



To Protect and Promote the Health and the Environment of the People of Kittitas County

**KITTITAS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH (BOH)
Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2018
Commissioners' Auditorium
10:00**

Present

Board of Health (BOH): Paul Jewell, Obie O'Brien

Absent: John Asriel M.D., Rich Elliott, Laura Osiadacz

Board of Health Advisory Committee (BOHAC): None

Others: None

Public Health: Katie Odiaga, Robin Read, Tristen Lamb, Mark Larson, Lianne Bradshaw, McKenzie Knowlden, Audelia Martinez

Meeting called to order at 10:01 a.m.

Introductions

Introductions were completed.

Minutes

Approval of May 17, 2018 Joint BOCC/BOH Public Hearing Meeting Minutes and May 17, 2018 BOH Meeting Minutes moved to next month's meeting due to lack of quorum.

Public Comment

None

BOHAC update

None

Department updates

Administrator update

Robin Read went over the some contracts and agreements that are in process, including a contract to bill Asuris and the metering pilot program; she also reviewed new staff and interns. Ms. Read also reported that Teens Against Pot Smoking (TAPS) will not be funded with state marijuana prevention funds, leaving funding unspent. Stakeholders will be convened to discuss how to spend these funds next year. There was discussion about the possibility of obtaining funding from private sources for TAPS. Ms. Read stated that KCPHD will be assisting the Kittitas County Health network with implementation of the

Community Health Improvement plan. She also reported that staff are working on implementing the new email records retention plan.

Health Officer Update

Mark Larson M.D. stated that there have been cases of tick borne relapsing fever in Kittitas County, which is a cousin of Lyme disease; however Lyme disease is not present in ticks in Kittitas County. Dr. Larson also gave an update about rabies in bats in Chelan, as well as PFAS (Per-and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances) contamination in water systems. The state is currently testing certain group A wells in the state. Dr. Larson mentioned that local schools have started planning for the possibility of another season of wildfires and bad air quality for the start of school. Dr. Larson also discussed opioid overdose and hospital deaths, as well as increasing suicide rates, both statewide and locally. Further discussion occurred regarding the 1/10 of 1% sales tax for mental health, and how to perhaps utilize that in the future. Dr. Larson briefly mentioned the contaminated house in Upper County, and that it was owned outright and not bank owned, however the owner had not paid property taxes in several years. There was further discussion about how to best place a lien on the property to avoid the county having to lose funds on the clean-up.

Financial update

No financial update

Business

Core services report presentation

Ms. Read presented the Core Services report she created at the request of Commissioner Jewell as part of her evaluation. There was discussion about the data of the presentation, and Commissioners Jewell and O'Brien thanked Ms. Read for her work going above and beyond on the presentation, and stated that the data will be helpful for the future.

CHA/CHIP presentation

Moved to a future meeting.

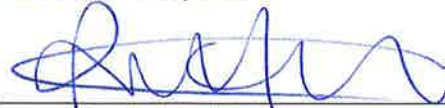
Request public hearing to amend the 2018 Fee Schedule and Policy

Moved to a future meeting due to lack of quorum. There was brief discussion on why the amendment was necessary.

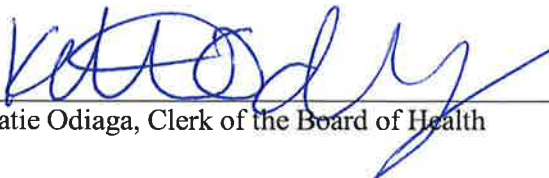
Meeting ended at 11:09 a.m.



Laura Osiadacz, Vice Chair of the Board of Health



Robin Read, Administrator,
Kittitas County Public Health



Katie Odiaga, Clerk of the Board of Health