

The regular meeting of the Spokane Regional Health District Board of Health held on Thursday, **December 1, 2016** was called to order by Mayor Kevin Freeman, Chair, at 12:35 p.m. in room 140 of the Public Health Center, 1101 West College Avenue, Spokane, Washington.

PRESENT

Mayor Kevin Freeman, Chair
Commissioner Shelly O'Quinn, Vice Chair (arrived at 12:49pm)
Councilmember Breean Beggs (arrived at 12:36pm)
Councilmember Pam Haley
Councilmember Mike Munch (arrived 12:43pm)
Board Member Chuck Hafner
Board Member Susan Boysen, EdD, RN
Board Member Bob Lutz, MD, MPH

ABSENT

Commissioner Al French
Commissioner Josh Kerns
Councilmember Lori Kinneer
Councilmember Amber Waldref

CITIZEN INPUT

- There was no citizen input.
- Mayor Freeman noted the packet of information at each members' seat which was provided by Spokane County citizen, Rose Marie Waldrem.

CHAIR REPORT – Mayor Kevin Freeman

Emergency Response Training

There will be an hour and a half training prior to the February BOH meeting on emergency communication and the Everbridge emergency response notification system. There will be a meeting invitation request sent to BOH members and a request for information for Everbridge sign up.

The BOH emergency contact list is included in the BOH agenda packet.

HEALTH OFFICER REPORT – Torney Smith, Administrator

Epidemiology Update-Mark Springer

Since the last report, there has been an outbreak of Norovirus at the House of Charity just prior to Thanksgiving. At this point, the outbreak has been resolved.

The mumps outbreak is near its end. Whitworth College will be released from outbreak state if there are no new cases by December 5.

Spokane Regional Health District (SRHD) is participating with the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) investigating a case of acute flaccid myelitis.

Influenza cases are mild, which is typical for November and December.

Budget Impacts – Torney smith

The Governor's budget is expected to be released December 20. The agency will be reviewing impacts to public health and monitoring legislative activity related to the budget. The agency will study the impacts

to public health expected with Federal funding changes. There are concerns about the impacts to the Prevention and Public Health Fund as funding is being shifted to cancer and other research.

HIV/AIDS Services Public Hearing – Torney Smith

John Weisman, Washington State Secretary of Health, visited SRHD on November 16 for a two-hour session regarding the HIV/AIDS contract award to SRHD. Mr. Weisman assured citizens of a strong collaboration between SRHD and the Spokane AIDS Network (SAN) in the transition of services. SRHD will hire seven new staff for the program (four new case managers, one HIV community worker, one program manager and one pre-exposure prophylaxis worker). SAN employees were encouraged to apply for the upcoming positions. Lisa St. John, HIV/AIDS Program Manager, has been working to transition services with SAN, which is expected to be completed in three to four months.

(Councilmember Munch arrived at 12:43pm to the meeting.)

BOH Health Officer Selection Committee – Torney Smith

The committee met November 28 and reviewed and approved of the health officer position description. The committee discussed possible hiring processes. The proposed hiring process was reviewed by the agency’s executive leadership team (ELT) and will be finalized by the committee. The position will be advertised with professional associations and newspapers locally and regionally. The intent was to fill the position by February, but due to the holidays, will take longer.

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: October 27, 2016

2016 Vouchers paid: October 1-31, 2016

Voucher Numbers:	#241062 - #241294 & EFT B&OSept2016	\$ 793,804.30
Payroll Warrants:	#942445 - #942472 #943993 - #944017	
	Advice Numbers: #DD36676 - #DD36872	711,878.84
Payroll Warrants:	#943990 - #944019 #944559 - #944568	
	Advice Numbers: #DD36873 - #DD37072	683,333.95
	TOTAL	\$2,189,017.09

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

Motion/Second: Hafner/Boysen

Approved: Unanimously

REPORTS

Overview of Foundational Public Health Services – Linda Graham, Health Policy Specialist

The origins of foundational public health services are older than a decade. The goal was to define a core set of public health services and capabilities that every community in the state of Washington should be able to provide and the state should be funding. Another goal was to define a stable source of funding for the services.

(Commissioner O’Quinn arrived at 12:49pm to the meeting.)

