



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

Public Health Study Session
July 26, 2023
10:00 a.m.
Commissioner's Conference Room
Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Laura Osiadacz, Cory Wright, Chelsey Loeffers, Candi Blackford, Jesse Cox, Arden Thomas

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 am

Citizen Comment (1 minute time limit)

There were no members of the public present.

Department Business

Review of Board of Health Recruitment Materials and Process

Chelsey Loeffers reviewed the Board of Health member recruitment materials. Ms. Loeffers discussed getting BOHAC together for interview and board recommendation. If for some reason BOHAC is unable to get together the board recommended putting an agenda item on the BOH agenda for an extension.

Review and approve Communications Coordinator Position

Chelsey Loeffers presented the new Communications Coordinator Position staff report and job description to the board. Ms. Loeffers noted that the position will be funded 100% by new FPHS funding. The board approved the position by majority vote, but noted that if for some reason the funding goes away that there will need to be discussions about the future of this position.

Board of Health Feedback Discussion

Chelsey Loeffers discussed options for the August BOH and the board discussed agenda items. It was decided that the health department will email out department budget documents to the board for review and discuss at September BOH. This will allow for time for the CHIP update and bylaws discussion that have been put off for the last couple of months.

Other

Water System Update

Jesse Cox and Arden Thomas informed the Board of some water systems that the state is capping connections to water due to water availability discussions with the Yakima Tribe.

Ski Tur was originally approved for 78 connections and now capped at 39.

Starwater was originally approved for 44 connections and now capped at 6.



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The group discussed possible water availability solutions and the board requested an update at a future study session meeting.

Entrust Update

Chelsey Loeffers informed the board that Entrust (currently in contract with the county for DD services) is in a provisional status. Entrust is requesting a meeting with the department. The board recommended having the meeting, but to have our attorney present for any legal questions that come up.

Consultant Update

Department is still planning to have consultant come in to do an organizational assessment. Contract is being signed and hoping to move forward with this in August.

Concluded at 10:34 am



Cory Wright, BOCC Chair


Candi Blackford, Clerk

APPROVED

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