

The regular meeting of the Spokane Regional Health District Board of Health held on Thursday, February 28, 2013 was called to order by Councilmember Amber Waldref, Acting Chair, at 12:34 p.m. in room 140 of the Public Health Center, 1101 West College Avenue, Spokane, Washington.

#### **PRESENT**

Commissioner Shelly O'Quinn (arrived at 1:09pm)  
Councilmember Ben Stuckart  
Councilmember Jon Snyder  
Councilmember Amber Waldref, Acting Chair  
Councilmember Chuck Hafner  
Mayor Tom Towey (arrived at 12:48 pm)  
Mayor Tom Trulove  
Board Member Michael Fisk, DC (arrived at 12:38pm)  
Board Member Susan Norwood, EdD, RN

#### **ABSENT**

Commissioner Al French  
Commissioner Todd Mielke, Vice Chair  
Board Member Bob Lutz, MD, MPH

#### **CITIZEN INPUT**

- Rose Marie Waldrem, Green Acres, WA – spoke on the hazards of fluoride and recognized those within the audience that were also opposed to fluoride.
- David Schmidt, Spokane, WA – spoke on the clinic closure thanking Dr. McCullough for his leadership and then spoke on health hazards of drugs and chemicals that citizens ingest.
- Lloyd Jacob, Spokane Valley, WA– spoke on the hazards of fluoride and the responsibility of government to inform the citizens of such hazards.
- Caroline Pickett, Spokane County, WA – spoke on the hazards of fluorine in water.

#### **CHAIR REPORT** – Councilmember Waldref

Commissioner Shelly O'Quinn was welcomed as a new member to the Board of Health.

Board Member Fisk was recognized for his work and time served on the Board and was presented with a certificate and acknowledgement of a \$50 donation given in his name to the Vanessa Behan Crisis Center.

Board Member Fisk requested the Board continue working to protect the health of the young by eliminating smoking in cars with minors. Board Member Fisk will give the topic information to the BOH Education Committee for follow up.

Dr. McCullough presented a wooden plaque to Board Member Fisk, which was carved by the administrator, Torney Smith.

The Local Boards of Health Alliance handout was mentioned whereby BOH members have opportunities to participate on conference calls discussing health issues across the nation.

Fluoride discussions the Board scheduled for 2013 have been deferred until a later date due to scheduling conflicts, the misperception of Board authority on the issue and the desire to follow Portland's fluoridation decision.

Councilmember Waldref mentioned a draft resolution on gun related injuries, which the Executive Committee of the Board of Health requested be discussed by the Board. Councilmember Stuckart motioned to place the resolution on the March agenda. Board Member Norwood seconded the motion.

***Motion: To bring forward a resolution on gun related injuries for formal consideration at the March Board of Health meeting.***

***Motion/Second: Stuckart/Norwood***

***Approved: Unanimously***

#### **HEALTH OFFICER REPORT – Joel McCullough, MD, MPH, MS**

##### SRHD's Public Health Accreditation Efforts Update

The health district was accredited by the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) in the first round of nationwide accreditations this morning. The agency met all the measures required by PHAB and had no deficiencies.

##### Coal Train Update

The co-lead agencies (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Ecology, and Whatcom County) have been working on a draft environmental impact study (EIS) on a proposed terminal at Cherry Pointe in Whatcom County. Scoping ended in January 2013. There were over 9,000 people who attending the scoping meetings with over 24,000 comments. Comments are being summarized and EIS areas are being determined. A draft EIS is expected later this year. DOH recommended the EIS include an analysis across the state, the co-lead agencies mitigate any potential adverse health effects, and co-leads conduct a health impact assessment.

Councilmember Stuckart recommended directing Melissa Ahearn, from WSU who has a \$125,000 grant for a health impact assessment, to contact the DOH. Dr. McCullough will follow up on the issue.

##### Bioterrorism Lab Update

Board Members were directed to a handout in their packets regarding the Bioterrorism (BT) Lab's funding. The health district continues to reach out to stakeholders for support. There are currently no identified sources for funding.

