

The regular meeting of the Spokane Regional Health District Board of Health held on **Thursday, March 27, 2025** was called to order by Commissioner Amber Waldref, Chair, at 2:35 p.m. in room 140 of the Public Health Center, 1101 West College Avenue, Spokane, Washington.

PRESENT

Commissioner Amber Waldref, Chair
Council Member Michael Cathcart, Vice Chair
Commissioner Josh Kerns
Commissioner Mary Kuney
Board Member Charlie Duranona
Board Member Patricia Kienholz

ABSENT

Board Member Monica Blykowski-May, MD, MBA

CITIZEN INPUT

Citizen input was received.

BOARD REPORTS

- The Board of Health (BOH) Policy & Education Committee did not meet.
- The BOH Budget & Finance Committee met and reviewed the district’s funding sources and Treatment Services financials.

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 19, 2025 and February 27, 2025
2025 Vouchers Paid: February 1-28, 2025
2025 Voucher Correction: January 1-31, 2025

Voucher Numbers: 266478 – 266712	
AP EFTs: EFT B&O JAN2025 EFT TSRENT 225	\$2,098,430.26
Payroll Warrants 1166129-1166139, 1166658-1166664, 1167203-1167204, 1167682-1167684, 1167941-1167950	
Advice Numbers: DD87713 – DD87983	\$1,304,574.28
Off Cycle Payroll Warrant: 1166657	\$13,324.07
Advice Numbers: DD87984 – DD88253	<u>\$1,140,690.18</u>
TOTAL	\$4,557,018.79

Motion: To approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion/Second: Cathcart/Kuney

Approved: Unanimously

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board adjourned at 12:45 p.m. for 45 minutes for an executive session pursuant to RCW §42.30.140(4)(b) and RCW §42.30.110(1)(i). Dr. Thompson, SRHD Administrative Officer, Dr. Velázquez, SRHD Health Officer, Danielle Stoddard, SRHD Human Resources Director and Michelle Fossum, SRHD BOH Legal Counsel, were asked to remain for the first discussion. Dr. Thompson and legal counsel were asked to remain for the second discussion. At 1:31 p.m., the BOH Chair requested an extension of the executive session for an additional 15 minutes. At 1:46 p.m., the BOH Chair requested an extension of the executive session for an additional 10

minutes. At 1:56 p.m., the BOH Chair requested an extension of the executive session for an additional 5 minutes. At 2:02 p.m., the BOH Chair requested an extension of the executive session for an additional 5 minutes.

MEETING RECONVENED

The meeting was reconvened at 2:07 p.m. No action was taken.

ACTION ITEMS

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT – *Alicia M. Thompson, DrPH, LMSW, Administrative Officer*

- The board received a presentation from Vania Rudolf, MD, MPH, DFASAM on whole person-centered care for perinatal opioid use.

Board Member Duranona left the meeting at 2:37 p.m.

- The board received a presentation on the SRHD Opioid Treatment Program MOUD in Pregnancy from Iris Aleman, BA, SUDP, Treatment Services program.
- Adam Martin, Treatment Services Application Specialist, presented Treatment Services monthly service numbers.
- Treatment Services ended 2024 with a surplus of \$865,549. The program closed February 2025 with a surplus of \$261,521. Spokane County and the City of Spokane are considering providing opioid settlements funds to expand services in the program.

FINANCIAL REPORT – *Kim Kramarz, Controller*

No report.

HEALTH OFFICER REPORT – *Francisco Velázquez, MD, SM, FCAP, Health Officer*

- Respiratory illnesses overall are declining. There has been a total of 463 pertussis cases to date. Measles cases nationwide are at 378 in 18 jurisdictions with two cases in Washington State (King and Snohomish counties).
- A legislative bill was passed that allocates funding for a housing program for young adults that are exiting in-patient behavioral health treatment and are engaged in recovery services. Excelsior Wellness will be the pilot program for the eastern region in Washington State.

AGENCY REPORTS

- Kelli Hawkins, Public Information & Government Affairs Director, provided a presentation on National Public Health Week and celebrations planned within SRHD and in the community for the week.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – *Lola Phillips, Deputy Administrative Officer*

- Updates on the board and WSALPHO's legislative agendas will be shared with the board on Monday. Funding updates have been shared with staff and will be forwarded to board members.

Council Member Cathcart left the meeting at 3:24 p.m.

BOARD MEMBER CHECK IN

NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled at 12:30 p.m. on April 24, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Commissioner Amber Waldref, Chair

Date: _____

Ann Pitsnogle, Recording Secretary

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