

The regular meeting of the Spokane Regional Health District Board of Health held on **Thursday, April 24, 2025** was called to order by Commissioner Amber Waldref, Chair, at 12:32 p.m. in room 140 of the Public Health Center, 1101 West College Avenue, Spokane, Washington.

PRESENT

Commissioner Amber Waldref, Chair
Council Member Michael Cathcart, Vice Chair
Commissioner Josh Kerns
Commissioner Mary Kuney
Board Member Monica Blykowski-May, MD, MBA
Board Member Patricia Kienholz

ABSENT

Board Member Charlie Duranona

CITIZEN INPUT

No citizen input was received.

BOARD REPORTS

- The Executive Committee of the Board met and set the agenda for the April meeting.
- The Board of Health (BOH) Budget & Finance Committee met last week to discuss vouchers, financials and a request that will be considered by the board.
- The BOH Policy & Education Committee did not meet.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consists of items considered routine, which are approved as a group. Any member of the board may request to remove an item from the Consent Agenda to be considered separately.

Meeting Minutes: March 27, 2025
2025 Vouchers paid: March 1-31, 2025

Payroll Warrants: #266713 - #266948	EFT B&O FEB2025 EFT TSRENT 0325	\$ 2,368,377.83
Payroll Warrants: #1168782 - #1168787	#1169591 - #1169601	
Off-Cycle Payroll: #DD88254 - #DD88254		\$132.46
Advice Numbers: DD88255 – DD88524		1,170,543.50
Advice Numbers: DD88525 – DD88798		\$1,138,765.66
	TOTAL	\$4,677,819.45

Motion: To approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion/Second: Cathcart/Kienholz

Approved: Unanimously

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT – Alicia M. Thompson, DrPH, LMSW, Administrative Officer

- Termaine Turntine, Jennifer Hansen and Christian Montiel were recognized for their work at the district.
- The Treatment Services program has a surplus of \$313,556 for the month of April. The program has been averaging 968 unique individuals served a month. The program is proposing to expand hours and hire a policy specialist position that will assist with the ability to expand hours.
- The Treatment Services electronic health record system vendor, SAMMS, was acquired by NetSmart. The contract will need to be reapproved by the board at the next meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Kim Kramarz, Controller

- The 2024 budget totaled \$54,778,818 and ended at 97% of expenses and 101% of revenue, which created a surplus of \$2.185 million. The building reserve has been increased to \$1 million.
- The 2025 budget currently has a surplus of \$580,000 due to the receipt of Foundational Public Health Services funding. Reserves are at 26%.

HEALTH OFFICER REPORT – Francisco R. Velázquez, MD, SM, FCAP, Health Officer

- There are 880 cases of pertussis in the state of Washington. Spokane County has the most disease with 199 cases.
- Shigella disease has been contained within Spokane County.
- This flu season is considered severe in the nation. The CDC estimates there have been 46 – 81 million cases with 26,000-130,000 flu deaths.
- There have been 800 confirmed measles cases in the nation with 11% hospitalizations and two confirmed deaths. Twenty-five states have reported disease activity including Washington State.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Lola Phillips, Deputy Administrative Officer

- The board received an update on Washington State legislative activity.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board adjourned at 1:45 p.m. for 30 minutes for an executive session pursuant to RCW §42.30.110(1)(i). At 2:15 p.m., the BOH Chair requested an extension of the executive session for an additional 15 minutes. At 2:33 p.m., the BOH Chair requested an extension of the executive session for an additional 10 minutes.

Board Member Blykowski-May left the meeting at 2:38 p.m.

MEETING RECONVENED

The meeting was reconvened at 2:43 p.m. No action was taken.

ACTION ITEMS

BOARD MEMBER CHECK IN

- Commissioner Kuney thanked District staff for hosting the joint Spokane City Council and Spokane County Commissioners' meeting last week.
- Board members were asked to share information regarding public health funding with Commissioner Waldref who will be flying to Washington D.C. next week.

NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. on May 29, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45pm

APPROVED:

Commissioner Amber Waldref, Chair

Date:_____

Ann Pitsnogle, Recording Secretary