

The regular meeting of the Spokane Regional Health District Board of Health held on Thursday, **March 27, 2014** was called to order by Councilmember Chuck Hafner at 12:30 p.m. in room 140 of the Public Health Center, 1101 West College Avenue, Spokane, Washington.

PRESENT

Councilmember Chuck Hafner, Chair
Councilmember Amber Waldref, Vice Chair (arrived at 12:40pm)
Commissioner Shelly O'Quinn (arrived 12:33pm)
Councilmember Mike Fagan
Councilmember Jon Snyder
Councilmember Ed Pace
Mayor Tom Trulove
Board Member Keith Baldwin, MHA (arrived at 12:32pm)
Board Member Bob Lutz, MD, MPH (departed at 1:34pm)
Board Member Susan Norwood, EdD, RN
Mike Connelly, Attorney for the Board (departed 1:03pm)

ABSENT

Commissioner Al French
Commissioner Todd Mielke

CITIZEN INPUT

- Joan Mootry, Spokane, WA - spoke on the dangers of fluoridated water and thanked those members of the Board who have spent time researching fluoridation.
- Rose Marie Waldrem-Larsen, Green Acres, WA –spoke on GMO food poisoning and living to be 140 years old.

CHAIR REPORT – Councilmember Chuck Hafner

Building a Culture of Health – Elaine Conley

Elaine Conley, Community and Family Services Division Director, spoke on efforts to organize a Building a Culture of Health community meeting with area leaders. Purpose of the meeting would be to initiate community discussion on how to change Spokane County culture and improve environments where people live. The meeting will raise awareness of poor early childhood development issues; have an open discussion of the effects of continuing services as currently performed; and will ask for a commitment to develop a plan of action. The event will have national leaders in various areas of expertise. The timeframe for planning the event will be late fall 2014 or February/March 2015. The agency is requesting Board endorsement to move forward with definitive planning.

Councilmember Fagan requested local experts in addition to the national experts.

Councilmember Pace requested the meeting emphasize parental responsibility and authority and avoid promoting national programs that bypasses parents.

Commissioner O'Quinn endorsed planning of the event with the understanding that the Board of Health would be involved with the event.

The Board endorsed moving forward with planning of the event.

Small Cities Representation on the Board of Health

Councilmember Hafner requested the recording secretary send a letter to the small cities mayors requesting action on a replacement for Mayor Trulove.

Railway Emergency Preparedness

Councilmember Hafner requested a presentation to the Board by Deputy Fire Chief Hail on the Spokane Valley Fire Department's railway emergency preparedness efforts.

PulsePoint Phone App Presentation

Councilmember Hafner requested a presentation to the Board on the PulsePoint smartphone app just launched in Spokane County. There are 500 SCOPE volunteers in Spokane County who will start using the app and will apply for a grant to provide defibrillators in SCOPE cars of volunteers.

Mayor Trulove requested information and perspective of effectiveness in small versus big cities at the presentation.

Councilmember Pace requested someone other than fire department representatives address the opposition to the program.

BOH Governance Committee

The BOH Governance Committee had its first meeting and Councilmember Hafner was optimistic that Board concerns will be addressed.

POSSIBLE DELIBERATION OF QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTER OR EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO RCW §42.30.140 AND/OR RCW §42.30.11(i)

Mike Connelly, Attorney representing the Board of Health, reviewed the history of the quasi-judicial matter. A noticed hearing was held February 27 where the Board listened to testimony and argument of two appellants (Margitan's and Hanna's) and the Spokane Regional Health District. Subsequent to the hearing, the Board was provided a record of the hearing and by the attorney's correspondence of March 17, 2014 all specific documents submitted and stipulated were outlined along with issues identified for Board consideration.

The Board will decide whether to deliberate a decision in private or executive session or move to the decision making process. Counsel cautioned meeting at length in private and that any decision should be made by an initial motion. When motion direction is understood, the Board would need to discuss and adopt findings and give Chair Hafner the authority to sign any findings.

The attorney disclosed contact with Alan Margitan on March 24, 2014. Alan Margitan had questions concerning procedures and lawsuits. He was instructed that any questions would have to be made in writing.

Councilmember Hafner called for a motion regarding the hearing and request.

ACTION ITEMS

Potential Action regarding Margitan/Hanna Administrative Appeal Hearing

Councilmember Fagan made a motion that the decision of Joel McCullough, Public Health Director and Health Officer, would be upheld and that the Board would adopt the findings, facts and conclusions of law proposed by counsel for the Spokane Regional Health District with following additions and order as outlined by counsel and would authorize the presiding officer to sign the same.

Councilmember Pace seconded the motion.

Board Member Baldwin disclosed that he did not receive the correspondence date March 17, 2014 from counsel and would abstain from voting on the issue.

Board Member Norwood stated she was not at the hearing and would not vote on the matter.

Motion: To uphold the decision of Joel McCullough, Public Health Director and Health Officer and adopt the findings, facts and conclusions of law proposed by counsel for the Spokane Regional Health District with following additions and order as outlined by counsel and authorize the presiding officer to sign the same.

