

The regular meeting of the Spokane Regional Health District Board of Health held on **Thursday, June 26, 2025** was called to order by Council Member Michael Cathcart, Vice Chair, at 12:30 p.m. in room 140 of the Public Health Center, 1101 West College Avenue, Spokane, Washington.

PRESENT

Commissioner Amber Waldref, Chair (arrived at 12:57 p.m.)
Council Member Michael Cathcart, Vice Chair (departed at 1:32 p.m.)
Commissioner Josh Kerns (departed at 1:32 p.m.)
Commissioner Mary Kuney
Board Member Monica Blykowski-May, MD, MBA
Board Member Charlie Duranona
Board Member Patricia Kienholz

ABSENT

CITIZEN INPUT

Citizen input has been received and placed into the meeting record.

BOARD REPORTS

There were no board reports.

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: May 29, 2025
2025 Vouchers paid: May 1-31, 2025

Voucher Numbers: #267202 - #267421	\$ 2,250,529.07
Payroll Warrants: # 1173148—#1173155, ## 1174326	
Advice Numbers: # DD89351— #DD89625 (Dated 5/9/2025)	\$1,296,300.73
Advice Numbers: # DD89626— DD89898 (Dated 5/23/2025)	\$1,215,223.53
TOTAL	\$4,762,053.33

Motion: *To approve the Consent Agenda as presented.*

Motion/Second: *Kerns/Kienholz*

Approved: *Unanimous*

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution #25-02 Amendment and Clarification to Resolution #20-07 Regarding Spokane Regional Health District Health Equity Response – Alicia M. Thompson, DrPH, LMSW, Administrative Officer

Motion/Second: *Kerns/Kuney*

Approved: *Unanimous*

Commissioner Waldref arrived at the meeting at 12:57 p.m.

Approval of the Treatment Services Expansion Proposal – Alicia M. Thompson, DrPH, LMSW, Administrative Officer

Motion/Second: *Kerns/Duranona*

Approved: *6 yea/1 abstain (Kienholz)*

Commissioner Josh Kerns departed the meeting at 1:32 p.m.
Council Member Michael Cathcart departed the meeting at 1:32 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board adjourned at 1:32 p.m. for 15 minutes for an executive session pursuant to RCW §42.30.110(1)(g) and RCW §42.30.110(1)(i).

MEETING RECONVENED

The meeting reconvened at 1:48 p.m. No action was taken.

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

- The Tribal Board of Health Member process is underway, with eligibility and selection details shared; the statute takes effect July 27, 2025, and start dates depend on the County's process.
- The Department of Health has received its funding awards; CDC awards are still pending. FPHS funding was reduced by \$150,000, with no staffing impact due to strategic budget adjustments.
- SRHD is covering reductions using \$25,000 in reinforcement capacity; underused funds from three streams will also be adjusted.
- Brick and mortar repairs are ongoing, with damaged materials being replaced and the project concluding with weather treatment of the building.
- Treatment Services reported a \$302,784 surplus through May, with increased client capacity and 982 individuals served.
- SRHD has expanded its insurance profile by adding Cigna and Aetna; finance is renegotiating contracts to support continued service growth.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Kim Kramarz, Controller

- The State Auditor's Office has begun the audit; planning documents will be shared by email, and board members may join the exit interview as needed, without forming a quorum.
- Work has begun on the 2026 budget, which will be presented at the September board meeting.
- The overall fund balance decreased by \$497,000, primarily due to timing of reimbursements under federal indirect grants, which are covered temporarily by unassigned funds.
- Unassigned reserves are currently at 24% (approximately \$13 million), exceeding the 20% target.
- The Board Emergency Reserve remains intact at \$4 million.
- Following today's Treatment Services approval, \$850,000 will be reallocated to the new reserve.

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

- Rabies and mammals that contract them and ways to report animal bites
- Pertussis will continue to be tracked internally; no regular updates will be provided unless there are major developments.
- Variant NB.1.8.1 is derived from Omicron, with the current dominant strain identified as the Nimbus variant.
- There have been 1,214 confirmed measles cases reported in 2025 across 36 jurisdictions.
- SRHD continues community collaboration efforts, including participation in Gabrielle's Challenge to highlight the agency's crisis response work.
- SRHD also presented to WAMOA and provided reminders about its role in pool and water safety through inspections and public education.

AGENCY REPORTS

- Melissa McDaniel provided a presentation on Spokane Regional Health District Community Health 2024 Accomplishments.

NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled at 12:30 p.m. on July 31, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Commissioner Amber Waldref, Chair

Date: _____

Madison Johnson, Recording Secretary

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