

**Minutes
Board of Health
Chelan-Douglas Health District
February 26, 2018**

John Sterk, East Wenatchee City Council and Board of Health Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Keith Huffaker, Wenatchee City Council, was unable to attend. Ruth Esparza, his alternate from the Wenatchee City Council, attended the meeting in his place.

Board Members Present:

Keith Goehner, Chelan County Commissioner
Doug England, Chelan County Commissioner
Steve Jenkins, Douglas County Commissioner
Dan Sutton, Douglas County Commissioner
Jill Thompson, Waterville Town Council
John Sterk, East Wenatchee City Council
John Alt, Entiat City Council
Ruth Esparza, Wenatchee City Council

Administrative Staff Present:

Barry Kling, Administrator and Environmental Health Director
Kandis Boersema, Associate Administrator, Fiscal and Support Services
Carol McCormick, Associate Administrator, Personal Health Services
Francis J.V. Collins, M.D., Health Officer
Veronica Farias, Health Communications Coordinator
Connie Dorner, Administrative Associate, Board of Health Secretary

Public Present:

Sharon Waters, Leavenworth City Council

Consent Agenda

Steve Jenkins, Douglas County Commissioner, made a motion to approve the consent agenda that includes the January 22, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes, January Payroll in the amount of \$201,833.88, January Benefits in the amount of \$72,171.25, approval of payment of 2018 Vouchers No. 2018-0020 to 2018-0108 in the amount of \$64,532.85, and the Interagency Agreement with Grant County Health District – Amendment #3 (1422 grant).

Program Update

Barry Kling, Administrator, reported on the changes to the State Emergency Preparedness Program, which will reduce funding within Region 7 (Chelan, Douglas, Grant, Kittitas and Okanogan Counties) for Health Care Coalition work. The Federal office providing such funds, DHHS's Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, is requiring greater emphasis on urban rather than rural areas, and the state must respond by centralizing most of its Health Care Coalition (HCC) resources in larger population centers. Instead of 9 Emergency Preparedness regions, each with its own Health Care Coalition and related funding, there will be a Western Washington and Eastern Washington ASPR staff supported by funds previously allocated to the regions. We believe this is unfortunate, because the relationships fostered by our Health Care Coalition have been instrumental in responses to actual emergencies (such as wildfires) in the region in recent years. But we expect to continue to receive some staff support from the Eastern Washington group in Spokane, so that our Health Care Coalition can at least continue to meet quarterly (instead of monthly). We also believe the Eastern Washington staff in Spokane will be able to support at least one exercise a year held within our region. But as a region we will lose about \$120,000 of funding annually, which has previously been allocated by DOH to CDHD as the regional lead LHJ (about \$70K) and (at CDHD's direction) to the North Central Emergency Care Council (about \$50K). This change will occur beginning July 1, 2018. It will not affect the funding CDHD receives from CDC for our other emergency preparedness work, including that of our Regional Epidemiologist and her assistant.

Board Discussion

Dan Sutton, Douglas County Commissioner, reported that he had an L&I inspection at his own food establishment. He was fined for not providing protective goggles for his employees to wear when they add a capful of bleach to a 5-gallon bucket of water to make a sanitizing solution. He felt that the Health District food program should share reminders with food establishments in Chelan and Douglas Counties about L&I rules when we do routine inspection. The owners and staff from the various food establishments should feel like the Health District staff come by to do inspections to encourage them and help them stay in compliance with the rules enforced by the Health District and L&I. He was concerned that the

significant L&I fines could put smaller food establishments out of business and wants the Health District to continue to function as a constructive partner with establishments in meeting regulatory requirements. The administrator said he would work with CDHD's food program on this, and Commissioner Sutton volunteered to forward to the administrator the WACs and other background information he found when researching the issue.

Public Comment

Sharon Waters, Leavenworth City Council, said she suggests the Health District do their food establishment inspections before or early in the tourist season rather than during high tourist season.

New Business

None

Unfinished Business

None

Reports

Kandis Boersema, Associate Administrator, Fiscal and Support Services, reported that through January 2018, 9% of the year completed, the revenue was 11.4% of budget and expenses were 9.7% of budget.

Carol McCormick, Associate Administrator, Personal Health Services:

Stephanie Snitily, Communicable Disease Program Coordinator, has been following one TB patient and will now hand that patient over to Gay Jackson-Allbee, a new public health nurse working with TB clients and CSHCN (Children with Special Health Care Needs).

RSV: We received a report of three residents in a local adult care center with Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV).

Influenza: There have been three local flu deaths this year; one in January and two in February.

Day Care Centers: Cari Hammond is also working to provide nursing oversight and consultation to federally funded daycare centers.

Webinar: Carol was one of four presenters of a DOH sponsored webinar titled "Building the Foundations for Life Long Health. The webinar promotes the idea of a Life Course perspective for medical researchers and providers.

Veronica Farias, Health Communications Coordinator reported that there are two outreach events coming up. The Community Resource Fair, which focuses on embracing children and families. The second is focusing on National Nutrition for the month of March.

Barry Kling, Administrator, reported that CDHD's On-site/Land Use Program Manager, resigned recently to start his own business. The Health District is actively recruiting for a replacement.

The Board was curious how the post closure of the Pine Canyon landfill was progressing. The Administrator said he will talk with Dave Prosch, Solid Waste Program Manager, and report back to the Board next month.

Dan Sutton, Douglas County Commissioner, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:12 p.m. Jill Thompson, Waterville Town Council, seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

John Sterk, Chair