

The regular meeting of the Spokane Regional Health District Board of Health held on Thursday, **July 30, 2020** virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic was called to order by Commissioner Mary Kuney, Chair, at 12:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Commissioner Mary Kuney, Vice Chair
Commissioner Josh Kerns
Councilmember Breean Beggs (*arrived at 12:35 p.m.*)
Councilmember Karen Stratton
Councilmember Betsy Wilkerson
Councilmember Linda Thompson
Mayor Kevin Freeman
Board Member Jason Kinley, ND

ABSENT

Councilmember Ben Wick, Chair
Commissioner Al French
Board Member Andrea Frostad

CHAIR REPORT – Commissioner Mary Kuney, Vice Chair

No report.

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.

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: June 25, 2020
2020 Vouchers paid: June 1-30, 2020

Voucher Numbers: #253909 - #254081	May 2020 B&O Excise Tax	\$ 1,228,766.64
Payroll Warrants: #1082578- #1082590	1082023 1083546 - #1083551	
Advice Numbers: #DD57681 - #DD57935		\$907,510.92
Payroll Warrants: #1084027 #1084454- #1084463		
Advice Numbers: #DD57936 - #DD58189		\$898,406.65
	TOTAL	\$1,805,917.57

Motion: To approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion/Second: Freeman/Wilkerson

Approved: 7 yeas, 1 abstain (Thompson)

ACTION ITEMS

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

Motion: To approve the resolution as presented.

Motion/Second: Thompson/Beggs

Approved: Unanimously

Resolution #20-08 Adopting the 2021 Health District Fee Schedule – Paula Maxwell, SRHD Financial Services

Motion: To approve the resolution as presented.

Motion/Second: Wilkerson/Thompson

Approved: Unanimously

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Amelia Clark, Administrative Officer

- The agency is continuing to focus on the COVID-19 response and with the start of school year is working to providing children vaccination access.
- The budget is being developed for Board consideration in September.
- The Washington State Secretary of Health, Dr. John Wiesman, and Kathy Lofy, Washington State Health Officer, participated in this week's COVID-19 Recovery Committee meeting. It was report that school COVID-19 guidance is expected at the end of this week.
- SRHD staff are meeting with school district superintendents weekly related to school openings and staff are planning curb-side vaccination clinics.
- Board members were reminded to complete Title VI forms.
- Board members will receive a survey on the COVID-19 emergency response. The survey will be repeated after six months.
- The SRHD ICS has an equity officer and is working to assure housing and rental funds are received by those in need. COVID-19 Equity meetings are being held.
- Approximately, 150 staff are coding to the COVID-19 response. SRHD has contracted with the Public Health Institute who has provided 18 case and contact tracer staff. SRHD has two epidemiologist and seven disease investigators. Including SRHD staff, there are 48 people available to provide case and contact tracing services.
- SRHD is contracting with Catholic Charities for a second isolation facility that will open on September 1. Between My Place and Catholic Charities, 100 individuals can be supported at the facilities.
- SRHD is working with healthcare partners to increase testing in the community.

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

- The Board received an update on the agency's COVID-19 response.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- Spokane County has provided \$2 million of additional CARES Act Funding to offset additional contact tracing expenditures. Current COVID-19 expenses are \$2.8 million.
- The SRHD agency budget is on track with 48% expenditures and 47% revenue. Reserves are at 24%.

AGENCY REPORTS

- The Board received a report on Board member roles and responsibilities.

BOARD MEMBER CHECK IN

- Commissioner Kuney is reviewing applications to the District 2 BOH appointed position and expects a decision before the next meeting.


NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled at 12:30 p.m. on September 24, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:49 p.m.

APPROVED:


Board Member Name and Title

Date: 10/20/20


Recording Secretary