



# Chelan-Douglas Health District

200 Valley Mall Parkway, East Wenatchee, WA 98802

## Chelan-Douglas Health District Board of Health Regular Meeting Minutes – July 17, 2023

### **Board Members Present (quorum):**

Marc Straub, Chair (4)  
Kevin Overbay (1)  
Dan Sutton (3)  
Marissa Smith (7)  
Bill Sullivan (10)

Jerrilea Crawford, Vice Chair (5)  
Shon Smith (2)  
Sharon Waters (6)  
Alma Chacon (9)  
Joseph Hunter (11)

### **Board Members Absent:**

Bindu Nayak (8)

### **Non-Voting Alternate Board Members Present:**

Maria Hansen (11)

Michael Peterson (7)

### **Staff Present:**

Luke Davies, Administrator  
Dr. James Wallace, Interim Health Officer  
Mariana Fletcher, Environmental Health Director  
Cari Hammond, Personal Health Director

Diane Forhan, Operations Director  
Chuck Zimmerman, CDHD Attorney  
Erin McCool, CDHD Attorney  
Hollie Casey, Clerk of the Board

### **Public Present –**

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

### **Meeting –**

Chair Marc Straub called the meeting to order at 3:00PM and requested the Board Clerk to take attendance.

### **Approval of Agenda – (1:10)**

Dan Sutton moved to approve the agenda as presented. Kevin Overbay seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Public Comment – (1:30)**

Chair Marc Straub explained that 20 minutes has been set aside for public comment and asked for those present in person and via Zoom who wanted to speak during public comment to identify themselves. Once Chair Straub identified the number of members of the public that wanted to speak, he allotted three minutes to each presenter.

- Laurie Buhler of Douglas County reported that she researched information from the UK, reportedly regarding disability data and rates for age groups relating to COVID vaccine. She gave a US statistics handout to the Clerk of the Board and said that she emailed the Board data as well.
- Chris Carlsen of Chelan County shared his view of a discussion from the last meeting regarding the CDHD Administrator having the ability to shut down businesses and schools and his conclusion of putting funding over the safety and health of the community from his interpretation of last month's minutes.
- Scott Watkins of Douglas County shared his view of the COVID vaccine versus Ivermectin (he referenced DOD medical data) and other broadcasted COVID remedies reporting to effectively battle the COVID virus.
- Lisa Templeton joining from Yakima County talked about the recent meeting of the Washington State Dept of Health and Vaccine Advisory Committee to expand liability and immunity protections and her belief of experimental vaccines purportedly coming in the fall.
- Joan Steichen of Chelan County spoke about informed consent for the COVID vaccine. She stated that she emailed the Board information on FLCCC and directed the Board to pages 7-9 for the information she referenced.
- Mr. Sanford on Zoom told the Board they should be recognizing the public that have been speaking on their view's at each meeting about the COVID situation.

**Consent Agenda – (19:13)**

- a. Approval of the June 26, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes
- b. Approval of June Payroll in the amount of \$282,900.00
- c. Approval of June Benefits in the amount of \$101,669.88
- d. Approval of Payment of 2023 Vouchers No. 20230406-20230460 in the amount of \$121,891.48
- e. Approval of the Contract Matrix

**Vice Chair Jerrilea Crawford moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Alma Chacon seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.**

**New Business– (28:20)**

- a. Multi-County Interlocal Agreement: Chelan-Douglas, Grant, Okanogan, and Kittitas Counties (28:24)

Health Administrator, Luke Davies, explained that the contract will be between the counties to assist the regional health jurisdictions to support the counties with services when there may be a need for project support through work orders. Board discussion followed.

**Alma Chacon moved to authorize the Administrator in consultation with the Board Chair to execute a Multi-County Interlocal Agreement: Chelan-Douglas, Grant, Okanogan, and Kittitas Counties in a form substantially similar to the contract form provided in the Board meeting packet. Jerrilea Crawford seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.**

b. Surplus List (46:26)

Diane Forhan, Operations Director, briefly reviewed the District's Surplus List provided in the Board packet and how they will be disposed of. Board discussion followed.

**Vice Chair Jerrilea Crawford moved to declare the list of items in the Board packet as surplus and to authorize the Administrator to dispose of the items in the manner he deems most economically beneficial to the District. Bill Sullivan seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.**

**Reports- (48:16)**

Health Officer Report Dr. James Wallace, Health Officer (48:20)

Interim Health Officer, Dr. James Wallace, gave the Board an update on COVID, Legionella, and wildfire smoke. COVID is slightly up in numbers locally, but hospital rates are staying low. State-wide surveillance showing no new Omicron sub-variants of concern. Dr. Wallace explained that he wanted to take the opportunity to share the reportable condition, Legionella, with the Board. Legionella is a severe type of pneumonia bacteria that leads to Legionnaires' Disease. This disease is reported to the District to be tracked, and then the Communicable Disease program would begin an investigation and contact tracing. Legionella is often found in freshwater lakes and streams, and even in some building water. It can also be in stagnant water in hot tubs, fountains, and even in large cooling systems. Dr. Wallace moved on to wildfire smoke and explained that wildfire smoke releases many toxic chemicals into the atmosphere to cause pollution. This causes particulate matter (PM) to be in the air. When we breathe in the air with fine PM, it can cause respiratory distress that can lead to heart attacks, stroke, and exacerbate those with COPD and asthma. Dr. Wallace pointed out that the impact on sensitive groups suffered from greater morbidity. Dr. Wallace shared the Air Quality Index and explained how the scale works for each color-coded recommendation. Board discussion followed.

**Fiscal Report-**

Diane Forhan, Operations Director (1:31:43)

Diane Forhan presented an overview of her fiscal and operations report provided in the Board packet.

**Personal Health Report --**

Carl Hammond, Personal Health Director (1:37:03)

Cari Hammond presented an overview of her report provided in the Board packet.

**Health Communications Report --**

Luke Davies, Health Administrator (1:44:30)

Luke Davies presented an overview of his report provided in the Board packet.

**Environmental Health Report --**

Mariana Fletcher, Environmental Health Director (1:47:58)

Mariana Fletcher presented an overview of her report provided in the Board packet.

**Administrator Report --**

Luke Davies, Administrator (1:55:33)

Luke Davies presented an overview of his report provided in the Board packet.

**Chair Marc Straub declared the meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM.**

**Following the Board Meeting, the Board met in exempt session pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4) to discuss collective bargaining. The exempt session ended at 5:35 PM. No action was taken during or following the exempt session.**

  
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Marc Straub, Board Chair

  
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Hollie Casey, Clerk of the Board