

The regular meeting of the Spokane Regional Health District Board of Health held on Thursday, February 25, 2021 virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic was called to order by Commissioner Mary Kuney, Chair, at 12:53 p.m.

PRESENT

Commissioner Mary Kuney, Chair
Mayor Kevin Freeman, Vice Chair
Commissioner Josh Kerns
Council President Breean Beggs
Councilmember Betsy Wilkerson
Mayor Ben Wick
Councilmember Tim Hattenburg
Board Member Chuck Hafner (*arrived at 12:54 p.m.*)
Board Member Jason Kinley, ND

ABSENT

Commissioner Al French
Councilmember Karen Stratton
Board Member Andrea Frostad

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 – Commissioner Mary Kuney

- Outgoing Board member, Councilmember Linda Thompson, was recognized for her service.
- Councilmember Tim Hattenburg was welcomed to the Board of Health.
- Ann Pitsnogle, Kim Kreber, Jill Barrett, Demetra White, Will Hansen, Kayla Myers, Audra Marshall, Kari Lidbeck, Jackie Post, Kira Lewis, Summer Rose, Summer Warfield, Heleen Dewey and Cindy Thompson were recognized for their work at the Health District.
- Food establishment permit deadlines were discussed by the Board and will be a case-by-case decision handled by the Health District.

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 28, 2021 and February 9, 2021
2021 Vouchers paid: January 1-31, 2021.

Voucher Numbers:	#255510 - #255749	\$ 2,843,006.57
Payroll Warrants:	#1096927- #1096927 1097392 - #1097399	
Advice Numbers:	#DD61554 - #DD61835	\$1,100,212.39
Payroll Warrants:	#1098502- #1098502 1098935 - 1098945	
Advice Numbers:	#DD61836 - #DD62119	\$1,105,994.59
	TOTAL	\$5,049,213.55

Motion: To approve the consent agenda as presented.
Motion/Second: Freeman/Wilkerson
Approved: Unanimously

ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items.

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

- Washington State Secretary of Health, Dr. Umair Shah, visited the Health District on February 9, 2021.
- HB1152 is in rules review; therefore, the Health Officer discussion was postponed.
- There have been 39 applicants to the Deputy Administrative Officer position.
- The Spokane Health Advisory Council (SHAC) continues to have vacancies. Board members were encouraged to refer applicants.

COVID 19 REPORT – *Tiffany Turner, Associate Director of Disease Prevention & Response*

- COVID-19 cases are trending down with no new long-term care facility outbreaks.
- Race and ethnicity data collection has improved. Previous cases (60-80%) did not have race and ethnicity data. Now only 18% do not have the data.
- The DOH Phase Finder site is now available in over 20 languages.
- Federally qualified health centers in Spokane County are receiving large allocations of vaccine.
- Washington State has administered 1.4 million doses of vaccine; Spokane County has administered over 100,000 doses, and SRHD with community partners has administered almost 10,000 doses.
- Staff are working on outreach to marginalized communities, low-income senior housing, the homebound and those rurally.

HEALTH OFFICER REPORT – *Francisco Velázquez, MD, SM, FCAP, Interim Health Officer*

- In the last few weeks, 1,697 doses have been given to state qualified people in Spokane County schools. SRHD staff continue to improve assistance provided to schools.
- The COVID Testing Task Force continues to work on testing recommendations for the community. The task force will release antigen testing pilot projects for high-risk teachers and staff and rapid testing around food banks.
- The Events & Venues workgroup is working to have a strategic COVID-19 guidance plan for Spokane County events and will provide feedback to the Governor.

FINANCIAL REPORT – *Amelia Clark, Administrative Officer*

- The Board was provided an update on SRHD financials.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – *Amelia Clark, Administrative Officer*

- The Board was provided a legislative update.

AGENCY REPORTS

- The Board discussed the Treatment Services proposal to expand the program. A recommendation combining proposal options one and two, with information about services relative to zip codes, will be brought back to the Board for consideration. The current SRHD strategic plan will be forwarded to the Board.

BOARD MEMBER CHECK IN

- In celebration of Cultural Days, there will be free gondola rides and prizes at Riverfront Park. (*Councilmember Wilkerson*)

NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled at 12:30 p.m. on March 25, 2021.


ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

APPROVED: 

Mayor Kevin Freeman, Vice Chair

Date: Apr 21, 2021



Ann Pitsnogle, Recording Secretary






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