##### Clinic and Lab Closures

The original timeline for closing the clinic was the end of 2013 with a transfer of services to the community. There are currently sufficient immunization and refugee services in the community to provide services. The remaining clinic services will be diagnosis and treatment of active tuberculosis cases. The clinical lab closure of March 29<sup>th</sup> remains unchanged. A resource list of vaccination locations is available on the SRHD website.

##### Sequester Impacts

The Department of Health (DOH) has notified local health jurisdictions (LHJs) of sequester impacted programs: Women Infant and Children (WIC), Vaccines for Children Program, and Public Health Emergency Preparedness & Response (PHEPR). There will be a \$12.5 billion decrease in funding to the state WIC Program, a \$600,000 decrease for the state's Vaccine for Children Program, and a \$1 million dollar decrease for PHEPR. There will be additional areas identified for cuts, but there are no specific dollar amounts give for the areas yet. The DOH receives about half of its budget from the federal government and local public health agencies receive about 1/3.

Councilmember Stuckart recommended adding a sequester phrase to the resolution on public health funding, which will be discussed under Action Items.

## 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: December 6, 2012

2012/2013 Vouchers paid: November 1-30, 2012, December 1-31, 2012 and January 1-31, 2013

### Vouchers paid: November 1-30, 2012

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Voucher Numbers:	#222566 - #B&OOCT12		\$ 508,334.51
Payroll Warrants:	#780278 - #780304	Advice Numbers: #DD18767 - #DD18964	623,196.93
Payroll Warrants:	#781847 - #781874	Advice Numbers: #DD18965 - #DD19164	596,647.82
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,728,179.26</b>

### Vouchers Paid: December 1-31, 2012

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Voucher Numbers:	#222821 - #B&ONOV12		\$ 906,340.42
Payroll Warrants:	#783760 - #783788	Advice Numbers: #DD19165 - #DD19363	624,525.65
Payroll Warrants:	#785299 - #785327	Advice Numbers: #DD19364 - #DD19560	592,167.56
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,123,033.63</b>

### Vouchers Paid: January 1-31, 2013

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Voucher Numbers:	#223078 - #B&ODEC12		\$ 445,102.97
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$445,102.97</b>

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

***Motion/Second: Hafner/Stuckart***

***Approved: Unanimously***

## ACTION ITEMS

### Elect 2013 Vice Chair

Councilmember Waldref requested nominations for Vice Chair for the Board of Health. Mayor Towey nominated Councilmember Hafner to the position. Mayor Trulove seconded the motion.

Councilmember Hafner accepted the nomination as Vice Chair.

***Motion: To elect Councilmember Hafner as the Board of Health Vice Chair for 2013.***

***Motion/Second: Towey/Trulove***

***Approved: Unanimously***

### Adopt 2013 Meeting Schedule

Councilmember Waldref reviewed the meeting schedule for 2013 noting there would be no meetings in August and November and the December meeting would be held on the first Thursday of the month.

Councilmember Stuckart made a motion to adopt the 2013 meeting schedule as presented. Councilmember Snyder seconded the motion.

Commissioner O'Quinn noted the Greater Spokane Incorporated (GSI) regional trip to Washington, DC would take place the week of April 25<sup>th</sup>. The Spokane County Commissioners will be in attendance and

will not be at the Board meeting. Commissioner O'Quinn requested a check to determine a quorum for the April meeting.

Councilmember Snyder requested information on the process for replacing Board Member Fisk. Commissioner O'Quinn stated the Board of County Commissioners has removed the term limits for committees. The position in question will be advertised March 1<sup>st</sup> and then a selection will be made thereafter.

Councilmember Hafner requested Board Members be extremely cognizant of attending meetings to make the best use of staff time and agency business. Councilmember Waldref will bring the subject to Commissioner Mielke's attention at next month's Executive Committee of the Board meeting.

***Motion: To adopt the Board of Health regular meeting schedule for February 2013 through January 2014 as presented.***

***Motion/Second: Stuckart/Snyder***

***Approved: Unanimously***

Appoint 2013 Committees

Councilmember Waldref reviewed Board of Health Committee memberships noting the upcoming vacancies.

