

The regular meeting of the Spokane Regional Health District Board of Health held on Thursday, **February 28, 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
 Mayor Kevin Freeman
 Board Member Andrea Frostad
 Board Member Chuck Hafner
 Councilmember Kate Burke

ABSENT

Commissioner Mary Kuney
 Commissioner Al French
 Commissioner Josh Kerns
 Councilmember Karen Stratton
 Councilmember Linda Thompson
 Board Member Donald Condon, MD

CITIZEN INPUT

- Jacklyn Gallion, Spokane County, WA – Spoke about SRHD requests for social distancing and the measles outbreak in Clark County.
- Stacy Cossey, Spokane County, WA - Spoke on ‘big money’ buying influence and power related to vaccines.
- Shawna Robinson, Spokane County, WA - Spoke on immunization and her children’s vaccine injury experience.
- Kim Stadler, Spokane, WA – Thanked the Board members for listening to the citizens and for removing immunization from the Board legislative agenda.
- Kim Helm, Spokane Valley, WA – Ms. Helm read a letter from her friend on MMR vaccine shedding and thanked the Board for listening to citizens.
- Erin Kranzler, Spokane Valley, WA – Spoke on her move from California to Washington because of mandated vaccinations and requested the Board oppose immunization legislation currently proposed.
- Laura Dentone, Spokane, WA – Spoke on vaccine injuries and reasons to oppose vaccines.

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: January 31, 2019

2019 Vouchers paid: January 1 – 31, 2019

Voucher Numbers: #248995 - #249328	\$ 1,669,767.23
Payroll Warrants: #1032121- #1032128 1033668 - #1033669 2894	
Advice Numbers: #DD49071 - #DD49323	\$882,087.49
Payroll Warrants: #1035755- #1035762 #2896	
Advice Numbers: #DD49324 - #DD49575	\$877,158.56
TOTAL	\$1,759,246.05

Motion: To approve the January 31, 2019 meeting minutes as presented.

Motion/Second: Hafner/Freeman

Approved: Unanimously

Motion: To approve the January 1 – 31, 2019 vouchers as presented.

Motion/Second: Hafner/Freeman

Approved: Unanimously

ACTION ITEMS

There were no Action Items.

CHAIR REPORT – Councilmember Breean Beggs

- Board members were reminded to email the recording secretary suggestions for 2019 reports.
- SRHD vouchers will be sent to members on the second Friday of each month and BOH members will send voucher questions to the recording secretary by the third Wednesday of each month. The BOH Executive Committee will review the questions, and answers will be recorded in the committee minutes.

BOARD OF HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORTS

- BOH Transition Committee has contracted with Waldron HR for recruitment services for the Administrative Officer position. Community partners and staff will be invited to assist Waldron with gathering “backgrounding” information for the position profile. The Transition Committee will be holding open meetings due to proposed OPMA legislation with official minutes and agendas on the BOH website.
- BOH Budget & Finance Committee - No report.
- BOH Education Committee - No report.
- BOH Policy Committee – No report.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – Ray Byrne, Interim Administrative Officer

- SRHD will seek Public Health Accreditation Board reaccreditation next Thursday.
- Shannon Harrison, MD was introduced as the new medical doctor in Treatment Services.

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

- There have been 65 cases of measles in Clark County and one in Seattle-King County. Of the 66 cases, 57 were unimmunized, seven had questionable immunization and two had partial vaccination.
- There have been 277 hospitalizations in Spokane County due to Influenza A with 27% of those being vaccinated. There were 14 deaths due to influenza and 7% of those individuals were vaccinated.
- From 2014 to 2018, there has been a 650% increase in Syphilis. Cases had been primarily in men who have sex with men (MSM). This group often has additional issues with substance abuse, which makes it hard to identify and treat. Without additional funding, it will be hard to continue outreach to those infected.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Linda Graham, Health Policy Specialist

- The Board received a legislative update.

COMPTROLLER REPORT – Mike Riley, Interim Administrative Officer

- No report.

AGENCY REPORTS

- The Board was presented the proposed 2019-2021 Strategic plan. Councilmember Burke requested SRHD list addressing homelessness as an additional priority on its strategic plan.

BOARD MEMBER CHECK IN

- The City of Spokane, Spokane Valley and Spokane County are continuing to coordinate efforts to address homelessness. (Councilmember Beggs)

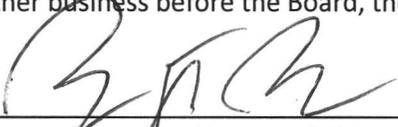
NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

APPROVED:



Board Member Name and Title
Breen L. Beggs, Chair

Date:

3/28/19



Recording Secretary