Motion/Second: Fagan/Pace

Approved: 8 Yes/2 Abstain (Baldwin/Norwood)

Counsel recommended the proposed findings provided by SRHD with the following amendments:

1. Add that Mark and Jennifer Hanna, husband and wife, were owners of the property where the waterline is located noted on page 1.1 and in paragraph 1.10 note the same for the Margitan's and indicate that the property was owned by Alan and Gina Margitan, husband and wife.
2. Under the conclusions of law, add an additional finding that Gina Margitan was an owner of the property affected by this matter and is a party.
3. Remove Findings 2.7 which provided a deadline of May 1st to submit the location of the waterline and mitigating measures which wasn't contained in the letter and was more of an administrative function between public health officer and owner.
4. Remove Finding 2.8 which ordered Margitan to provide the Hanna's or designee reasonable access to the pressurized waterline for the sole purpose of determining the location of the pressurized waterline.
5. Add a section at end of the document called, "Final Order" to comply with RCW §34.05 Administrative Procedures Act with the final order to uphold the decision of the Public Health Officer.

Commissioner O'Quinn moved to amend the Findings and Facts as proposed by legal counsel. Councilmember Waldref seconded the motion.

Motion: To amend the Findings and Facts as proposed by Mike Connelly, legal counsel for the Board of Health.

Motion/Second: O'Quinn/Waldref

Approved: 8 Yes/2 Abstain (Baldwin/Norwood)

Mike Connelly requested that Ann Pitsnogle, Recording Secretary, provide a new Findings and Fact for the presiding officer's signature.

Inter-Local Agreement between SRHD and the Kalispel Tribe of Indians for Water Recreation Facility Plan Review, Permit Issuance, Surveillance, Inspection and Enforcement – Julie Awbrey/Michelle Fossum

Julie Awbrey, Water Recreation Program Manager, presented background information on the proposed inter-local agreement between SRHD and the Kalispel Tribe of Indians. Inland Washington contacted SRHD regarding leased property from the Kalispel Tribe of Indians that has an apartment complex with an outdoor pool under construction. Inland Washington requested a pool plan review, but SRHD has no jurisdiction on tribal lands. The proposed agreement would allow SRHD to fully implement regulations with full enforcement authority. SRHD would permit and inspect the pool and fees would be paid to the agency as any other pool owner.

Mayor Trulove motioned to approve the agreement as proposed. Commissioner O'Quinn seconded the motion.

Councilmember Fagan noted Appendix A was not attached to the agreement. Attorney Michelle Fossum responded Appendix A is health district fee schedule which applies to all water recreation facilities. Ms. Awbrey distributed the fee schedule to Board members after the report.

Motion: To approve the inter-local agreement between Spokane Regional Health District and the Kalispel Tribe of Indians for water recreation facility plan review, permit issuance, surveillance, inspection and enforcement.

Motion/Second: Trulove/O'Quinn

Approved: 9Yes/1 No (Pace)

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

The Spokane County Health Rankings report was released yesterday which prohibited the Board from reviewing the rankings and will, therefore, be reported at next month's meeting.

Bioterrorism Lab Update

Representative Riccelli was successful in placing \$160,000 in the House budget for the lab, but unable to gain approval in the Senate. If additional funding is not secured, the lab will close on June 1. The agency is continuing to dialogue with key stakeholders including law enforcement for funding.

Flu Season

The 2013/2014 flu season is the worst in years. There has been a rapid increase in hospitalizations due to the flu and a rapid decrease as well. Final statistics are not currently available, but the current information is a reminder that the flu can change in severity and timing year-to-year.

Community Transformation Grant (CTG)

The agency has been informed that the CTG has been discontinued at the federal level. The focus of the 3-year grant was tobacco-free living, healthy eating, physical activity and clinical prevention. At this point, the grant is expected to end at the end of September, which is of \$180,000 a year to the Healthy Communities program in Health Promotion.

The DOH will receive additional funding from the CDC to perform chronic disease work. It is not known how that will be distributed to the states and local communities, but the possible funding could offset a portion of the CTG funding loss.

Global Healthy Workplace Award

The SRHD Wellness Committee was selected as a finalist for the Global Healthy Workplace Award. This year, companies from 33 countries competed for the award. This is the first program recognizing workplace wellness from all over the world. The judges use the World Health Organization's (WHO's) healthy workplace model to determine those who would be selected. Tiffany Turner will represent the health district at the event in Shanghai on April 9 and 10.

Legislative Update

The legislative session ended on time with some successes and failures. The public health nurse dispensing legislation was passed by the House but failed in the Senate. Since this is the second time legislation has been attempted without success, SRHD and partners may look at pursuing through a rule making process in the future.

Healthiest Next Generation, an initiative by the Governor to address youth health around obesity, had its primary legislation fail, but there was an approval for \$350,000 for Department of Health (DOH) to work on the project.