The Education and Communications Committee will consist of Board Member Lutz (Chair), Board Member Norwood, Councilmember Snyder, and Commissioner French.

The Budget and Finance Committee will consist of Councilmember Stuckart (Chair), Mayor Towey, Mayor Trulove, and Commissioner O'Quinn.

The Executive Committee of the Board will consist of Commissioner Mielke (Chair), Councilmember Hafner, Councilmember Waldref, Councilmember Stuckart, and Board Member Lutz.

Resolution #13-01 Calling on the WA State Legislature to Maintain Current Levels of Funding for Foundational Public Health Services – Dr. McCullough

Councilmember Waldref introduced Resolution #13-01 and sought a motion to approve. Councilmember Stuckart motioned to add, "and Federal Government" to the title of the resolution after "Washington State Legislature" and to add "Be it further resolved, that the Spokane Regional Health District's Board of Health opposes the federal sequester health cuts and calls on our federal legislative delegation to maintain public health funding in the current federal budget." Councilmember Hafner seconded the motion.

***Motion: To amend Resolution #13-01 with the recommended changes.***

***Motion/Second: Stuckart/Hafner***

***Approved: Unanimously***

Councilmember Snyder motioned to remove the "Be It Further Resolved" clause that directs a portion of the liquor excise tax to the public health system. Councilmember Stuckart seconded the motion.

***Motion: To amend Resolution #13-01 with the additional recommended changes.***

***Motion/Second: Snyder/Stuckart***

***Approved: Unanimously***

Mayor Trulove made a motion to approve Resolution #13-01. Councilmember Stuckart seconded the motion.

***Motion: To approve Resolution #13-01 Calling on the Washington State Legislature and Federal Government to Maintain Current Levels of Funding for Foundational Public Health Services***

***Motion/Second: Trulove/Stuckart***

***Approved: Unanimously***

Councilmember Stuckart requested health district staff forward the approved and signed resolution to all Washington State legislators.

## REPORTS

### Washington State Food Code Rule Revision – Ray Byrne

Ray Byrne, Environmental Public Health, Food Safety Program Manager, presented information on the food code revision process and code update. Washington State has adopted the new retail food code WAC 246-215, which will go into effect May 1, 2013. The code was changed due to the last revisions taking place 8 years ago and the state's commitment to stay current. Changes were made due to new technologies that address science and research, to clear up existing language in the current code and to stay current with national standards.

Changes that impact the majority of establishments include new guidelines for hot holding temperatures and the definition for potentially hazardous food. Food Program staff notified establishments of the upcoming code revision process during routine inspections. Once the code revision process officially began, establishments were encouraged to review the SRHD website and submit comments for the code revision. When the code was approved in October, mailed notifications were sent with all permit renewal notices. In December when the DOH brochure was available, the brochure and notifications were included with permit renewal notices. A copy of the brochure is distributed and discussed at the conclusion of all SRHD inspections with the establishments and the SRHD website has been updated throughout the process.

From the recent meeting with Greater Spokane Incorporated (GSI) email updates to establishments were recommended. Due to limited establishment email lists, the Food Safety Program is also determining if updates by mail would be beneficial.

A resolution will be placed on next month's agenda for approval. The Food Safety Program will continue to inform stakeholders of code changes and assure they have an opportunity to comply by May 1<sup>st</sup>. SRHD is working with DOH to present to the Spokane Restaurant Association in March on upcoming food code changes. DOH will be providing workshops to train local health jurisdictions of changes.

## BOARD MEMBER CHECK IN

### Liquor Control Board Meeting on Marijuana – Councilmember Snyder

Councilmember Snyder requested the Liquor Control Board offer a public meeting before their upcoming rulemaking on marijuana. He thanked the health district for sending staff to attend that meeting. He would like the Board to discuss how it may take action to limit the exposure of juveniles to the use and abuse of recreational marijuana once it's legal in the state.


## NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled at 12:30 p.m. on March 28, 2013.


## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
Board Member Name and Title

Date: 3/28/2013

  
Recording Secretary

