



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

KITTITAS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH (BOH)

Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2021

WebEx

10:00 am

Present

Board of Health (BOH):

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

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

Meeting called to order at 10:00 am

Introductions

Introductions were completed.

Minutes

Dede Utleby asked for an amendment to the February 18, 2021 Board of Health minutes in regarding the legislative update.

Motion to approve the February 18, 2021 Board of Health meeting minutes as amended.

Motion 03-01: Motion to approve the February 18, 2021 Board of Health meeting minutes as amended. Cory Wright moved to approve the February 18, 2021 Board of Health meeting minutes as amended. Brett Wachsmith second. All approved. Motion 03-01 carried to approve the February 18, 2021 Board of Health meeting minutes as amended.

Public Comment Opened at 10:04 am

Public Comment Closed at 10:05 am

BOHAC Update

Tristen Lamb gave a brief update regarding the Board of Health Advisory Committee's most recent meeting, which included a legislative update, public health champion award for 2020 and 2021.

Meetings are currently occurring quarterly or as needed.

Department updates

Director's Report

Tristen Lamb gave updates regarding the following:

- Tine Rowan to retire at the end of August
- Fiscal Analyst position posted already due to historical difficulty filling that position
- Tristen Lamb is no longer functioning as Deputy IC, that role is currently filled by Chelsey Loeffers, and will be rotated among the other members of KCPHD Management team.
- Local funding allocations for funding for Local Health Jurisdictions are currently being finalized, primarily for COVID-19 vaccine outreach and promotion.

There was discussion regarding the IMT command structure changes, and the rotations of the Deputy IC position.

Health Officer Update

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

- Current Incident rate for COVID-19 Infection
- Vaccination rates in Kittitas County
- All counties in Washington going to Phase 3 on March 22
- COVID-19 and schools
- COVID-19 variant rates in Washington State
- COVID-19 infection surges and waves

There were questions from the board regarding general population resistance to receiving the vaccine in lower risk groups, vaccine supply and location sites, COVID-19 local vs. regional metrics, bus and camp capacity for 5th grade camp, what COVID-19 infection looks like after getting the vaccine, and when Kittitas County will receive Johnson and Johnson vaccine.

Business

Legislative Update

Tristen Lamb gave an update regarding the following house bills:

- HB 1152 – Substitute bill has been brought forward an approved, HB 5641. WSALPHO worked closely with the bill sponsor on a striker that is an LHJ preferred alternative to what was originally proposed.
- SSB 5149 – Foundational Public Health Services funding, beginning in fiscal year 2023.
- ESSHB 1258 – Pilot program to allow for micro enterprise home kitchen operations.

Letter to Kittitas County Public Hospital District #1

Tristen Lamb asked to board to sign a letter to Kittitas County Public Hospital District #1 in recognition of the hard work of KVH leadership and employees during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Motion to approve Board of Health signatures on letter to Kittitas County Public Hospital District #1

Motion 03-02: Motion to approve Board of Health signatures on letter to Kittitas County Public Hospital District #1. Laura Osiadacz moved to approve Board of Health signatures on letter to Kittitas County Public Hospital District #1. Brett Wachsmith second. All approved. Motion 03-02 carried to approve Board of Health signatures on letter to Kittitas County Public Hospital District #1.

Meeting adjourned at 11:13 am



Brett Wachsmith, Chair of the Board of Health



Tristen Lamb, Director
Kittitas County Public Health



Katie Odiaga, Clerk of the Board of Health