board discussion followed.

Chair Kevin Overbay declared the meeting adjourned at 4:56pm.



Kevin Overbay, Board Chair



Hollie Casey, Clerk of the Board