A total of \$1.5 million for a combined tobacco, e-cigarette and marijuana work was approved at a statewide level. There was also \$150,000 to the Washington Institute of Public Policy (WIPP) to study evidence-based prevention programs. Future funding requests to the DOH for tobacco, e-cigarette and marijuana work will have to be based on the findings. DOH sought a one-time, early allocation of funding to begin marijuana education work, which failed, and will have to be funded from \$1.5 million.

Councilmember Snyder restated his prior request for the Board to approve legislative priorities for the next session. Linda Graham, Health Policy Specialist at the Health District, commented that the BOH Governance Committee has been tasked with designing the process for legislative priorities.

State Healthcare Innovative Plan

Linda Graham noted the two-page handout in the agenda packet on the Healthcare Innovative Plan. The State is anticipating awards of \$20 to \$60 million for implementation of the plan from the Federal government. Announcement is expected between April and June. The Health Care Authority (HCA) sought state legislation to begin implementing portions of the plan. The legislation was heavily amended, leaving a very general framework that will be better defined through work of HCA, DOH and DSHS and likely even the legislature next session

Commissioner O’Quinn commented that a local taskforce is being created with community partners to assure that legislation meets the local need. Any members are welcomed to join the taskforce.

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: February 27, 2014
2012 Vouchers paid: February 1-28, 2014

Voucher Numbers:	#233315 - #233531 & EFT B&ODECAP13/EFT B&OJAN14	\$ 397,979.42
Payroll Warrants:	#833369 - #833389 Advice Numbers: #DD24439 - #DD24626	626,719.95
Payroll Warrants:	#834930 - #834952 Advice Numbers: #DD24627 - #DD24814	604,701.56
	TOTAL	\$1,629,400.93

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

Motion/Second: Fagan/Norwood

Approved: Unanimously

REPORTS

Neighborhoods Matter and Weaving Bright Futures: Innovative Community Approaches to Maternal and Child Health Work – Rowena Pineda/Elaine Conley/Mike Riley

Elaine Conley, Community and Family Services Division Director, opened the presentation to the Board. Outcomes from the First Steps program, previously serving low income, pregnant women, were approximately 1,100 per year which was 50% of clients eligible for the program in Spokane County. The program’s goal was to reduce low birth weight children, but given the limited number of pregnant women reached, the program fell short of meeting its goal. In 2008, SRHD released a maternal and child health report that indicated increases in child-abuse and neglect rates, chronic disease and health disparities.

Based upon the statistics, a new MCH model was created that utilized a population-based approach. The goals for the new program (Neighborhoods Matter) were to increase parental resilience, social connections, knowledge of parenting and child development, and social and emotional competence of children. The neighborhood chosen for outreach was the East Central Neighborhood. Work began in the fall of 2010 and continues today with additional work started in the North East communities of Spokane.

The penetration of Neighborhoods Matter’s activities was still not adequate to impact MCH indicators. Furthermore, the majority of its activities were concentrated in the individual and interpersonal levels of the socio-ecological model. The need to ramp-up to the higher levels of the socio-ecological model calls for looking at systems and root causes of issues, especially related to maternal and child health. Thus, the Neighborhoods Matter program is working to align itself with the Weaving Bright Future’s (WBF)

program. This program focuses on addressing adverse childhood experiences with 3 public health nurses (PHNs) embedded in 5 elementary schools and 1 middle school. The Whitman neighborhood in the North East community is the focus of the aligned programs.

BOARD MEMBER CHECK IN

Governing for Racial Equity Conference – Councilmember Snyder

Councilmember Snyder attended the Governing for Racial Equity Conference in Portland, Oregon. He felt the conference was valuable. A handout on Multnomah’s concepts for creating policy for racial equity and its impacts was distributed to the Board. He thanked Adrian Dominguez for notifying him of the event.

Thank You to Agency Staff – Councilmember Hafner

Councilmember Hafner expressed gratitude to agency staff for their work and help in the last couple of months.

Spokane County Library Bond – Board Member Baldwin

Board Member Baldwin recognized the Neighborhoods Matter work with the East Central neighborhood related to the library. Recognizing how important libraries are to the public, he questioned whether the Board should be involved with the Spokane County library improvement bond measure.

Commissioner O’Quinn stated the ballot measure is a localized election in Spokane Valley. Any member wanting more information is encouraged to lookup the information.

Spokane Gives Week – Commissioner O’Quinn

Commissioner O’Quinn stated April is volunteer month. The City of Spokane along with many partners has designated April 12-19 as Spokane Gives Week with many opportunities to get engaged with neighborhoods, nonprofits, and government agency projects. The number of projects and volunteer hours will be tracked and then celebrated.

Board of Health Televised Meetings – Councilmember Hafner

Councilmember Hafner requested information of when BOH meetings are televised to announce at each meeting.

NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled at 12:30 p.m. on April 24, 2014

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

APPROVED: Charles E. Hafner / Chair Date: 4/24/14
Board Member Name and Title

Jalene A. Rung
Recording Secretary