The effort started over concerns for eroding public health funding, increasing population, increasing public health threats and the need to increase services across the state. Public health services vary across the state and the intent was to bring equality to those services.

The workgroup consisted of staff from the DOH, Governor's Office, elected officials from all levels of government, representatives from local health jurisdictions (LHJs), tribal public health, and key organizations throughout the state.

The workgroup defined a set of core programs that need to be in every community, defined a set of capabilities that every local health jurisdiction and DOH need to have to support the core functions, and then defined a set of activities that LHJs would like to support to meet local needs and priorities that support the overall mission of public health.

Once the services were defined, the workgroup researched the cost of services subtracted the current state funding and determined there is a \$100 million shortfall for the core services. The request to the legislature is \$25 million for each biennial to go to LHJs to address communicable disease and chronic disease prevention.

The workgroup will continue work looking to refine the distribution formula to LHJs and among core services, looking at long-term funding mechanisms, developing operational guidelines for performance of services, and providing an accountability network.

This effort is being branded as, *Public Health is Essential*. Communication and outreach strategies for the effort are still being developed

ACTION ITEMS

Election of 2017 Chair – Mayor Freeman

Board Member Hafner made a motion to appoint Mayor Freeman as the BOH Chair for 2017. Commissioner O'Quinn seconded the motion.

Motion: To appoint Mayor Freeman as the 2017 BOH Chair.

Motion/Second: Hafner/O'Quinn

Approved: 6 yea, 1 abstain (Freeman)

Election of 2017 Vice Chair – Mayor Freeman

Board Member Hafner made a motion to appoint Commissioner O'Quinn as the BOH Vice-Chair for 2017. Mayor Freeman seconded the motion.

Motion: To appoint Commissioner O'Quinn for 2017 BOH Vice Chair.

Motion/Second: Hafner/Freeman

Approved: Unanimously

Resolution #16-08 Adopting a BOH Legislative Agenda for the 2017 State of Washington Legislative Session – Linda Graham

The BOH Policy Committee has reviewed and prioritized the proposed legislative agenda. The committee has decided not to include the vaping device tax issue due to no specific proposals being discussed for the current legislature. The issue can be added later if there is work on the issue. The sugary beverage tax, rural well water exemption, and sick-and-safe leave issues have been removed as well.

Due to the length of the agenda, Linda Graham recommended removing the last tier of prioritization which solely monitors issues. Councilmember Beggs recommended leaving issues on the agenda and prioritizing issues as they became active in the legislature.

SRHD has been working with Fairchild Air Force Base on the tobacco and vaping arguments. Soldiers who smoke are less combat ready and take longer to heal. There is a 34% smoking rate among active duty military, which is more than double the smoking rates of the general Spokane public (15%). Rates are 30% among the younger enlisted personnel who spend 14% of their pay on tobacco products. Lung cancer mortality rates are double among veterans compared to the general population.

Commissioner O'Quinn made a motion to approve Resolution #16-08. Board Member Hafner seconded the motion.

Motion: To approve Resolution #16-08 Adopting a BOH Legislative Agenda for the 2017 State of Washington Legislative Session.

Motion/Second: O'Quinn/Hafner

Approved: Unanimously

Resolution #16-09 Calling on the Washington State Legislature, and Senators and Representatives Who Represent the People of Spokane County, to Recognize that Public Health is Essential and Provide the Critical Funding Needed to Support Core Services in All Communities and Allow Public Health to Rebuild Its Statewide System with Added Efficiency– Linda Graham

The BOH Policy Committee proposed and supports the resolution as presented. Councilmember Beggs made a motion to approve Resolution #16-09 as presented. Councilmember Haley seconded the motion.

Motion: To approve Resolution #16-09 Calling on the Washington State Legislature, and Senators and Representatives Who Represent the People of Spokane County, to Recognize that Public Health is Essential and Provide the Critical Funding Needed to Support Core Services in All Communities and Allow Public Health to Rebuild Its Statewide System with Added Efficiency.

Motion/Second: Beggs/Haley

Approved: Unanimously

Resolution #16-10 Calling on the Washington State Legislature, and Senators and Representatives Who Represent the People of Spokane County to Raise the Minimum Legal Age for Sales of Tobacco and Vaping Products from 18 to 21 – Linda Graham

Councilmember Beggs made motion to approve Resolution #16-10. Board Member Hafner seconded motion.

