



Chelan-Douglas Health District

200 Valley Mall Parkway, East Wenatchee, WA 98802

Chelan-Douglas Health District Board of Health Regular Meeting Minutes – August 21, 2023

Board Members Present (quorum):

Marc Straub, Chair (4)
Shon Smith (2)
Sharon Waters (6)
Bill Sullivan (10)
Bindu Nayak (8)

Kevin Overbay (1)
Dan Sutton (3)
Marissa Smith (7)
Joseph Hunter (11)
Carin Smith (Alternate 9)

Board Members Absent:

Jerrilea Crawford, Vice Chair (5)

Alma Chacon (9)

Non-Voting Alternate Board Members Present:

Michael Peterson (7)

Staff Present:

Luke Davies, Administrator
Mariana Fletcher, Environmental Health Director
Cari Hammond, Personal Health Director
Kent Sisson, EPR Director

Diane Forhan, Operations Director
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 3:00 PM and requested the Board Clerk to take attendance.

Approval of Agenda – (2:00)

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

Public Comment – (2:20)

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 shared her opinion of opposing vaccine mandates and vaccination of school children with the COVID vaccine.
- Cheryl Basiak of Douglas County gave a handout to the Board and used the handout to share her position with the Board about the negative impacts the COVID mRNA vaccines purportedly have on the human body.
- Darlene Crumm of Douglas County shared with the Board COVID vaccine studies she reported were from the Jerusalem District of Israel and published in the Pediatric Infectious Disease Journal about the COVID vaccine and children aged 0-18 years of age and gave a handout to the Board Clerk to share with the Board.
- Carrie Harris of Douglas County stated that she works for Ambitions of Washington and wanted to thank the District for all of the help that Ambitions received during the COVID pandemic.
- Lisa Templeton of King County spoke about a recent house oversight subcommittee hearing that she reported took place in Washington D.C., to assess the effectiveness of alleged overreaching of COVID vaccine mandates and the erosion of public trust that stemmed from assumed coercive policies and Dr. Bardosh's written article content on the effectiveness and consequences of COVID vaccine policy and pandemic response.

Consent Agenda – (19:22)

- a. Approval of the July 17, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes
- b. Approval of July Payroll in the amount of \$281,721.05
- c. Approval of July Benefits in the amount of \$97,532.15
- d. Approval of Payment of 2023 Vouchers No. 20230461-20230541 in the amount of \$250,786.74

Kevin Overbay moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, with a discussion of some voucher items. Joseph Hunter seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business– (29:22)

- a. Hearing Examiner Contract (29:25)
Health Administrator, Luke Davies, explained that because the District is required to conduct its enforcement code process, the Hearing Examiner is built into the code to be used for processes that citizens from the community can go through if a community member has a dispute or an issue about a decision the District has made, or a code that the District uses. The community members can be heard by an outside source to have a fair review of an issue, should it arise. Board discussion followed.

Dan Sutton moved to approve the District's contract with the Hearing Examiner. Kevin Overbay seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

b. Health Code Update (41:25)

Luke Davies, Health Administrator, stated that he would like to keep this as a standing item on the agenda, as the last update of the code was in 2014. The District is working with legal and an outside contractor to update the District's Health Code, and will bring it to the Board to review by January 2024. Luke would like to use the contractor initially, to get things updated, and then the District will review the code every three to five years or as needed. Board discussion followed.

c. Launching SmartGov October 1st, 2023 (45:20)

Luke Davies, Health Administrator, shared that the Environmental Health team has been working hard to get the SmartGov system put in place. Environmental Health Director, Miriana Fletcher, has been working with our vendors to get our data rolled over, as well as testing the system by the staff. The District is still working out all of the components, but this system should be up and running by October 1st, 2023.

d. IT Services RFP (49:02)

Luke Davies, Health Administrator, asked for the Board's direction to solicit requests for proposals for the IT activities at the District as soon as possible. The District is looking for a company that could provide a chat and help desk type of service. Diane Forhan, Fiscal Director, stated that it would be posted in the paper approximately three weeks from tomorrow. Board discussion followed.

Kevin Overbay moved to authorize District staff to move forward with the IT Services RFP, with a submission due date of September 11, 2023. Shon Smith seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

e. 2019-2023 Strategic Plan Review (53:20)

Luke reviewed each section of the Strategic Plan included in the packet with the Board. He explained the Foundational Public Health Services funds will go toward strengthening some specific programs and services included in the Strategic Plan. Board discussion followed.

Reports-- (1:26:36)

Administrator Report --

Luke Davies, Health Administrator (1:38:25)

Luke briefly reviewed the program updates provided in the packet and gave an overview of his report provided in the packet. Board discussion followed.

Board Discussion (1:50:10)

Member Bill Sullivan stated that a group of doctors reportedly sued the FDA for forbidding the use of Ivermectin to combat COVID and Congresswoman Schrier's visit to discuss the opioids epidemic. There was discussion around the table about opioids and the effects seen throughout the communities, and

looking to the jails, Sheriff's department, and social services to come up with some local solutions for this epidemic. Shon Smith inquired about the status of the After-Action Report.

Chair Marc Straub declared the meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.



Marc Straub, Board Chair



Hollie Casey, Clerk of the Board