



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

KITTITAS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH (BOH)
Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2020
WEBEx Meeting
10:00 am

Present

Board of Health (BOH):

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

Public Health: Katie Odiaga, Candi Blackford, Tristen Lamb, Chelsey Loeffers, Mark Larson M.D., Lianne Bradshaw, Jesse Cox, Tim Roth, Tina Rowan, Kim Shilley, Erin Moore

Meeting called to order at 10:00 am

Business

COVID-19 Update

Tristen Lamb began by acknowledging the difficulty of the current situation, and for thanking everyone for the efforts they are making. Ms. Lamb stated that conversations about rolling back restrictions were happening, and stressed the importance of not allowing them to happen too quickly.

Dr. Mark Larson gave a powerpoint presentation about COVID-19, which contained some of the following key points:

- Case numbers in counties neighboring Kittitas County
- Case numbers in Washington State
- Discussion about low Kittitas County Numbers
- Agriculture
- COVID case counts and deaths trending downward
- Testing Data
- Road map to re-opening
 - Social distancing must continue

It was noted that the Public Health infrastructure needs to be built up to prep and be ready for the next time we are in this scenario.

There were no questions for Dr. Larson about his presentation.

Dr. John Asriel wanted to mention that the KVH COVID-19 Clinic started off with seeing a large amount of patients daily, but those numbers have been receding over time, for both COVID and flu-like illness.

There was group discussion about scientific fact, and the impact economically to the majority of Kittitas County residents, as well as the mental health impacts of closures. It was noted that a state-wide unified effort would be most beneficial.

Other

Meeting adjourned at 10:58 am



Brett Wachsmith, Chair of the Board of Health



Tristen Lamb, Director
Kittitas County Public Health



Katie Odiaga, Clerk of the Board of Health