

BOARD OF HEALTH POLICY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2019

PRESENT		STAFF PRESENT	ABSENT	GUESTS	RECORDER
Kate Burke, Chair Kevin Freeman	Andrea Frostad Josh Kerns	Ray Byrne Bob Lutz			Ann Pitsnogle

TOPIC	INFORMATION	ACTION
Health Policy Position	Linda Graham, Health Policy Specialist, has resigned. Dr. Lutz and Ray Byrne will facilitate the Policy Committee until the position is filled. Executive Leadership Team is currently updating the position description. Councilmember Burke offered to participate on the hiring panel for the position. Commissioner Kerns offered to share the advertisement with policy staff. Councilmember Burke recommended the policy person have a strong presence in Olympia.	
Policy Committee Activity Recap	Last year, the Policy Committee recommended workshops for BOH on various topics to include mental health treatment paths and the tobacco laws. The workshops would educate the board on ways it can address issues with policy or legislation. The committee recommends policy alignment with the agency's strategic plan priorities and identifying areas the board needs education on related to the plan.	
Education Committee	Dr. Lutz will meet with the BOH Education Committee Chair on Wednesday. The Education Committee would like to educate the board on topics identified by the Policy Committee.	
Legislative Updates	The committee would like a comprehensive update on the outcome of bills related to the BOH Legislative Agenda once the session is complete. It would also like the role of the board regarding its legislative agenda determined. Currently, the board receives an update monthly, but has no other activities related to its agenda (i.e., receiving email alerts from the agency about upcoming bills and what board members can do to support).	
Recommendations	Members recommended Councilmember Burke and Dr. Lutz meet to review the strategic plan and identify potential policies and items to bring forward for BOH education. A draft calendar of educational topics will be reviewed by the committee at its May 23 meeting and will be brought to the BOH for consideration at the May 30 meeting. After BOH approval, the BOH Education Committee will determine method for BOH education. At the June BOH meeting, the BOH Education Committee will provide an overview of education that will be provided in 2019. The education will help BOH members understand its 2020 legislative agenda better. SRHD divisional reports that share local issues and how the agency is addressing them and the need from SRHD are preferred. The BOH legislative agenda will have three tiers. The first tier will be internally developed policies brought forward to advocate for on behalf of board and local population; the second tier will be external policies that the board is supporting; the third tier will be policies the board supports but is just watching.	Ann will schedule a meeting with Councilmember Burke and Dr. Lutz The SRHD attorney will be contacted about lobbying laws.

ADJOURNMENT

Approved: _____

Councilmember Burke, Chair

Date: 10/16/2019