



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

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**KITTITAS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH (BOH)  
Meeting Minutes  
May 19, 2022  
Commissioners' Auditorium and WebEx  
10:00am**

**Present**

**Board of Health (BOH):** Cory Wright, Dede Uteley, Brett Wachsmith, Laura Osiadacz & John Asriel M.D

**Absent:** James Donaldson

**Public Health:** Audelia Martinez, Whiteny Wheelock, MacKenzie Carter, Cambron Walker, Chelsey Loeffers, Jesse Cox, Candi Blackford, Tristen Lamb, Mark Larson M.D.

**Other:**

*Meeting called to order at 10:00am*

**Introductions**

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the April 21, 2022 Board of Health meeting minutes as presented.

**Motion 05-01: Motion to approve the April 21, 2022 Board of Health meeting minutes as presented. Cory Wright moved to approve the April 21, 2022 Board of Health meeting minutes as presented. Brett Wachsmith second. All approved. Motion 05-01 carried to approve the April 21, 2022 Board of Health meeting minutes as presented.**

Public Comment Opened at 10:01am

Public Comment Closed at 10:01am

**Department updates**

**Health Officer Update**

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

- COVID-19 deaths in the United States
- COVID-19 R-effective number
- Mental health issues and data
- Local mental health recourse

Discussion on mental health issues in Kittitas County and what is effective in combating mental health issues in our community, as well as the limited face to face interactions with mental health professionals that are available in our community.

Candi Blackford stepped up to the podium and gave an over of 7 Seconds local non-profit organization that works on youth mental health.

**Draft Bylaws Presentation and Appointment of Administrative Officer Discussion**

Tristen Lamb, Public Health Director, gave a review on the draft bylaws and appointment of Administrative Officer in preparation for the June 2022 Board of Health meeting.

Discussion and clarifying questions regarding appointments and terms of Officers.

**Request to set joint Board of County Commissioners/Board of Health public hearing to consider revision to Kittitas County Code Chapter 2.10 Board of Health**

Ms. Lamb presented on the necessity of updating Kittitas County Code Chapter 2.10 to reflect new changes associated with the code, WACs and bylaws.

Question and discussion on what "term" means, as the language surrounding it does not fully make sense.

Motion to set a joint Board of County Commissioners/Board of Health public hearing to consider revision to Kittitas County Code Chapter 2.10 Board of Health.

**Motion 05-02: Motion to set a joint Board of County Commissioners/Board of Health public hearing to consider revision to Kittitas County Code Chapter 2.10 Board of Health. Brett Wachsmith moved to set a joint Board of County Commissioners/Board of Health public hearing to consider revision to Kittitas County Code Chapter 2.10 Board of Health. Dede Utley second. All approved. Motion 05-02 carried to set a joint Board of County Commissioners/Board of Health public hearing to consider revision to Kittitas County Code Chapter 2.10 Board of Health.**

**Other Business**

Both items below were moved to the June 2022 Board of Health meeting.

- Youth Marijuana, Tobacco and Vaping Presentation
- Environmental Health Division Presentation

**Board of Health Member Updates**

No BOH member updates.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10am



Laura Osiadacz, Chair of the Board of Health



Chelsey Loeffers, Director  
Kittitas County Public Health



Audelia Y. Martinez, Clerk of the Board of Health