

The regular meeting of the Spokane Regional Health District Board of Health held on Thursday, October 25, 2012 was called to order by Councilmember Amber Waldref, Chair, at 12:32 p.m. in room 140 of the Public Health Center, 1101 West College Avenue, Spokane, Washington.

#### **PRESENT**

Commissioner Todd Mielke, Vice Chair (arrived at 12:42 p.m. and departed at 12:35 p.m.)  
Commissioner Mark Richard  
Councilmember Ben Stuckart  
Councilmember Jon Snyder  
Councilmember Amber Waldref, Chair  
Councilmember Chuck Hafner  
Mayor Tom Towey  
Board Member Michael Fisk, DC (arrived at 12:36)  
Board Member Bob Lutz, MD, MPH

#### **ABSENT**

Commissioner Al French  
Board Member Susan Norwood, EdD, RN  
Mayor Tom Trulove

#### **CITIZEN INPUT**

- Judy Diehl, Deer Park, WA spoke regarding the \$250,000 transfer of funds for the agency boiler, the lighting replacement in basement and requested the Board reconsider the resulting direct services and staffing reductions recommended in the proposed 2013 agency budget. She also commented the Board has no jurisdiction on the fluoridation issue that will be a January 2013 topic.
- Rose Marie Waldrem, Green Acres, WA spoke about fluoridation and the representatives present at the meeting who are against fluoride.
- Dave Schmidt, Spokane, WA spoke about the death of his mother from an unknown illness present in Spokane County that is not being addressed by health officials, fluoride dangers, and the higher incidence of cavities in Cheney, WA despite its fluoridated water.
- Carolyn Pickett, Spokane Valley, WA spoke on the dangers of fluoridation, her desire to keep fluoride out of the public water system and dangers of genetically modified foods.

#### **CHAIR REPORT – Councilmember Waldref**

Kathryn McKinley will act as legal counsel at the meeting due to Michelle Fossum's absence.

The Smoking in Cars and the Neighborhoods Matter PhotoVoice presentations will be moved to meetings in 2013. The Temporary Food Event (TFE) Permit report will be held at the December 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

An invitation to a meeting between the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) Accreditation Team and the Board of Health was sent to the Board by the recording secretary. The meeting will take place November 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. in rooms 320/321 at the Public Health Center. Please RSVP to Ann Pitsnogle.

The BOH Education Committee will meet with Councilmember Stuckart to determine and report to the Board a plan to discuss the fluoridation topic. Councilmember Mielke requested the process include clarification to the public that the health district is only an advisory board on the fluoridation topic.

**HEALTH OFFICER REPORT – Joel McCullough, MD, MPH, MS**

Fungal Meningitis Outbreak

A national outbreak of fungal meningitis has occurred due to contaminated steroid medication. All 3 batches of contaminated medication have been recalled. There have been 312 cases of infection in the central nervous system with resulting meningitis or stroke. There have been 5 cases of infection of the peripheral joints such as the shoulders, knees or elbows. There have been 24 deaths with no cases in Washington State. The CDC and FDA are providing ongoing technical assistance to public health agencies.

Agency Accreditation

The recording secretary has sent the Board an email inviting them to meet with the PHAB Accreditation Team. There is also a reminder card in each Board Member’s packet. The main benefits to accreditation are enhance performance, increased funding, and to validate work completed by the agency. The health district and Department of Health will be one of the first agencies to try to gain national accreditation. Cooperation by the Board is vital in the process. Please RSVP to Ann Pitsnogle.

Urban Corridor Transportation Corridor Presentation

Spokane Regional Transportation Commission (SRTC) and the health district have coordinated a speaker to educate stakeholders on the connection between balanced transportation systems in economic development. The speaker will attend 4 events in Spokane. An informational email has been sent to the Board.

Commissioner Mielke commented that he was invited to a briefing by the governor on the proposed 2013 budget and asked if health officers have been requested to attend. Dr. McCullough replied there has been no official invitation or communication from the Department of Health (DOH).

