

The regular meeting of the Spokane Regional Health District Board of Health held on Thursday, **February 27, 2020** was called to order by Mayor Ben Wick, Chair, at 12:30 p.m. in room 140 of the Public Health Center, 1101 West College Avenue, Spokane, Washington.

PRESENT

Councilmember Ben Wick, Chair
 Commissioner Mary Kuney, Vice Chair
 Commissioner Josh Kerns
 Councilmember Linda Thompson
 Board Member Andrea Frostad
 Board Member Chuck Hafner
 Board Member Jason Kinley, ND

ABSENT

Commissioner Al French
 Mayor Kevin Freeman
 Councilmember Breean Beggs
 Councilmember Karen Stratton
 Councilmember Betsy Wilkerson

CITIZEN INPUT

- Jacklyn Gallion, Spokane Valley, WA – Spoke on the mumps outbreak and school exclusions.
- Lindsey Donahue, Spokane County, WA – Spoke on 5G cell towers and electromagnetic radiation (EMR) hazards.
- Colleen Palmer, Spokane, WA – Spoke on the dangers of wireless technology and invited the Board to a forum on the topic.

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: January 30, 2020
 2020 Vouchers paid: January 1-31, 2020

Voucher Numbers: #252661—#253004	Dec 2019 B&O Excise Tax	\$ 1,751,922.19
Payroll Warrants: #1071980—#1701980		
	Advice Numbers: # DD55125 – DD55379	\$946,320.05
Payroll Warrants: #1072252—#1072256 #1073379—#1073379		
	Advice Numbers: #DD55380 – DD55637	\$914,875.61
	TOTAL	\$1,861,195.66

Motion: To approve the January 30, 2020 meeting minutes as presented.
Motion/Second: Thompson/Kuney
Approved: Unanimously

Motion: To approve January 1-31, 2020 vouchers as presented.
Motion/Second: Kuney/Hafner
Approved: 6 yea/1 abstain (Thompson)

ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items.

CHAIR REPORT – Councilmember Ben Wick

- The Chair spoke on Board member roles and responsibilities.
- Board members were invited to attend the 2020 SRHD Annual Awards and Recognition Reception in April.

BOARD OF HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORTS

- BOH Budget & Finance Committee will meet in March.
- BOH Policy Committee will be scheduling its first meeting soon.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Amelia Clark, Administrative Officer

- BOH manuals have been created to assist members with governance. Binders that include the manual and agenda packet will be placed at member seats each meeting. The manual is also available on the BOH website.

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

- There has been a downtick in influenza cases. There have been 70 deaths in Washington State.
- There were 22 cases of pertussis in February.
- There are 82,000 infected with COVID-19 in the world with over 2,000 deaths. The mortality rate is 2%, but significant because the disease is novel and worldwide. SRHD's Incident Command Structure (ICS) has been activated for three weeks to focus on community mitigation. The REDi Healthcare Coalition has been completing surveys to determine resources in case of an outbreak in the region. SRHD staff are informing the public on how to prevent the illness, reviewing plans and procedures to address gaps to strengthen response, and surveilling and responding for the disease. Plans and procedures have been followed for the COVID-19, asymptomatic individuals who are at Sacred Heart Medical Hospital.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Amber Lenhart, Health Policy Specialist

- The Healthy Policy Specialist has met with legislators in Olympia sharing public health work in the local community.
- The next cutoff for bills in the legislature is tomorrow.

COMPTROLLER REPORT – Mike Riley, Comptroller

- The Board reviewed the 2019 actual report and the January monthly financial report. Approximately \$749,000 was placed into reserves from the 2019 budget. The Board will receive monthly financial reports starting this year.
- The Comptroller is developing an approval process for contracts that require BOH approval.

AGENCY REPORTS

- The Board received a report on the determinants of health and upstream work completed by SRHD to address the determinants.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board adjourned at 2:00 p.m. for 10 minutes for an executive session pursuant to RCW §42.30.110(1)(i)

MEETING RECONVENED

The meeting reconvened at 2:10 p.m. No action was taken.

BOARD MEMBER CHECK IN


- No reports.

NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING


The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled at 12:30 p.m. on March 26, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:12pm.

APPROVED: 
Mayor Ben Wick, BOH Chair

Date: 6/9/20


Ann Pitsnogle, Recording Secretary