

The regular meeting of the Spokane Regional Health District Board of Health held on Thursday, July 26, 2012 was called to order by Councilmember Amber Waldref, Chair, at 12:30 p.m. in room 140 of the Public Health Center, 1101 West College Avenue, Spokane, Washington.

PRESENT

Councilmember Ben Stuckart
Councilmember Amber Waldref, Chair
Councilmember Chuck Hafner
Mayor Tom Towey
Mayor Tom Trulove
Board Member Michael Fisk, DC (arrived 12:34pm)
Board Member Susan Norwood, EdD, RN

ABSENT

Commissioner Al French
Commissioner Todd Mielke, Vice Chair
Commissioner Mark Richard
Councilmember Jon Snyder
Board Member Bob Lutz, MD, MPH

CITIZEN INPUT

- Rose Marie Waldref, Green Acres, WA spoke on fluoridation, allergies to fluoride, and its effects on the environment.
- Carolyn Pickett, Spokane County, WA spoke on pertussis vaccines, ergot poisoning and histamine reactions due to vaccines.

CHAIR REPORT – Councilmember Waldref

Councilmember Stuckart reported on the Budget and Finance Committee meeting stating the benefit of the committee's research into the SRHD budget and would welcome support of the committee's recommendation.

BNSF Railway is unavailable for a presentation to the BOH. They provided a statement about their uncertainty of the number of trains that will go through Spokane and their belief that the coal trains will not create any unusual health effects.

An email will be sent to BOH members regarding the health officer's annual review. Return your evaluation responses to Ann Pitsnogle by August 10th. The evaluations will be compiled and reported at the September meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Torney Smith

In the agenda packets is an article from the Morbidity & Mortality Weekly Report addressing the pertussis outbreak in Washington State.

Dr. Lutz was highlighted in the Spokesman Review providing volunteer work in the neighborhood parks.

The Neighborhoods Matter program is coordinating a Liberty Park cleanup event on Saturday, August 25th from 8 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. All Board members are cordially invited to attend.

At the September BOH meeting, the Health Promotion Division will speak on the Senior Falls program and there will be a presentation by a WSALPHO representative on preemption as it applies to tobacco.

Two weeks ago, the NACCHO annual meeting took place where Spokane received 2 of the 39 awards. Both the Neighborhoods Matter program and Administration's Logical Decisions for Windows received model practice awards.

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: June 28, 2012
2012 Vouchers paid: June 1-30, 2012

Voucher Numbers:	#221184 - #B&OMay12			\$ 260,350.26
Payroll Warrants:	#762188 - #762209	Advice Numbers: #DD16799 - #DD16998		641,819.60
Payroll Warrants:	#763837 - #763860	Advice Numbers: #DD16999 - #DD17196		603,404.60
		TOTAL		\$1,505,547.46

Motion: To approve the consent agenda including meeting minutes and vouchers as presented.

Motion/Second: Hafner/Trulove

Approved: Unanimously

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution #12-08 - Adopting the 2013 Health District Fee Schedule – Mike Riley (12:49 pm)

Mike Riley, Comptroller, presented the 2013 Health District fee schedule. Agency programs reviewed and submitted any changes in the fees schedule with 2 members of the BOH Budget and Finance Committee reviewing the schedule by meeting and the remaining 2 members by email. Mr. Riley requested passage of the fee schedule as presented.

Councilmember Hafner stated meeting with staff was informative and motioned for approval of the fee schedule. Councilmember Stuckart seconded the motion.

Board Member Fisk questioned how the agency was able to set the fee schedule when a budget has not been proposed. Councilmember Hafner responded the fee schedule is just a portion of the budget process and is given to indicate costs for services. Board Member Fisk asked if it is possible to change fees if needed during the year. Mr. Riley commented that fees can be amended through the year as needed. Board Member Fisk asked for a copy of the document which lists programs that use general funds and charge fees be sent to all BOH members. Mr. Riley will send the document to Board Members.

Mayor Trulove commented that some Temporary Food Event (TFE) fees discourage business participation in local events, as in the recent Cheney Jubilee. David Swink, Environmental Public Health Division Director, commented that TFE fees are not increasing this year. The Food Advisory Committee has also recommended leaving the fee at the current level and recommends researching how to revise inspection work to protect the health of the public and cover costs.

Councilmember Stuckart recommended approving the fee schedule and asking staff to give a presentation on the TFE fees with a comparison of fees used across the state.

Councilmember Hafner and Mayor Truelove agreed in passage of fee schedule with assurance TFE fees will be reviewed in the future.

Motion: To approve Resolution #12-08 Adopting the 2013 Health District Fee Schedule.

Motion/Second: Hafner/Stuckart

Approved: Unanimously

REPORTS

Spokane Transportation Hub Future Planning – Spokane Regional Transportation Commission

Ryan Stewart, a Senior Transportation Planner at SRTC and Project Manager for Phase 2 of the Inland Pacific Transportation Hub project, gave a brief history of the project and discussed the results of the 2nd phase. The purpose of the project is to raise the competitive profile of the region as a hub for national and international commerce.

The Phase 1, a transportation study, was completed in 2010 and Phase 2 was completed this year. Phase 1 results reported that 90% of trucks that leave the region with goods return empty, 89% of trains that pass through give no economic benefit to the area, and air cargo transportation is underutilized.

Phase 2 was completed to determine constructible investments needed in the transportation infrastructure and the strategies that are necessary to support those. Strategies recommended include: a legislative strategy for freight investments in the region; educating the community about benefits to them individually for investing in freight mobility infrastructure, and determining and developing a “champion” for the recommended strategies.

If the region invests in these strategies, there is a potential to directly create 24,000 jobs over a 30 year period, and total employment impacts could be over 46,000 jobs. This would be an added benefit to the community of \$3.4 billion. The work of this project will be included in the next metropolitan transportation plan called *Horizon 2040*. SRTC will work closely with other agencies that have transportation plans to assure priorities reflected in this plan are reflected in others as well.

Councilmember Stuckart recommended a meeting with the author of *Heavy Traffic Ahead* and Mr. Stewart.

Board Member Fisk requested information regarding coal dust particle emissions with the proposed coal trains. Mr. Stewart referred Board Member Fisk to the *Heavy Traffic Ahead* report released this month. The SRTC will be required to perform an air quality assessment as part of the planning process and more information will be forthcoming.

Councilmember Waldref requested information on job wages that may be created with the effort. Mr. Stewart will send the information to Councilmember Waldref.

Quality Improvement – Kyle Unland (1:43 pm)

Kyle Unland, Health Promotion Division Director and Chair of the Quality Council, reported on the quality improvement efforts at the agency. Improvement efforts include the development of the SRHD Strategic Management System which monitors and documents quality improvement efforts and strengthens the community’s understanding of the value for public health. Other efforts include division report summaries and agency quality improvement trainings. Currently, 100% of staff has been trained in quality management.

A Public Health Outcomes Measures document was distributed to Board Members. The document highlighted division annual outcome measures.

Councilmember Hafner requested information on the Logical Decisions for Windows (LDW) budgeting program and public health outcome measures work.

BOARD MEMBER CHECK IN

Whooping Cough – Councilmember Waldref

Councilmember Waldref received an email about a child in her children’s daycare center that had contracted whooping cough. Parents and staff of the daycare utilized the Health District’s website which had pertinent information regarding the illness. The agency was thanked for having the information available.

NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled at 12:30 p.m. on September 27, 2012.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 2:05p.m.

APPROVED: Councilmember Waldref, Chair Date: 9/27/12
Board Member Name and Title

[Signature]
Recording Secretary