



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

**KITTITAS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
Meeting Minutes
November 24, 2020
WebEx Meeting
1:00 pm**

Present

Board of Health (BOH):

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

Public Health: Katie Odiaga, Tristen Lamb, Mark Larson M.D., Jesse Cox, Chelsey Loeffers

Other: Judy Pless, Kittitas County Auditor's Office

Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm

Introductions

Introductions were completed.

Minutes

Motion to approve the October 15, 2020 Board of Health meeting minutes

Motion 11-01: Motion to approve the October 15, 2020, Board of Health meeting minutes. Cory Wright moved to approve the October 15, 2020 Board of Health meeting minutes. Dede Utley second. All approved. Motion 11-01 carried to approve the September 17, 2020 Board of Health meeting minutes.

Business

Request to set joint BOCC/BOH public hearing to consider the 2021 Public Health Fee Schedule for December 17, 2020 BOH meeting

Tristen Lamb presented her request to hold a public hearing at the December Board of Health Meeting. Ms. Lamb briefly reviewed fee policy changes. The board supported the request as presented. There were questions from the board regarding stakeholder notification.

2021 Public Health Budget Updates

Ms. Lamb gave the board an update regarding the 2021 Public Health Budget. Chelsey Loeffers reviewed the Grant Gantt and briefly discussed health promotion grant funding. There were questions from the board regarding COVID budgeting for 2021, FEMA funding, and the admissions tax.

Other

Notice of Award

Kittitas County Public Health was awarded a grant from National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) for funds for the Addressing Needs of People with Disabilities in COVID-19 Local

Preparedness Planning, Mitigation and Recovery Efforts grant program. KCPHD was one of ten health departments to receive this grant funding from a national award. Kasey Knutson will be working closing with Central Washington Disability Resources for these pass-through funds.

Staff Updates

Tristen Lamb talked about the five contact tracers that have been working on case and contact investigations. Ms. Lamb also introduced the new health promotion staff member, Joe Rainwater-Cummings.

Project Updates


Ms. Lamb briefly discussed the two COVID-19 media contacts that are currently up and running in Kittitas County. There were questions from the board regarding the Spread Kindness not COVID campaign, and how it can be catered to Kittitas County specifically. There was discussion regarding working with business, and that the campaign is ever evolving based on the county's needs.


COVID-19/Health Officer Update

Dr. Mark Larson reviewed some COVID-19 data, including the cases per 100k. Dr. Larson also discussed local hospital capacity, the increasing case numbers within the last seven days, and the number of cases within the CWU college population vs. non-student residents. Dr. Larson also did a quick overview of exposure settings for Kittitas County positive COVID cases.

There were questions from the board regarding ventilator and staff numbers, data development for cases vs. hospitalizations vs. ventilations, anticipated need for hospital beds in the beginning of the year vs. now, and about transmission of disease from accepting patients from other areas that are overrun.

Board of Health Meeting adjourned at 11:32am


Brett Wachsmith, Chair of the Board of Health


Tristen Lamb, Director
Kittitas County Public Health


Katie Odiaga, Clerk of the Board of Health