Commissioner Mielke requested a draft resolution be brought for consideration at the next Board meeting to serve as an official communication to the legislature regarding undedicated funding sources from liquor sales that may be directed to help fund public health.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Consists of items considered routine which are approved as a group. Any member of the Board may request to remove an item from the Consent Agenda to be considered separately.

Meeting Minutes: September 27, 2012

2012 Vouchers paid: September 1-30, 2012

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Voucher Numbers:	#222005 - #B&OAUG12		\$ 243,531.84
Payroll Warrants:	#772884 - #773038	Advice Numbers: #DD17979 - #DD18174	621,045.18
Payroll Warrants:	#774645 - #774673	Advice Numbers: #DD18175 - #DD18370	593,363.19
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,457,940.21</b>

***Motion: To approve the consent agenda including meeting minutes and vouchers as presented.***

***Motion/Second: Mielke/Hafner***

***Approved: Unanimously***

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### Resolution #12-11 Calling on the Washington State Legislature to Restore Local Control of Retail Tobacco Sales and Promotion – K. Panerio

Krista Panerio, Health Educator in the Health Promotion Division, presented the resolution regarding tobacco preemption. The Board presentation last month was part of a multistate effort to determine if local public health is supportive of tobacco preemption. If there is interest, stakeholders will then be engaged.

Commissioner Richard made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Councilmember Snyder seconded the motion.

Board Member Lutz questioned the scope of the effort which appeared to cover just marketing of tobacco. Ms. Panerio stated RCW 70.55 pertains to the merchandising and marketing of tobacco products. The current initiative has the potential to lead to further benefits in local control.

***Motion: To approve Resolution #12-11 Calling on the Washington State Legislature to Restore Local Control of Retail Tobacco Sales and Promotion***

***Motion/Second: Richard/Snyder***

***Approved: Unanimously***

### Resolution #12-10 Adoption of the 2013 Budget – Mike Riley

Councilmember Stuckart stated the BOH Budget and Finance Committee reviewed the final budget and recommended approval.

Mike Riley, Comptroller, presented Resolution #12-10 for adoption of the 2013 budget. The proposed 2013 budget recommends approval of a \$21.1 million budget, which is \$275,000 less than the 2012 original budget. The Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) and the Community Transformation Grant (CTG) programs will continue from grant funding. Due to drastic funding cuts, the public health clinic will be transitioned to community agencies. The decision to close the clinic affected the amount of tests required in the Laboratory and services needed in the Client Services program. A decision was made to close the Laboratory by March 2013 and Client Services by December 2013. Agency Staff have been informed of the proposed changes, which affect 18 individuals.

Commissioner Hafner made a motion to approve the proposed 2013 budget. Board Member Fisk seconded the motion.

Commissioner Mielke asked if arrangements have been made in the community to respond to emergency public health lab needs. Dr. McCullough responded that Clinical Laboratory services, which are mainly STD and TB services, are being eliminated. The Bioterrorism Laboratory is funded through June 2013. Efforts to determine if stakeholders are interested in supporting the Bioterrorism Lab are ongoing.

***Motion: To approve resolution 12-10 Adoption of the 2013 Budget.***

***Motion/Second: Hafner/Fisk***

***Approved: Unanimously***

## **BOARD MEMBER CHECK IN**

### PHAB Accreditation Visit – Board Member Lutz

Board Member Lutz sent an email to the Board regarding the upcoming PHAB Accreditation Team visit on November 9<sup>th</sup>. He stressed the importance of attending the meeting and encouraged Board Members to be present.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilmember Waldref announced the Board would adjourn to Executive Session in Room 350 for 25 minutes. Legal Counsel, Kathryn McKinley, and Sue Winters from Human Resources were asked to attend the session.

At 2:15 p.m. the Board requested an additional 15 minute extension.

**MEETING RECONVENED**

The meeting reconvened at 2:35 p.m. with no resulting action taken.

**NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled at 12:30 p.m. on December 6, 2012.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:36 p.m.

APPROVED: Amber Waldref, Chair Date: 12/6/12  
Board Member Name and Title

C. Pitts  
Recording Secretary