

The regular meeting of the Spokane Regional Health District Board of Health held on Thursday, **December 7, 2017** was called to order by Mayor Kevin Freeman, Chair, at 12:30 p.m. in room 140 of the Public Health Center, 1101 West College Avenue, Spokane, Washington.

PRESENT

Mayor Kevin Freeman, Chair

Commissioner Josh Kerns

Commissioner Mary Kuney (arrived at 12:34 p.m.)

Councilmember Lori Kinnear (arrived at 12:36 p.m. and departed at 1:26 p.m.)

Councilmember Breean Beggs (arrived at 12:36 p.m.)

Councilmember Karen Stratton

Board Member Susan Boysen, EdD, RN

ABSENT

Commissioner Al French

Councilmember Sam Wood

Board Member Chuck Hafner

CITIZEN INPUT

- Jacklyn Gallion, Spokane Valley, WA -- Spoke about the Spokane Regional Health District's (SRHD) transparency regarding transmission of mumps, the populations affected by the outbreak and how disease transmission was taking place. She stated she and concerned parents have attended every board of health (BOH) meeting since January and still have not been made an agenda item. After contacting legal counsel, it was discovered the exclusions were not mandatory. SRHD has not produced the statute which allows the health officer to make exclusions mandatory. (Commissioner Kuney arrived at 12:34 p.m.)
- Kristina Nielsen, Spokane, WA – Spoke on her medical professional oath, what she learned in school regarding immunizations and that the medical insert for the flu vaccine not being tested on pregnant women and children under 6 months. (Councilmembers Beggs and Kinnear arrived at 12:36 p.m.)
- Kim Helm, Spokane, WA – Continued reading information that Kristina Nielsen read to the board.
- Paula Smith, Greenacres, WA—Spoke on a petition filed for immunization and vaccine related deaths noting parents have to wait two to ten years to enter the court system. To date, the U.S. government has paid \$3.6 billion dollars on vaccine compensation.
- Kim Statler, Spokane Valley, WA – Spoke about outbreaks in the U.S. in vaccinated children and shared the story of her daughter who was affected negatively by vaccinations.
- Rosemarie Waldrem, Greenacres, WA – Cautioned using vaccine run by special interests and the inability of the common citizen to afford to fight them in the court of law.
- Phyllis Hess, Spokane Valley, WA – Spoke against fluoridation in Spokane and mass medication of the population stating she believes in having a choice when risk is involved with medication.
- Linda Thompson, Spokane Valley, WA – Asked the BOH to support Tobacco 21 legislation.

CHAIR REPORT – Mayor Kevin Freeman

BOH Chair

Mayor Freeman noted this meeting was his last as Chair of the BOH.

BOH Membership Update

Councilmember Munch is no longer a Spokane Valley representative nor member of the BOH. The Chair requested the Recording Secretary ask for two appointments from Spokane Valley due to the absence of Councilmember Wood at regular meetings. Spokane County has two appointments to make to the BOH, which is expected within the next 30 days.

BOH Administrative Appeal Hearing

A BOH administrative appeal hearing is scheduled for tomorrow. The Chair expressed the importance of having a quorum for the hearing.

Citizen Input and BOH Limitations

The Chair shared information on citizen input, the board's role in enforcing the state law and limitations in changing state law.

AGENCY REPORT – Torney Smith, Administrator

Safe Routes to School Award

The Safe Routes to School program has won the 2017 Project of the Year award by the Women Transportation Seminar group.

Spokane Schools Superintendent Meeting on Mumps

SRHD staff attended the Spokane schools superintendent meeting on October 27, 2017 to discuss the challenges regarding the recent mumps outbreak. Superintendents report they have done an adequate job in meeting the needs of parents during the outbreak. Parents who report otherwise will need to meet with school officials to discuss issues. Councilmember Beggs requested a future BOH agenda item to address student education during exclusions.

WSALPHO Meeting

The recent WSALPHO meeting included topics on foundational public health services (FPHS), health officer authority, Tobacco 21, food code regulation, the state budget, the opioid epidemic, and fiscal sustainability of local health jurisdictions (LHJs).

Kresge Grant Update

Funding has been received for the Kresge Grant work ongoing at the agency. The 2018 focus is to educate staff on how best to achieve health equity in the community. Equity work will be a focus of the agency's next strategic plan. Board members were invited to participate in the strategic planning process.

Staff Training

A staff survey identified the need for teamwork and conflict resolution training. A consultant, Rick Kramer, was contracted to work with the agency to establish and maintain team norms.

Community Health Assessment Board (CHAB) Update

The CHAB is gathering information for the community-wide health assessment looking at various areas of focus in a coordinated effort with Priority Spokane. Workgroups will meet 2-3 times before April 2018 identifying priorities then will meet to address priorities as a community.

SRHD Funding

Since 2009, Spokane County's contribution to SRHD has decreased by \$712,000. If the Spokesman article is accurate, there will be a decrease of \$170,000 in 2018. The agency is working to spend conservatively to assure proper fiscal oversight.

HEALTH OFFICER REPORT – Robert Lutz, MD, MPH, Health Officer

Influenza and Pertussis Update

There have been 32 hospitalizations and 1 death due to influenza. Pertussis cases are increasing with a small cluster of the disease in the Deer Park area. One case was vaccinated and subsequent cases were not. The one case in Spokane Valley was not vaccinated.

Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) Update

There have been significant increases in STDs. There has been a slight decrease in chlamydia and a 29% increase in gonorrhea and syphilis cases. There have been four cases of congenital syphilis, which gives children life-long physical and neurocognitive issues. The disease is typically seen in men who have sex with men (MSM), but there is now an uptick in the heterosexual population.

