

The regular meeting of the Spokane Regional Health District Board of Health held on Thursday, **June 25, 2020** virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic was called to order by Mayor Ben Wick, Chair, at 12:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Ben Wick, Chair
Commissioner Mary Kunev, Vice Chair
Commissioner Josh Kerns
Councilmember Breean Beggs (*arrived at 12:38pm*)
Councilmember Karen Stratton (*arrived at 12:38 pm*)
Councilmember Betsy Wilkerson (*arrived at 12:38pm*)
Councilmember Linda Thompson
Mayor Kevin Freeman
Board Member Andrea Frostad
Board Member Jason Kinley, ND

ABSENT

Commissioner Al French

CITIZEN INPUT

Due to Governor Inslee’s March 24, 2020 proclamation prohibiting in-person meetings and limiting meetings to action items that are routine, necessary or in response to COVID-19 and the public health emergency, only written public comment was accepted. Written comment was sent to all Board of Health members and was entered into the record.

CHAIR REPORT – Mayor Ben Wick

Chuck Hafner was recognized for his years of service on the Board of Health.

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 28, 2020
2020 Vouchers paid: May 1-31, 2020

Voucher Numbers: #253745 - #253908	April 2020 B&O Excise Tax	\$ 1,466,250.03
Payroll Warrants: #1081639- #1081643	Advice Numbers: #DD57167 - #DD57426	\$944,745.81
Payroll Warrants: #1082215- #1082216	Advice Numbers: #DD57427 - #DD57680	\$876,015.32
	TOTAL	\$1,820,761.13

Motion: *To approve the consent agenda as presented.*

Motion/Second: *Thompson/Wilkerson*

Approved: *9 Yea, 1 Abstain (Thompson)*

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution #20-07 Adopting a Spokane Regional Health District Health Equity Response – Mayor Ben Wick

Motion: *To forward Resolution #20-07 to the BOH Policy Committee for review prior to Board of Health consideration at the July 30, 2020 meeting.*

Motion/Second: *Thompson/Kerns*

Approved: *Unanimously*

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Amelia Clark, Administrative Officer

- BOH members will be sent forms to complete related to Title VI requirements.
- The SRHD attorney will review the BOH Conflict of Interest Policy prior to BOH consideration.
- The Incident Command Service has been restructured. Cindy Thompson will be reporting COVID-19 updates to the BOH starting in July.
- Heleen Dewey is filling the Health Equity Officer position that has been added to the COVID-19 incident command structure.
- The agency will utilize an outside organization to provide an after-action review on the COVID-19 response.
- COVID-19 testing is available for three hours each week in the Airway Heights community.
- School nurses have volunteered to do COVID-19 testing in neighborhoods starting next week.
- CHAS is averaging 150 COVID-19 tests daily and has a mobile team that provides testing in homes with many members.
- The COVID-19 isolation facility opened on June 1. The facility has served 24 individuals. CHAS, WSU Medical Street Outreach Team and MedStar are partnering with SRHD to test homeless individuals.
- REDi is gathering and coordinating resource information across Eastern Washington twice a week.
- Sixty-seven, non-epidemiology, non-SRHD staff, 73 SRHD staff, 17 active case investigators, 71 students, and 47 volunteers contract tracers have been trained.
- The COVID-19 call center receives an average of 40 calls and emails daily.
- SRHD Environmental Public Health will oversee the hiring and staffing of the public health technical advisors to assist businesses, schools, and childcare facilities in following COVID-19 guidance.

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

- As of today, there have been 1,122 cases with 30 people admitted to the hospital (10 in ICU). There have been 37 deaths in Spokane County. People between the ages of 20-39 years old represent 41% of current cases.
- Coyote Ridge has four patients in ICU in Spokane County where there have been 100 inmates and 40 staff infected. The Airway Heights Correctional Facility has taken 32 infected inmates from the facility.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Amelia Clark, SRHD Administrative Officer

- The SRHD budget is on-track and the goal of 20% in un-assigned reserves has been met.
- The CARES Act contract statement of work has been submitted and funding is expected soon. To date, \$1.9 million has been expended on COVID-19.

AGENCY REPORTS

- The SRHD Board of Health Roles and Responsibilities report was moved to the July Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:26 p.m.

APPROVED:


Commissioner Mary Kuney, BOH Vice Chair

Date: July 30, 2020


Ann Pitsnogle, Recording Secretary