

KITTITAS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH (BOH)

Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2021

WebEx

10:00 am

Present

Board of Health (BOH):

Cory Wright, Brett Wachsmith, Laura Osiadacz, John Asriel M.D., Dede Utlej

Public Health: Katie Odiaga, Tristen Lamb, Candi Blackford, Chelsey Loeffers, Kasey Knutson

Other

Stephanie Hartung – Kittitas County Prosecutor’s Office, Rich Elliott - KVFR, Annamelia Scarlett – KVH, Kathryn Brunner – KVH, Jeanne Kilgore – Kittitas County Human Resources

Meeting called to order at 10:00 am

Introductions

Introductions were completed.

Public Comment Opened at 10:01am

Public Comment Closed at 10:02am

Minutes

Motion to approve the January 21, 2021 Board of Health meeting minutes

Motion 02-01: Motion to approve the January 21, 2021 Board of Health meeting minutes. Laura Osiadacz moved to approve the January 21, 2021 Board of Health meeting minutes. Dede Utlej second. All approved. Motion 02-01 carried to approve the January 21, 2021 Board of Health meeting minutes.

Business

IMT Briefing

Tristen Lamb began by displaying a copy of the organization chart for the current incident management team structure. The following members of the IMT were present and gave brief explanations of their roles as a member of the IMT:

- Anna Scarlett – Deputy Vaccine Lead, backup safety officer
- Rich Elliott – Vaccine Lead
- Stephanie Hartung – Legal
- Candi Blackford – Case and contact investigation (CICT) lead, schools CICT lead, clinical services lead
- Chelsey Loeffers – Education and quarantine/isolation lead
- Kathryn Brunner – Vaccine Clinic group lead

There were questions about volunteers and staffing for the vaccine clinics in the coming months.

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Legislative Update

Tristen Lamb gave a brief update regarding House Bill 1152, which has been removed from consideration at this time in its current form, but a substitute bill has been submitted, and House Bill 1110.

Department updates

Health Officer Update

Dr. Mark Larson updated the board on the following topics:

- New masking guidance from the CDC
- New quarantine guidance for those immunized against COVID-19
- COVID-19 strain variants
- Testing numbers in Kittitas County
- Local schools (K-12 and university)
- Washington State re-opening metrics

There were questions from the board regarding the timelines of COVID-19 reinfection and vaccine efficacy and testing recommendations for vaccinated vs. non-vaccinated. Dr. Larson also informed the board of the discussion at the state level about school re-opening with social distancing guidelines, and partnerships to use federal vaccine doses for agricultural workers.

BOCC Action Items

Approval of Emergency Hire

Tristen Lamb explained the role and funding for the hire of a Vaccine Coordinator. The board gave approval for going forward with this hire.

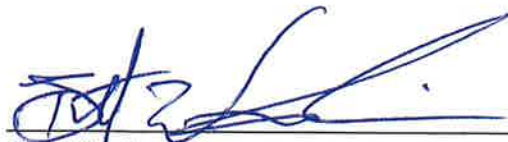
Request to approve contract between NACCHO and Kittitas County Public Health

Tristen Lamb and Kasey Knutson briefly reviewed and explained what the NACCHO contract would entail and asked for approval.

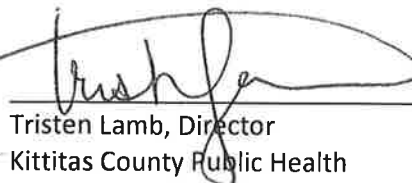
Motion to approve the contract between NACCHO and Kittitas County Public Health

Motion 02-02: Motion to approve the contract between NACCHO and Kittitas County Public Health. Laura Osiadacz moved to approve the contract between NACCHO and Kittitas County Public Health. Brett Wachsmith second. All approved. Motion 02-02 carried to approve the contract between NACCHO and Kittitas County Public Health.

Meeting adjourned at 11:28 am



Brett Wachsmith, Chair of the Board of Health



Tristen Lamb, Director
Kittitas County Public Health



Katie Odiaga, Clerk of the Board of Health