

The regular meeting of the Spokane Regional Health District Board of Health held on Thursday, **July 25, 2019** was called to order by Councilmember Breean Beggs, Chair, at 12:30 p.m. in room 140 of the Public Health Center, 1101 West College Avenue, Spokane, Washington.

**PRESENT**

Councilmember Breean Beggs, Chair  
Councilmember Ben Wick, Vice Chair  
Commissioner Mary Kuney (*departed at 1:18 p.m.*)  
Commissioner Josh Kerns  
Councilmember Karen Stratton  
Councilmember Linda Thompson  
Mayor Kevin Freeman (*departed at 1:17 p.m.*)  
Board Member Andrea Frostad  
Board Member Chuck Hafner  
Board Member Donald Condon, MD

**ABSENT**

Councilmember Kate Burke  
Commissioner Al French

**CITIZEN INPUT**

- Jacklyn Gallion, Spokane County, WA – Spoke on polio, vaccinations and her request for roundtable discussions with the Board of Health (BOH) and agency staff.
- Inna Manor, Spokane County, WA – Spoke on the MMR vaccination laws and impacts to the Slavic community.
- Natasha Gurren, Spokane County, WA – Spoke on vaccinations and right for medical choice.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The BOH adjourned at 12:45 p.m. for 15 minutes for an executive session pursuant to RCW §42.30.110(1)(g). At 1:00 p.m., the BOH Chair requested an additional five minutes.

**MEETING RECONVENED**

The meeting reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

**ACTION ITEMS**

Direction to Waldron Regarding Spokane Regional Health District (SRHD) Administrative Officer – *Board Member Hafner*

**Motion:** *Authorization for Waldron and SRHD legal counsel to offer the position of Administrator to Amelia Clark and engage in contract negotiations for employment.*

**Motion/Second:** *Kuney/Hafner*

**Approved:** *Unanimously*

**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: June 27, 2019 and July 18, 2019

2019 Vouchers paid: June 1 - 30, 2019

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Voucher Numbers:	#250592 - #250927	\$ 1,479,941.91
Advice Numbers:	#DD51582 - #DD51829	\$986,739.20
Payroll Warrants:	#1047744	

SRHD:	#1049547 - #1049550	
	2963 - 2965	
Advice Numbers:	#DD51830 - #DD52082	\$823,820.06
Payroll Warrants:	#1050602- #1050610	
SRHD:	#2970	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,810,559.26</b>

**Motion:** To approve the June 27, 2019 and July 18, 2019 meeting minutes as presented.

**Motion/Second:** Freeman/Kuney

**Approved:** Unanimously

**Motion:** To approve June 1-30, 2019 vouchers as presented.

**Motion/Second:** Freeman/Kuney

**Approved:** 9 yea/1 abstain (Thompson)

**CHAIR REPORT** – Councilmember Breean Beggs

- The state auditors are onsite at SRHD.

**BOARD OF HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- The BOH Policy Committee met on July 18 and continued discussion on the strategic plan priority areas, focus areas for policies, the possibility of combining the Education and Policy Committees and lobbying. Councilmember Thompson requested the BOH be more informed of educational opportunities and events hosted by SRHD.
- The BOH Education Committee – The health officer and Councilmember Stratton met and are awaiting direction from the Policy Committee.

**ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT** – Ray Byrne, Interim Administrative Officer

- Amber Lenhart has been hired as the Health Policy Specialist and will start August 16.
- The advertisement and initial screening for the Public Information Manager has been completed.
- Councilmember Burke visited the SRHD Needle Exchange program and Treatment Services division.
- Environmental Public Health (EPH) has been working with a wood recycling facility that is out of compliance. SRHD legal counsel is acting with the courts to bring the facility back into compliance.
- A special BOH meeting may be held in August if negotiations for the Administrative Officer position are completed.

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

- There are nine Hepatitis A cases in Spokane county. There have been 336 Hepatitis A vaccinations between June 1, 2019 and July 22, 2019. The Department of Health (DOH) will be announcing the outbreak in a press release tomorrow.
- The board received an update on wildfire smoke and clean air efforts in the state. The state wildfire group is expected to have a recommendation next month.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE** – Robert Lutz, MD, MPH, Health Officer

- No report.

**COMPTRROLLER REPORT** – Mike Riley, Interim Administrative Officer

- There will be no changes to the SRHD Fee Policy for 2020.
- The board received a report on SRHD’s year-to-date 2019 expenses and revenues. A budget amendment will be presented at the September board meeting.

- A list of vendors receiving over \$50,000 from SRHD was shared with the board. Councilmember Wick requested a purchasing threshold that requires board approval be set for the agency. The topic will be reviewed by the BOH Budget and Finance Committee on September 12, 2019.
- State auditors are currently at the agency. The auditors will be reviewing the Women Infant and Children's (WIC) program.

#### AGENCY REPORTS

- The Board received a presentation on potential updates to the Department of Health (DOH) food rules from Steve Main, Food Safety Program Manager, Environmental Public Health. Board members who would like to comment on the potential changes can send information to Steve Main and he will share the information to DOH.

#### BOARD MEMBER CHECK IN

- A subcommittee of the Spokane Regional Opioid Task Force is looking at alternatives to opioids for pain management. A report on pain alternative research completed by Dr. Wilson, a subcommittee member, and SRHD's Treatment Services division was requested. *(Councilmember Thompson)*
- A summary by an expert on vaccines will be shared with BOH members. *(Board Member Condon)*

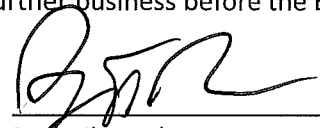
#### NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled at 12:30 p.m. on September 26, 2019.

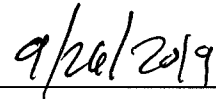
#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
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Councilmember Breean Beggs, Chair

Date:

  
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9/26/2019

  
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Ann Pitsnogle, Recording Secretary