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**KITTITAS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH (BOH)  
Meeting Minutes**

**January 18, 2018  
Commissioners' Auditorium  
10:00 a.m.**

**Present**

Board of Health (BOH): Obie O'Brien Rich Elliott, Laura Osiadacz, John Asriel M.D.

Absent: Paul Jewell

Board of Health Advisory Committee (BOHAC): Kate Doughty

Public Health: Candi Blackford, Robin Read, Tristen Lamb, Kasey Knutson, Alexis Everett

Others: Anne Riley, Jessica Rowe

*Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m.*

**Introductions**

Introductions were completed. Robin Read introduced new health department staff Lianne Bradshaw, Community Health Specialist, and Tristen Lamb, Environmental Health Supervisor. And Ms. Read introduced CWU Intern, Alesix Everett and Kate Doughty as a new member of BOHAC. The Board of Health members introduced themselves to new staff.

**Minutes**

Laura Osiadacz asked for a motion to approve the December 21, 2017 meeting minutes as presented.

**Motion 01-01: Motion to approve the December Board of Health meeting minutes as presented. Rich Elliott moved to approve the December 21, 2018 Board of Health meeting minutes as presented. Obie O'Brien second. All approved. Motion 01-01 carried to approve the December 21, 2017 meeting minutes as presented.**

*Request to move up Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery, Community Prevention and Wellness Initiative Funding up to the top of business topics.*

**Public Comment**

None

### **BOHAC update**

Kate Doughty, new BOHAC member, gave a brief update on the last meeting:

- Presentation on state and local influenza activity
- Public Health priorities for 2018
- Update on providers accepting new patients
- Public Health Champion Award review of documents that went out to the public on January 17, 2018

### **Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery, Community Prevention, and Wellness Initiative Funding**

Robin Read stepped to the microphone and reviewed the background of the Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery, Community Prevention and Wellness Initiative Funding. Kittitas County Community Network & Coalition (KCCNC) is looking for someone to take it on in the community, and if no one takes it on, it may dissolve. Ms. Read and Kasey Knutson met with the current coalition members to discuss what it would look like if Public Health took over this program. Funding for this program is \$110,000 a year and Ms. Read discussed how the funds are dispersed to different groups in the community. Ms. Read noted that there was the risk of losing some of the funds this next year, and if public health were to take over, there would be a need for an additional staff member in the health department to cover the work for this program. The current contract ends in June and public health is looking for direction from the board. Obie O'Brien had questions about some of the goals for the program and how they were created. Jessica Rowe, KCCNC stepped to the microphone and explained the process of the strategic plan and will email to the board for further review. The group discussed location for program, funds and staff needed to complete this work. Ms. Read will send out follow up information requested by board. Ms. Read will meet with Commissioner Osiadacz to discuss this further and work with the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) to look at different funding possibilities for the future before making any decisions.

### **Department updates**

#### **Administrator update**

Robin Read reported the following quick updates due to time:

- Chelsey Loeffers will start February 5, 2018 as the new Health Promotion Specialist
- The health department has received \$4200.00 in tobacco prevention funds to spend by June.

Ms. Read asked if there were any other questions about her handout. There were no other questions from board members.

#### **Health Officer Update**

Dr. Mark Larson reported that, from an infectious disease perspective, there is an increase in influenza with two deaths in Kittitas County (influenza A and influenza B). There have been 29 deaths in Washington State so far. There has been some discussion about the possibility of a shortage of Tamiflu, due to it being made in Puerto Rico. There have been a couple of chicken pox cases in Ellensburg. The department has vaccinated a couple kids that were exposed and not up to date. Dr. Larson also discussed the free TDaP vaccine the health department received from the state. The health department provided it to the hospital to vaccinate new dads, which is now gone and the department is looking for new sources of free vaccine.

#### **Financial update**

Robin Read gave a brief financial update:

Revenues: \$197,000 (over budget)

Expenditures: \$73,000 (under budget)

Ms. Read is hoping to have a year-end update next month.

**Business**

**Previous year in review**

Kasey Knutson reviewed the 2017 year in review handout that sums up all of the action items throughout the year by the Board of Health. The review shows all of those present and those absent and the votes for or against per each motion presented at Board of Health.

**BOH annual orientation**

Robin Read asked a series of questions to the Board of Health members for their annual orientation this year. The board members had to answer the questions to see how much they knew about their job as a board member. Obie O'Brien had the most correct answers.

**Flu season update**

Liz Whitaker presented the 2018 influenza update. Ms. Whitaker presented information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website that gave updates regarding the current flu situation in the state and nationwide. Ms. Whitaker reviewed local flu numbers and information about flu statistics and flu vaccine.

**Follow-up up questions on firearm data and Healthy Youth Survey**

Amy Fuller presented information to BOH as a follow up to last month's meeting. Ms. Fuller presented gun death rates in small rural counties to nationwide rates as well as answered follow up questions about the Healthy Youth Survey.

Laura Osiadacz asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**01-02: Motion to adjourn the Board of Health Meeting. Rich Elliott moved to approve the motion to adjourn the meeting. John Asriel M.D. second. All approved. Motion 01-02 carried to approve the motion to adjourn the meeting.**

Meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.



Laura Osiadacz, Chair of the Board of Health



Robin Read, Administrator,  
Kittitas County Public Health



Candi Blackford, Clerk of the Board of Health