The regular meeting of the Spokane Regional Health District Board of Health held on Thursday, **January 31, 2019** was called to order by Councilmember Breean Beggs, Chair, at 12:30 p.m. in room 140 of the Public Health Center, 1101 West College Avenue, Spokane, Washington.

PRESENT

Councilmember Breean Beggs, Chair
Councilmember Ben Wick, Vice Chair
Commissioner Mary Kuney
Commissioner Josh Kerns
Councilmember Karen Stratton
Councilmember Linda Thompson
Mayor Kevin Freeman (departed at 1:39 p.m.)
Board Member Donald Condon, MD
Board Member Andrea Frostad
Board Member Chuck Hafner

ABSENT

Commissioner Al French
Councilmember Kate Burke

CITIZEN INPUT

- Jacklyn Gallion, Spokane Valley, WA Spoke on immunization and school exemptions.
- Bethany Schoeff, Spokane county, WA Spoke on the role environmental factors plays in disease and the right to medical freedom.
- Rose Marie Waldrem, Green Acres, WA Spoke on the effects of fluoridation.
- Kim Helm, Spokane County, WA -- Spoke on HB1638 and requested the Board inform the legislature the bill is not one of the health district's priorities.
- Paula Smith, Green Acres, WA -- Spoke on HB1638 and the timing of news articles on measles. She asked the Board to notify the legislature that HB1638 is not a priority of the district.
- Kim Stadler, Spokane, WA Spoke on HB1638 and requested the Board uphold its decision not to place immunization on its legislative agenda.
- Nicole Riley, Spokane County, WA -- Spoke on the impacts of mandatory vaccination and her desire for freedom to make her own medical decisions.

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, 2018 2018 Vouchers paid: November 1 -30, 2018

Voucher Numbers: #248448 - #248787 \$ 1,362,378.60

Payroll Warrants: #1026959- #1026960

Advice Numbers: #DD48080 - #DD48326 \$887,114.73

Payroll Warrants: #1028600- #1028607 #2884- #2886

Advice Numbers: #DD48327 - #DD48571 \$822,705.91

TOTAL \$1,709.820.64

2018 Vouchers paid: December 1-31, 2018

Voucher Numbers: #248788 - #248994 \$ 1,216,553.60

Payroll Warrants: #1031383 #2891

Advice Numbers: #DD48572 - #DD48819 \$861,758.94

Payroll Warrants: #2889 #2890

Advice Numbers: #DD48820 - #DD49070 \$826,345.60

TOTAL \$1,688,104.54

Motion: To approve the December 6, 2018 meeting minutes as presented.

Motion/Second: Hafner/Freeman

Approved: Unanimously

Motion: To approve the November 1-30, 2018 and December 1-31, 2018 vouchers as presented.

Motion/Second: Wick/Kuney

Approved: 9 yeas: 1 abstain (Councilmember Thompson)

ACTION ITEMS

Motion: To adopt the 2019 Board of Health Meeting Schedule.

Motion/Second: Freeman/Hafner

Approved: Unanimously

Motion: To adopt 2019 BOH committees and membership.

Motion/Second: Freeman/Kuney

Discussion: The Board of Health Education Committee will meet to determine if the committee will continue or dissolve. Councilmember Burke will serve as the Policy Committee Chair. Board Member Frostad will serve on the Policy Committee.

Approved: Unanimously

CHAIR REPORT – Councilmember Breean Beggs

- Torney Smith's retirement party was held this month and was attended by several Board members.
- National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH) membership will be renewed. Councilmember Beggs requested information on membership be circulated to Board members.

BOARD OF HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORTS

• The Transition Committee is in negotiations with a recruitment firm to assist with the Administrative Officer position.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Ray Byrne, Interim Administrative Officer

- Veteran Services has vacated the health district building. Staff are evaluating utilization of the space.
- SRHD programs (WIC, SNAP-Ed, and Assessment) may be affected if the federal government shutdown continues.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Linda Graham, Health Policy Specialist

- Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS) bill will be heard in the House of February 8.
- Tobacco21 has moved out of committee.
- There is a legislation at the Governor's request for universal home visiting for all babies in the state.
- A bill (1793) has been introduced to create a state Office of Equity.

Motion: To adopt a letter in support of reaffirming Resolution #16-09.

Motion/Second: Freeman/Thompson

Approved: Unanimously

COMPTROLLER REPORT – Mike Riley, Interim Administrative Officer

• The State Auditor's accountability audit exit conference will be held February 7 at 2:00 p.m.

HEALTH OFFICER REPORT - Robert Lutz, MD, MPH, Health Officer

- The Board received a report on 2018 health district work.
- There have been 200 hospitalizations due to influenza, primarily Influenza A. There have 18 deaths statewide with 11 in Spokane County. Ten of the 11 deaths in Spokane were not vaccinated.
- The Board was updated on the agency's efforts to prepare in case of a measles outbreak.

AGENCY REPORT

• The Board reviewed the 2015-2017 Spokane Regional Health District Strategic Plan.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The BOH adjourned at 2:11 p.m. for five minutes for an executive session pursuant to RCW §42.30.110(1)(i). Interim directors, Ray Byrne and Mike Riley, were asked to remain for the session.

MEETING RECONVENED

The meeting reconvened at 2:17pm. No action was taken.

BOARD MEMBER CHECK IN

- A Spokane Valley local farmers market will begin this summer. (Councilmember Wick)
- BOH Budget & Finance Committee members were encouraged to attend the upcoming audit exit conference. (Commissioner Kuney)
- Spokane Valley Youth Voice is holding a community conversation on February 11 from 6-8 p.m. at Center Place. (Councilmember Thompson)
- Councilmember Thompson will be attending the National League of Cities Public Safety and Crime Prevention Committee meeting in March. Board members were encouraged to provide topics to share for the event. (Councilmember Thompson)
- The SCOPE Program is holding a SCOPE and law enforcement community education event in May. (Board Member Hafner)
- Coordinated planning by the City of Spokane, Spokane County and Spokane Valley to create a plan to address homelessness was announced at the Regional Governance meeting on Wednesday. (Councilmember Beggs)

NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled at 12:30 p.m. on February 28, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

APPROVED:

Board Member Name and Title

Date:

Recording Secretary

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