

**KITTITAS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH (BOH)
Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2023
Commissioners' Auditorium
10:00am**

Present

Board of Health (BOH): Brett Wachsmith, Cory Wright, Dede Utley, James Donaldson

Absent: Laura Osiadacz, John Asriel M.D

Public Health: Maggie Amoth, Marie Marchand, Katie Odiaga, Chelsey Loeffers, Jesse Cox, Cambron Walker, Audi Martinez, Erin Moore, Dr. Mark Larson, Kate Johnson, Whitney Wheelock

Others:

Libbey, Medical Student

Meeting called to order at 10:02am

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the February 16, 2023, Board of Health meeting minutes as presented.

Motion 01-01: Motion to approve the February 16, 2023 Board of Health meeting minutes as presented. Brett Wachsmith moved to approve the February 16, 2023 Board of Health meeting minutes as presented. Dede Utley second. All approved. Motion 01-01 carried to approve the February 16, 2023 Board of Health meeting minutes as presented.

Public Comment Open at 10:03 am

Public Comment Closed at 10:03 am

Department Updates

Administrative Officer/Director Update

Ms. Loeffers gave an update on the following:

- Staffing update- all positions have been filled, Candi is celebrating 15 years with the department, Kate is graduation from the DOH's infection prevention champions program and Director Loeffers is done with her MPH course work.
- KCPHD will be overseeing 1/10th and Opioid settlement money.
- CHA/CHIP work
- New Customer Survey
- Lucy Garcia, back up PIO!
- In-house therapist starting April 17th
- Marie working on internal mental health initiatives with almost all department staff participating
- BOHAC update- BOHAC met March 13th, they decided that they will continue to meet as an ad hoc basis and do Public Health Champion

Discussion on whether therapist will be available to other county staff. Ms. Loeffers noted that she is on a 6-month contract, and KCPHD staff will do a trial run on how that works, with the possibility of opening it up to other county staff in the future.

Health Officer Update

Dr. Mark Larson presented on the following:

- Pandemic Preparedness
- COVID-19 pandemic update
- Wastewater Surveillance

Discussion on whether people are dying with COVID or because of COVID, ideal vaccination rates (any vaccine) and whether Kittitas County can do their own after action at a local level (Per Commissioner Wright).

Amendment to the Bylaws of Kittitas County Board of Health

Ms. Loeffers presented a draft amendment of the Bylaws and asked for feedback.

1/10th of 1% Prioritization Discussion

Marie Marchand presented on the priorities of the 1/10th of 1% and asked for BOH feedback.

- 1/10th of 1% Board meeting April 3rd

Board of Health Member Updates

No updates this month.

Meeting Concluded at 11:45 am



Cory Wright, Commissioner



Chelsey Loeffers, Director
Kittitas County Public Health



Candi Blackford, Clerk of the Board of Health