

The regular meeting of the Spokane Regional Health District Board of Health held on Thursday, December 6, 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**

Councilmember Ben Stuckart  
Councilmember Jon Snyder  
Councilmember Amber Waldref, Chair  
Councilmember Chuck Hafner  
Board Member Michael Fisk, DC  
Board Member Bob Lutz, MD, MPH  
Board Member Susan Norwood, EdD, RN

#### **ABSENT**

Commissioner Al French  
Commissioner Todd Mielke, Vice Chair  
Commissioner Mark Richard  
Mayor Tom Towey  
Mayor Tom Trulove

#### **CITIZEN INPUT**

- L.T. Jacob, Spokane, WA – Spoke on the risks of using fluoride, which acts as a free radical in the body.
- Rose Marie Waldrem, Green Acres, WA -- Spoke on the hazards of fluoride and water fluoridation.
- Geoffrey White, Spokane, WA – Recommended the Board of Health read, “Fluoride the Aging Factor” by John Yiamouyiannis and spoke on the hazards of fluoride.
- Anita Robinson, Spokane WA -- Spoke on the hazards of fluoride, the recent removal of fluoridation in water systems in the U.S. and that non-fluoridated European countries have lower rates of dental decay than the U.S.
- Jim Robinson, Spokane, WA -- Spoke on the hazards of water fluoridation and the practice of other countries not to fluoridate. He asked the board not to contaminate the water system with fluoride.
- Caroline Pickett, Spokane County WA -- Spoke on RCW§70.116.010 regarding potable and safe drinking water, the fluoridation feasibility study completed by the City of Spokane in 2003, and asked the board to consider who is responsible for the studies on fluoridation when making decisions.
- Dave Schmidt, Spokane, WA -- Spoke on fluoridation hazards and the importance of dental care to overall health.
- Marie Adams, Spokane County, WA spoke against water fluoridation and hazards of its use.

Councilmember Waldref requested information on how to contact the Board of Health be made available on the public table and in Board member packets.

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

The temporary food event (TFE) permit report will be postponed until next year when Mayor Trulove, who requested the report, will be present.

Election of the vice chair will be made in January. Per the rotation, a Spokane Valley member will be appointed to the position. Please contact Commissioner Mielke if interested in the position.

Board Member Lutz reported discussions on oral health issues will take place over the course of 3 or 4 meetings (3-4 months). The Board of Health (BOH) Education Committee will meet to define the January meeting topics.

The Board recognized Dr. McCullough's recent success in passing the American Board of Internal Medicine recertification.

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

Coal Train Update

A public meeting was held at the Spokane County Fairgrounds on December 2<sup>nd</sup> for input on coal train issues. The scoping meeting in Spokane is one of 7 that will be held across the state. Over 800 people attended the Spokane meeting. The 2 remaining meetings are in Seattle and Vancouver. Due to a larger than expected turnout, the Seattle meeting was moved to the Seattle Convention Center. The scoping process will end in January 2013 and a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) will then be started. The draft EIS will be released in 2014 and public comment will be taken on the draft. In 2014 or 2015, a final EIS will be released.

Health Inequity Community Forums

The final community forum was completed last week. Several hundred people have attended the dialogues and staff are compiling comments from the forums. SRHD will meet with community partners to review the results and next steps will be discussed.

Community Transformation Grant (CTG) Update

A handout describing CTG achievements in tobacco cessation, healthy eating and active living is included in Board Member packets. A more in depth report will be held in 2013.

Bioterrorism Lab Update

The bioterrorism lab at SRHD and the state are part of network called, "Laboratory Response Network (LRN)." The purpose of the LRN is to provide laboratory infrastructure to respond to bioterrorism or chemical terrorism incidences. There are 150 labs in the U.S. with most states having 1 or 2. There are 4, including military, labs in the State of Washington. Funding has been received to continue the agency's lab until the end of 2013.

Total funding for the BT Lab is \$162,000 with a local dollar need of \$89,000 with Regional Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response (PHEPR) funding \$72,000. Due to PHEPR funding decreasing each year, it will require additional local dollars to maintain the lab in 2014. The agency is communicating with community partners and stakeholders to determine interest in supporting the BT Lab locally.

The Clinical Lab will close in the first quarter of 2013. The initial discussion was to close the BT Lab the first half of 2013, but the agency received funding until the end of year. SRHD is the only local public health agency in the state that has a BT Lab.

