

**KITTITAS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH (BOH)**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**March 16, 2023**  
**Commissioners' Auditorium**  
**10:00am**

**Present**

**Board of Health (BOH):** Brett Wachsmith, Cory Wright, Dede Utley, James Donaldson

**Absent:** Laura Osiadacz, John Asriel M.D

**Public Health:** Maggie Amoth, Marie Marchand, Katie Odiaga, Chelsey Loeffers, Jesse Cox, Cambron Walker, Audi Martinez, Erin Moore, Dr. Mark Larson, Kate Johnson, Whitney Wheelock

**Others:**

Libbey, Medical Student

*Meeting called to order at 10:02am*

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the February 16, 2023, Board of Health meeting minutes as presented.

**Motion 01-01: Motion to approve the February 16, 2023 Board of Health meeting minutes as presented. Brett Wachsmith moved to approve the February 16, 2023 Board of Health meeting minutes as presented. Dede Utley second. All approved. Motion 01-01 carried to approve the February 16, 2023 Board of Health meeting minutes as presented.**

Public Comment Open at 10:03 am

Public Comment Closed at 10:03 am

**Department Updates**

**Administrative Officer/Director Update**

Ms. Loeffers gave an update on the following:

- Staffing update- all positions have been filled, Candi is celebrating 15 years with the department, Kate is graduation from the DOH's infection prevention champions program and Director Loeffers is done with her MPH course work.
- KCPHD will be overseeing 1/10<sup>th</sup> and Opioid settlement money.
- CHA/CHIP work
- New Customer Survey
- Lucy Garcia, back up PIO!
- In-house therapist starting April 17<sup>th</sup>
- Marie working on internal mental health initiatives with almost all department staff participating
- BOHAC update- BOHAC met March 13<sup>th</sup>, they decided that they will continue to meet as an ad hoc basis and do Public Health Champion

Discussion on whether therapist will be available to other county staff. Ms. Loeffers noted that she is on a 6-month contract, and KCPHD staff will do a trial run on how that works, with the possibility of opening it up to other county staff in the future.

**Health Officer Update**

Dr. Mark Larson presented on the following:

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- Pandemic Preparedness
- COVID-19 pandemic update
- Wastewater Surveillance

Discussion on whether people are dying with COVID or because of COVID, ideal vaccination rates (any vaccine) and whether Kittitas County can do their own after action at a local level (Per Commissioner Wright).

Amendment to the Bylaws of Kittitas County Board of Health

Ms. Loeffers presented a draft amendment of the Bylaws and asked for feedback.

1/10<sup>th</sup> of 1% Prioritization Discussion

Marie Marchand presented on the priorities of the 1/10<sup>th</sup> of 1% and asked for BOH feedback.

- 1/10<sup>th</sup> of 1% Board meeting April 3<sup>rd</sup>

Board of Health Member Updates

No updates this month.

Meeting Concluded at 11:45 am



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Cory Wright, Commissioner



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Chelsey Loeffers, Director  
Kittitas County Public Health



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Candi Blackford, Clerk of the Board of Health