

The regular meeting of the Spokane Regional Health District Board of Health held on Thursday, **December 5, 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  
Commissioner Josh Kerns  
Councilmember Kate Burke (departed at 1:56 p.m.)  
Councilmember Linda Thompson (arrived at 12:36 p.m.)  
Mayor Kevin Freeman  
Board Member Andrea Frostad  
Board Member Chuck Hafner

**ABSENT**

Commissioner Mary Kuney  
Commissioner Al French  
Councilmember Karen Stratton

**CITIZEN INPUT**

- Jaclyn Gallion, Spokane Valley, WA – Spoke on government transparency related to vaccine exemptions.

**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: October 31, 2019  
2019 Vouchers paid: October 1 – 31, 2019

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Voucher Numbers: #251845 - #252164	\$ 1,349,162.55
Advice Numbers: #DD53582 - #DD53835	
Payroll Warrants: #1062871- #1062874	\$906,402.65
SRHD: 3016	
Advice Numbers: #DD53836 - #DD54092	
Payroll Warrants: #1064366- #1064374	\$869,132.95
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,775,535.60</b>

**Motion:** To approve the October 31, 2019 meeting minutes and October 1-31, 2019 vouchers as presented.

**Motion/Second:** Freeman/Burke

**Approved:** Unanimously

**ACTION ITEMS**

Resolution #19-07 Adoption of the 2020 SRHD Budget - Mike Riley, SRHD Comptroller

**Motion:** To approve Resolution #19-07 adopting the 2020 Spokane Regional Health District budget.

**Motion/Second:** Hafner//burke

**Approved:** Unanimously

**Discussion:** Councilmember Thompson recommended having a balanced budget for 2021.

Resolution #19-08 Adopting a Board of Health Legislative Agenda for the 2020 State of Washington Legislative Session – Amber Lenhart, Health Policy Specialist

**Motion:** To approve Resolution #19-08 adopting a Board of Health legislative agenda for the 2020 State of Washington legislative session.

**Motion/Second:** Thompson/Burke

**Approved:** Unanimously

Resolution #19-09 Adoption of a Labor Contract for Employees of SRHD who are Members of the ProTec17 Union for the Period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022 – Ray Byrne, SRHD Interim Administrator

**Motion:** To approve Resolution #19-09 as presented.

**Motion/Second:** Freeman/Hafner

**Approved:** Unanimously

Resolution #19-10 (1) Authorizing Staff to Execute a MOA with WSNA for Calendar Year 2020 Providing for a 1.6% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) and an Increase in Medical Premium Contribution Rates for SRHD Employees who are Members of That Union and (2) Providing a Similar Benefit to All SRHD Non-Union Employees – Ray Byrne, SRHD Interim Administrator

**Motion:** To approve Resolution #19-10 as presented.

**Motion/Second:** Wick/Thompson

**Approved:** Unanimously

Election of 2020 Chair – Councilmember Breean Beggs, Chair

**Motion:** To nominate Councilmember Ben Wick as Board of Health Chair for 2020.

**Motion/Second:** Hafner/Thompson

**Approved:** Unanimously

Election of 2020 Vice Chair – Councilmember Breean Beggs, Chair

**Motion:** To nominate Commissioner Mary Kuney as Board of Health Vice Chair for 2020.

**Motion/Second:** Kerns/Freeman

**Approved:** Unanimously

**CHAIR REPORT – Councilmember Breean Beggs**

- SRHD Emergency contact cards were provided Board members.
- The Board Chair and SRHD Administrative Officer presented at the recent Washington State Board of Health meeting in Spokane on November 18.
- The Board chair recommended developing a regional legislative agenda.
- The Administrative Officer has developed a 2020 BOH report calendar which aligns with the legislative agenda.
- Committee members have recommended combining the BOH Policy and Education Committees. Board members were asked to consider serving as committee chairs.

**BOARD OF HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- No reports.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Amelia Clark, Administrative Officer**

- The board was presented an overview of the report given to the Washington State Board of Health in November.

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

- There are 68 cases of Hepatitis A to date. Spokane has the highest rate in the state.
- There has been an uptick in pertussis in Spokane County.
- There are increased rates of influenza in Spokane County primarily influenza B.
- There have been 47 deaths nationally from EVALI to date. There are 19 cases in the State of Washington with three in Spokane County.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Amber Lenhart, Health Policy Specialist**

- No report.

**COMPTROLLER REPORT – Mike Riley, Interim Administrative Officer**

- No report.

**AGENCY REPORTS**

- The board was presented an update that outlined the agency's efforts to address vaping.

**BOARD MEMBER CHECK IN**

- Councilmember Thompson was approached by many attendees at the recent National League of Cities asking for information about marijuana since it is legal in Washington State. She recommended building community partnerships and working with other agencies to support good messaging about prevention.

**NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled at 12:30 p.m. on January 30, 2020.

**ADJOURNMENT**


There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

APPROVED:



Mayor Ben Wick, Board Chair

Date:



Ann Pitsnogle, Recording Secretary