

The regular meeting of the Spokane Regional Health District Board of Health held on Thursday, **April 25, 2013** was called to order by Councilmember Chuck Hafner, Vice Chair, at 12:33 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  
Councilmember Chuck Hafner, Vice Chair  
Mayor Tom Towey  
Mayor Tom Trulove  
Board Member Susan Norwood, EdD, RN  
Board Member Bob Lutz, MD, MPH

#### **ABSENT**

Commissioner Todd Mielke, Chair  
Commissioner Al French  
Commissioner Shelly O'Quinn

#### **CITIZEN INPUT**

- Joan Mootry, Spokane County – distributed and spoke about a handout by John Yiamouyiannis, PhD on fluoride and poisoning caused by its use.
- Tim Chestnut, MD, Spokane County – Spoke on his opposition of the gun resolution passed by the Board at its March meeting. He stated the resolution didn't recognize constitutional issues, is vague and damages the perception of public health. He requested specificity in the resolution.
- Rose Marie Waldrem, Spokane County, WA – Spoke about the toxicity of fluoride on behalf of others who were not able to attend the meeting. Handouts on the issue were distributed to Board Members.
- Carolyn Pickett, Spokane County, WA – Spoke on the dangers of fluoride and the medical scams of AIDS and H1N1.

#### **CHAIR REPORT** – Councilmember Chuck Hafner, Vice Chair

Councilmember Hafner read an email from former Board Member Michael Fisk thanking the staff of SRHD and the Board of Health for their help and service while he served on the Board.

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

##### Budget Update

Since the last Board meeting, the Senate and House have released their proposed budgets. The Senate budget includes increases for the Department of Health (DOH) for the prescription drug monitoring program, online licensing, newborn testing, and shellfish poisoning. However, the Senate budget eliminates funding for oral health and doesn't include funding for the tobacco quit line. The budget proposal modifies how public health funding is distributed consolidating the flexible dollar funds into 1 block grant to be distributed by the Treasury Department instead of the DOH.

The House budget has funding for public health at the same level held currently and has no change in the funding formulas. It's unclear at this point which funding proposal will prevail.

Great Spokane Incorporated (GSI) and Environmental Public Health (EPH)

At the last Board meeting, Commissioner Mielke brought forward discussion about the Food Advisory Committee using email and newsletters to communicate with food establishments. The EPH Food Program is in the process of providing a survey to all food establishments of Spokane County asking best ways to communicate information. The Food Advisory Committee has inputted on and endorsed this process.

Inspectors are still educating food establishments during routine inspections about the food code changes and a press release has been distributed to food establishments and the general public. The press release is also available online. The program is still working with GSI to distribute information to food establishments.

Gun Violence Fact Sheet

A fact sheet on gun violence was included in Board members’ packet to answer questions which rose from last month’s meeting. Data supplied is from 2007-2011. In Spokane County, there were 231 deaths from gun-related violence. There were more gun-related deaths (231) compared to vehicle-related deaths (194) in Spokane County and suicide (81%) was the largest category of deaths related to firearms.

**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: March 28, 2013  
2012 Vouchers paid: March 1-31, 2013

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Voucher Numbers: #230297 - #B&OFEB13		\$ 488,627.86
Payroll Warrants: #794280 - #794303	Advice Numbers: #DD20336 - #DD20528	609,698.71
Payroll Warrants: #795888 - #795912	Advice Numbers: #DD20529 - #DD20718	580,876.64
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,679,203.21</b>

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

*Motion/Second: Waldref/Stuckart*

*Approved: Unanimously*

**ACTION ITEMS**

Resolution #13-05 - Authorizing a 2013 General Fund Budget Amendment – Mike Riley

Mike Riley, Comptroller, presented Resolution #13-05 - Authorizing a 2013 General Fund Budget Amendment and asked for approval. The resolution presented asked for a reduction in spending authority due to the Clinic closing earlier than expected. The original plan was to transition the Clinic to the community by the end of 2013. In addition, a new grant was awarded in Health Promotion called, “Healthy Start Now.” The grant award is \$300,000 with \$150,000 in the 2013 budget. Existing staff will be used for grant work which will release additional general fund need.

Mayor Trulove made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Board Member Norwood seconded the motion.

*Motion: To approve Resolution #13-05 Authorizing a 2013 General Fund Budget Amendment.*

*Motion/Second: Trulove/Norwood*

*Approved: Unanimously*

## **REPORTS**

### Horizon 2040 SRTC Metropolitan Transportation Plan – Ryan Stewart

Ryan Stewart, Senior Transportation Planner with the Spokane Regional Transportation Council (SRTC) presented the Horizon 2040 SRTC Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). The plan is a 20+ year blueprint for transportation priorities which guides future area investments. Performance measures will be established for each guiding principle and strategy within the plan. Targets will be set for the region at the federal level, a few years into implementation, with the state being allowed to tailor the targets to a more regional level.

The process includes policy and technical planning, and community engagement. The plan must be financially constrained proving there are enough reasonably available resources to pay for projects in the plan. In the current MTP (2011-2035), the fiscal constraint was \$7.8 billion dollars. Horizon 2040 MTP last longer and expenditures are expected to grow exponentially.

The final chapter (4) will list financial plans and have a recommended scenario of transportation investments and funding for programs. SRTC's adoption of Horizon 2040 will guide the region's funding and project prioritization. Expected final approval is November/December 2013.

Councilmember Snyder requested SRTC contact the counties and other local health jurisdictions when the final chapter of the Horizon 2040 is complete.

Councilmember Hafner requested the Horizon 2040 plan be made available to Board Members and SRTC return to present to the Board once the final chapter of the plan has been completed. Ann Pitsnogle, Recording Secretary, will make the currently completed chapters of the plan available on the BOH website.

## **BOARD MEMBER CHECK IN**

### BOH Website Request and Grant Inquiry - Councilmember Jon Snyder

Councilmember Snyder requested the BOH agenda material be placed on the public portion of the BOH website and a link to that site be included in the BOH meeting notice email.

Councilmember Snyder inquired about a grant application and the hiring of a safe-routes-to-school coordinator. Dr. McCullough responded that the agency is in the process of submitting a grant application with SRTC to fund a coordinator for safe routes. He will report back to the Board when more information is available.

### Regional Food Conference – Councilmember Waldref

Councilmember Waldref thanked Councilmember Stuckart for his leadership in coordinating the Regional Food Conference held at WSU Riverpoint Campus last Friday.

### Regional Food Conference – Councilmember Stuckart

Councilmember Stuckart thanked agency staff, Kim Papich and Natalie Tauzin, for their help with the Regional Food Conference. There were 140 registrants to the conference and many have volunteered to work on the issue with a goal to have 10% of food produced locally eaten locally. The current rate is 2.5%.

### Small Cities BOH Appointment – Mayor Trulove

The Northeast Mayors' have appointed Mayor Trulove to the BOH for another year. Mayor Trulove questioned if the group was the appropriate venue to make the small cities appointments to the Board.

**NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**

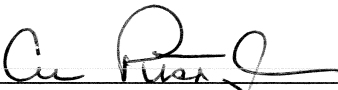
The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled at 12:30 p.m. on May 23, 2013.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 1:44pm

APPROVED:   
Board Member Name and Title

Date: June 27, 2013

  
Recording Secretary