Motion: To approve Resolution #16-10 Calling on the Washington State Legislature, and Senators and Representatives Who Represent the People of Spokane County to Raise the Minimum Legal Age for Sales of Tobacco and Vaping Products from 18 to 21

Motion/Second: Beggs/Hafner

Approved: Unanimously

Guideline and Recommendation #16-01 To Encourage and Assist Owners and Managers of Multi-Unit Housing to Protect the Health of Tenants Through Smoke-Free Housing Policies – Linda Graham

The BOH was provided presentations on both Resolution #16-01 and #16-02, which raise awareness within the community among business owners, multi-housing owners and among tenants about the issues of second and third-hand smoke and of the available toolkits.

Guidelines and recommendations have no enforcement and are for encouraging the community to address the issues identified.

Board Member Hafner made motion to approve Guideline and Recommendation #16-01. Board Member Boysen seconded the motion.

Councilmember Beggs recommended that SRHD educate that everyone is important, including smokers, and should be honored just as those who do not smoke. SRHD currently recommends that business and multi-housing unit owners to consider the best for their staff and tenants and engage them in the decision making process.

***Motion: To approve Guideline and Recommendation #16-01 To Encourage and Assist Owners and Managers of Multi-Unit Housing to Protect the Health of Tenants Through Smoke-Free Housing Policies
Motion/Second: Hafner/Boysen
Approved: Unanimously***

Guideline and Recommendation #16-02 To Encourage and Assist Employers in Improving the Health of Employees and the Public Through the Creation of Smoke- and Tobacco-Free Worksites – Linda Graham
Councilmember Beggs made a motion to approve Guideline and Recommendation #16-02. Board Member Hafner seconded the motion.

Councilmember Munch expressed concerns over the option of business owners to implement a policy to not hire people who use tobacco products and a possible discrimination case it may bring. He would not support the recommendation as presented. Michelle Fossum, BOH attorney, commented there is no basis currently for smokers to bring an action on the basis that they were discriminated against solely because they smoke.

***Motion: To approve Guideline and Recommendation #16-02 To Encourage and Assist Employers in Improving the Health of Employees and the Public Through the Creation of Smoke- and Tobacco-Free Worksites – Linda Graham
Motion/Second: Beggs/Hafner
Approved: 7 Yea, 1 No (Munch)***

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The BOH Chair announced an Executive Session pursuant to RCW §42.30.140(4) at 1:25pm for five minutes.

MEETING RECONVENED

The meeting reconvened at 1:30pm. No action was taken.

BOARD MEMBER CHECK IN

City of Spokane Valley Tree Lighting Ceremony– Board Member Hafner

The City of Spokane Valley has a tree lighting ceremony today at University City at 5pm.

New Spokane County Commissioner – Commissioner O’Quinn

Spokane County has a new commissioner, Josh Kerns. The BOH meeting did not get applied to his calendar this month. He will attend the January BOH meeting.

City of Millwood Tree Lighting Ceremony – Mayor Freeman

City of Millwood's tree lighting is tomorrow at Inland Empire Paper at 6pm and with holiday events after the ceremony.

Holiday Lighting and Homeless Shelters – Councilmember Beggs

Revenues from metered parking in downtown Spokane have paid for artistic holiday lighting developed with the Spokane Arts Commission.

The City of Spokane with Catholic Charities has enhanced shelters that will accept families and pets. The program is looking for more partners. Spokane County has given a one-time donation and is waiting for the program's sustainability plan prior to committing additional funding.

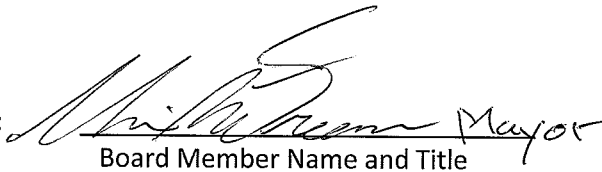
NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled at 12:30 p.m. on January 26, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

APPROVED:


Board Member Name and Title

Date: 1/26/2017


Recording Secretary