

The regular meeting of the Spokane Regional Health District Board of Health held on Thursday, **April 26, 2018** was called to order by Board Member Chuck Hafner, Chair, at 12:30 p.m. in room 140 of the Public Health Center, 1101 West College Avenue, Spokane, Washington.

PRESENT

Board Member Chuck Hafner, Chair
Councilmember Breean Beggs, Vice Chair (arrived at 12:33 p.m.)
Councilmember Kate Burke
Councilmember Karen Stratton
Councilmember Arne Woodard
Councilmember Linda Thompson (arrived at 12:33 p.m.)
Mayor Kevin Freeman
Board Member Andrea Frostad

ABSENT

Commissioner Al French
Commissioner Josh Kerns
Commissioner Mary Kuney
Board Member Donald Condon, MD

CITIZEN INPUT

There was no input.

CHAIR REPORT – Board Member Hafner

Spokane County Commissioners' Absences

The Chair noted that Spokane County Commissioners were absent due to a conference in Washington, D.C.

Citizen Input Request

In response to a request presented during last month's Citizen Input, the Chair responded each individual school board is responsible for approving exemption policy. Questions about exemption policies should be directed to the schools.

SRHD Years of Service Ceremony

Councilmember Beggs and Board Member Hafner attended yesterday's award ceremony. Board members were encouraged to attend future ceremonies.

Policy Committee Update

The committee has developed a plan for the year that will include developing topics the board may want to address and a meeting between legislators and board members.

Education and Communications Committee

The first committee meeting is scheduled for May 17.

Budget and Finance Committee

There was no report.

AGENCY REPORT – Torney Smith, Administrator

Health Impact Assessment (HIA) Training

Councilmember Linda Thompson attended the recent HIA trainings sponsored by Spokane Regional Health District (SRHD). There will be a full-day training on June 13. Any members interested in participating can contact Ann Pitsnogle.

SRHD Strategic Planning

SRHD is working to align its priorities with the community priorities. The agency is reviewing access and barriers to health care; child development; drugs and alcohol; healthy eating; weight and physical activity; housing security; economic development and security; infrastructure and built environment; and mental and behavioral health issues.

Sexual violence was not identified as a priority. Councilmember Burke commented the City of Spokane is contemplating performing a study to see how many are affected by sex trafficking. Those seeking information can contact Councilmember Burke.

SRHD Awards

Mike LaScuola, Environmental Public Health Division, received the Grace Under Pressure Award for his assistance to those in Airway Heights affected by perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) water supply issues.

The agency has received the Z08 Award, which recognizes organizations that have built and grown sustainable wellness programs.

The Association of Washington Cities awarded SRHD the Golden Apple Award for having an outstanding health promotion program.

Kresge Grant Work

Heleen Dewey, Health Promotion, and Torney Smith, SRHD Administrator, attended a conference in Harris County, Texas to learn how the county addresses health equity.

Public Health Accreditation Board Reaccreditation

The agency has submitted its application for reaccreditation and has eight weeks to submit all materials.

Done My Way Campaign

To address tobacco use, the agency has implemented the *Done My Way Campaign*. Board Members reviewed a video showing a testimony from a client of the program. Additional videos are available on YouTube.

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

Influenza Update

There have been 606 hospitalizations this flu season, which have been primarily Influenza A. There have been 40 deaths this year due to flu.

Opioid Class Action Suit

Spokane County Commissioners have joined other communities across the state and nation in a class action law suit against pharmaceutical industries that have promoted and marketed opioids incorrectly.

Tranquil Terminus

The federal government initiated a national exercise for emergency preparedness and response practice. The exercise scenario identified four patients who were potentially contaminated with Ebola in Boise,

Idaho. A transport originating in Atlanta flew the patients from Boise to Providence in Spokane. This was to test the emergency response system and identify any potential problems.

Escherichia coli (E. coli) Outbreak

There has been an E. coli contamination of lettuce from Yuma, Arizona. One family in Spokane county has been affected from lettuce not purchased locally.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Linda Graham, Health Policy Specialist

No report.

COMPTROLLER REPORT – Mike Riley, Comptroller

No report.

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: March 29, 2018

2018 Vouchers paid: March 1-31, 2018

Voucher Numbers:	#245753 - #245821	#245823 - 246097	\$ 973,651.94
Payroll Warrants:	#999489 - #999490	#999787 - #999788 and 2756	
Advice Numbers:	#DD44129 - #DD44368		\$807,513.93
Payroll Warrants:	#2761		
Advice Numbers:	#DD44369 - #DD44610		\$832,513.85
		TOTAL	\$1,640,045.78

Motion: To approve the Board of Health meeting minutes of March 29, 2018.

Motion/Second: Woodard/Stratton

Approved: Unanimously

Motion: To approve the consent agenda including meeting minutes and vouchers as presented.

Motion/Second: Thompson/Freeman

Approved: Unanimously

ACTION ITEMS

There were no Action Items.

REPORTS

Public Health and Health Care Emergency Response for Board of Health – Tiffany Turner, Public Health and Health Care Emergency Response Program Manager

The Public Health and Health Care Emergency program is partnering with American Red Cross for alternate care facility planning. The program will participate in a simulated hospital evacuation exercise in May and testing a patient tracking system during Bloomsday.

As an outcome of the Freeman School shooting, the program is working with mental health providers to determine how to coordinate services if an incident happens again. In addition, it is working with partners (American Red Cross) to develop family reunification plans after a shooting.

During an event, the board may be called upon to approve additional resources. The board would also be informed of any major events and as elected officials may participate in community Emergency Coordination Center briefings. Members are encouraged to keep informed of emergency response work and participate in courses available on emergency response. Members are encouraged to advocate in the community for continuity planning and preparedness, continue building resilient communities and participate in emergency response exercises. Board members can direct the public to www.ready.gov to create an individual emergency response plan and find business continuity planning resources.

New board members will be added to the SECURES emergency response alerting system, which will notify members during an event. Once all members are added, there will be a test of the system and members are encouraged to participate.

BOARD MEMBER CHECK IN

Our Kids, Our Business and Spokane Valley Youth Voice Rally – Councilmember Thompson

Councilmember Thompson attended the Our Kids, Our Business event and listened to the keynote speaker’s personal account of tragedy. She is thankful tragedy is turning into action. She attended the Spokane Valley Youth Voice Rally and acknowledges the alignment of their priorities with Priority Spokane priorities. She encouraged board members to continue seeking solutions to tragedies in the community.

Personal Flotation Devices and Water Conservation – Councilmember Beggs

Councilmember Beggs shared the City of Spokane has passed rules that require personal flotation devices be worn by all on the river except those swimming. This work is a collaboration between the City of Spokane and the Spokane County Sheriff’s office.

The city is now working on regulation that would require revenues from providing water to other entities be designated for water conservation efforts.

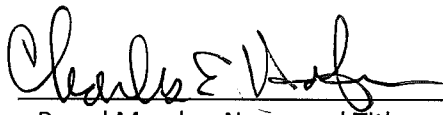
NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled at 12:30 p.m. on May 31, 2018.

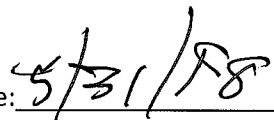
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

APPROVED:


Board Member Name and Title

Date:




Recording Secretary