Community Outreach

Immunization clinics in the community have served over 1,100 individuals and provided 1,700 different immunizations.

Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials (WSALPHO) Meeting

Dr. Lutz attending the recent WSALPHO meeting that was combined with the Department of Ecology (DOE). The Department of Health (DOH) and DOE are working on a statewide approach to the perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) issue at Fairchild Air Force Base (FAFB). In addition, voluntary testing for lead has been offered to schools across the state.

AIDS RCW Changes

AIDS was once viewed as a terminal disease and was historically treated in a negative fashion. It is now viewed as a chronic disease and there is effort in the state to address outdated legislation pertaining to the disease.

Prescribing Medical Practice (PMP) Data Base

In Washington State, every opioid prescription is monitored by the PMP. Last year, legislation was changed to allow health officers to view the opioid PMP with interest in having health officers identify outlying prescribers of opioids. The proposed practice is controversial, but the data is available.

BOH Updates

The health officer will be reporting on opioids, violence, suicides and mental health to the BOH at future meetings.

Twentieth Century Public Health Achievements

A report on public health achievements was given to the board.

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 26, 2017
2017 Vouchers paid: October 1-31, 2017

Voucher Numbers:	#244277 - #244519 (244520 Voided Voucher)	
	#244521 - #244525 (244526 Voided Voucher)	
	#244527 - 244580 and FT B&O September 2017	\$ 1,112,425.33
Payroll Warrants:	#983187 - #983189	
	#983642 - #983645	
Advice Numbers:	#DD41799 - #DD42028	\$760,671.74
Payroll Warrants:	#984956 - #984957	
	#985258 - 985267	
Advice Numbers:	#DD42029 - #DD42257	\$729,935.49
	TOTAL	\$1,490,607.23

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

Motion/Second: Boysen/Stratton

Approved: Unanimously

ACTION ITEMS

Election of 2018 Chair – Mayor Freeman

Councilmember Beggs made a motion to appoint Board Member Hafner to Chair of the BOH for 2018. Board Member Boysen seconded the motion.

Motion: To appoint Board Member Hafner as the 2018 Chair of the SRHD BOH.

Motion/Second: Beggs/Boysen

Approved: Unanimously

Election of 2018 Vice Chair – Mayor Freeman

Councilmember Beggs offered to serve as Vice Chair for the BOH for 2018. Board Member Boysen seconded the motion.

Motion: To appoint Councilmember Beggs as the 2018 Vice Chair of the SRHD BOH.

Motion/Second: Beggs/Boysen

Approved: Unanimously

Resolution #17-08 Adopting the 2018 SRHD Budget – Mike Riley, Comptroller

For 11 years, SRHD's budget and actuals were between \$20 and \$25 million. In 2016, actuals were higher than \$25 million. In 2017, the budget was increased to almost \$27 million. In 2018, the budget is proposed at \$30 million. The increase is due to increased staffing and grant awards. The Opioid Treatment program is expected increase to almost 975 clients. The Infant Toddler Network (ITN) funding and clients on the program has increased. The HIV/AIDS program now oversees duties from a former local provider. The SRHD Budget and Finance Committee has reviewed and approved the budget.

Motion: To approve Resolution #17-08 Adopting the 2018 SRHD Budget.

Motion/Second: Beggs/Stratton

Approved: Unanimously

Resolution #17-09 Adopting a BOH Legislative Agenda for the 2018 State of Washington Legislative Session – Linda Graham

The legislative agenda was modified to include three tiers: 1) issues of highest priority where SRHD staff are asked to pursue approval, 2) issues the BOH supports, but is not the lead, 3) issues that BOH are concerned, but only monitoring. Main additions to the agenda are: homeless management information system (HMIS), inclusion of the tax on hazardous substances, and certification fees for lead-based paint.

Motion: To approve Resolution #17-09 adopting a BOH legislative agenda for the 2018 State of Washington legislative session.

Motion/Second: Beggs/Boysen

Approved: Unanimously

Resolution #17-10 Calling on the Washington State Legislature and Senators and Representatives Who Represent the People of Spokane County to Raise the Minimum Legal Age for Sales of Tobacco and Vaping Products from 18 to 21, and Calling Upon Other Local Government Agencies, Businesses and Not-For-Profit Organizations to Adopt Similar Resolutions – Linda Graham, Health Policy Specialist

The key aspect for support of raising the age to purchase tobacco is because 88% of smokers start before the age of 18 and most youth obtain cigarettes from those who are between the ages of 18 and 21. Ninety percent of those who buy cigarettes for minors are between the ages of 18 and 21.

Motion: To approve Resolution #17-10 Calling on the Washington State Legislature and Senators and Representatives Who Represent the People of Spokane County to Raise the Minimum Legal Age for Sales of Tobacco and Vaping Products from 18 to 21, and Calling Upon Other Local Government Agencies, Businesses and Not-For-Profit Organizations to Adopt Similar Resolutions

Motion/Second: Boysen/Stratton

Approved: Unanimously

REPORTS

There were no reports.

BOARD MEMBER CHECK IN

There was no board member check-in.

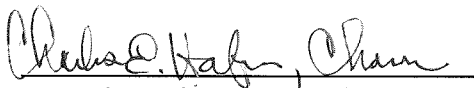
NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled at 12:30 p.m. on December 8, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT


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

APPROVED:


Board Member Name and Title

Date:

1/25/18


Recording Secretary