Councilmember Snyder requested in-depth information on future bioterrorism lab funding be presented to the Board at an upcoming meeting.

**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: October 25, 2012 and November 9, 2012

2012 Vouchers paid: October 1 – 31, 2012

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| Voucher Numbers:  | #222239 - #B&OSEPT12 |                 |                     | \$ 1,303,388.47       |
| Payroll Warrants: | #776276 - #776304    | Advice Numbers: | #DD18371 - #DD18566 | 616,764.37            |
| Payroll Warrants: | #778049 - #778069    | Advice Numbers: | #DD18567 - #DD18766 | 595,693.48            |
|                   |                      |                 | <b>TOTAL</b>        | <b>\$2,515,846.32</b> |

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

***Motion/Second: Hafner/Snyder***

***Approved: Unanimously***

#### **BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION**

Commissioner Richard, who was not present, was recognized for his service to the BOH. A \$50 donation was given to Olive Crest in lieu of receiving a placard for his service.

#### **ELECTION OF 2013 CHAIR**

Councilmember Hafner motioned to approve Commissioner Todd Mielke as the 2013 Board Chair. Board Member Fisk seconded the motion.

***Motion: To elect Commissioner Mielke to serve as Board of Health Chair for 2013.***

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

***Approved: Unanimously***

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

Resolution #12-12 Authorizing a 2012 General Fund Budget Amendment - Mike Riley

Mike Riley, Comptroller, presented the resolution for the 2012 budget amendment. The resolution will allow expenditure authority for payment of \$750,000 of work on the boiler project.

***Motion: To approve Resolution #12-12 Authorizing a 2012 General Fund Budget Amendment.***

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

***Approved: Unanimously***

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilmember Waldref announced the Board would adjourn to Executive Session in Room 350 for 20 minutes.

#### **MEETING RECONVENED**

The meeting reconvened at 1:49 p.m.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

Health Officer Evaluation/Compensation

Councilmember Stuckart motioned for a 5% raise in 2013 based on excellent performance for the health officer. Councilmember Hafner seconded the motion.

Councilmember Waldref commented on the Board's appreciation for the work and leadership of the health officer.

***Motion: To provide the health officer a 5% raise in 2013 based on excellent performance.***

***Motion/Second: Stuckart/Hafner***

***Approved: Unanimously***

#### **REPORTS**

Priority Spokane Update

Lyndia Wilson, Disease Prevention and Response Division Director, reported on the Priority Spokane initiative. SRHD's involvement with Priority Spokane is part of the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) that the agency submitted for accreditation. The purpose of Priority Spokane is to take health data, prioritize it and decide what is actionable.

Priority Spokane formed 5 task force groups around economic vitality, education, environment, healthy people and community safety. Four of the groups put forth educational attainment as a priority area with

high school graduation as the primary focus. From there, efforts concentrated upon middle school students.

Results from a 2009 Gonzaga University study recommended helping middle school children by having an early warning system, social support for identified, high risk students, and high academic expectation from school staff. Due to the study, Spokane Public Schools purchased an early warning system last year and focused on risk factors to identify children that are at risk for dropping out.

EWU performed a study on programs in the community that serve middle school youth and programs that demonstrated effectiveness. One recommendation from the study was for a better alignment between services and the school system.

Alisa May, Priority Spokane Executive Director, reported on a study by Marybeth Celio, which determined indicators for dropout of school children. The study reported most children were identifiable before high school. The most significant risk factors were attendance, behavior and course completion.

The graduation rates for Spokane have increased and there is room for improvement, which Priority Spokane is still working on. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) has awarded Priority Spokane a grant for \$100,000 a year for 2 years with a matching award that takes the total to \$200,000 per year. The grant will be used to start middle school attendance boards in Spokane Public Schools.

**BOARD MEMBER CHECK-IN**

Board of Health Public Comment Recommendations

Due to the upcoming discussions on oral health, Councilmember Waldref recommended 30 minutes for public comment at the January meeting with a goal to limit the items on the agenda to still maintain the 12:30pm to 2:30pm meeting time. There will be further discussion on the topic at the January Executive Committee of the Board of Health (ECBOH) meeting.

**NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled at 12:30 p.m. on January 24, 2013.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

APPROVED: Amber Waldref  
Board Member Name and Title

Date: 2/28/13

Ann Peters  
Recording Secretary