

The regular meeting of the Spokane Regional Health District Board of Health held on Thursday, March 25, 2021 virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic was called to order by Mayor Kevin Freeman, Vice Chair, at 12:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Kevin Freeman, Vice Chair
Commissioner Josh Kerns
Council President Breean Beggs
Councilmember Karen Stratton (*arrived at 1:13 p.m.*)
Councilmember Betsy Wilkerson
Mayor Ben Wick
Councilmember Tim Hattenburg (*arrived at 12:43 p.m.*)
Board Member Andrea Frostad
Board Member Jason Kinley, ND

ABSENT

Commissioner Mary Kuney, Chair
Commissioner Al French
Board Member Chuck Hafner

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 Kevin Freeman, Vice Chair

- The SRHD Administrative Officer will present a process for a new strategic plan to the Board at an upcoming meeting.
- On March 1, 2021, the Washington State Department of Health approved Dr. Francisco Velázquez as a provisionally qualified health officer.

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: February 25, 2021
2021 Vouchers paid: February 1 – 28, 2021.

Voucher Numbers: #255800 - #256041	\$ 2,607,163.87
Payroll Warrants: #1099443- #1099450	
Advice Numbers: #DD62120 - #DD62398	\$1,048,028.94
Payroll Warrants: #1099926- #1099927	
#1100342 - #1100342	
#1100860 - #1100869	
Advice Numbers: #DD62399 - #DD62677	\$1,087,794.33
TOTAL	\$4,742,987.14

Motion: To approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion/Second: Wick/Kinley

Approved: Unanimously

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution #21-01 Adopting a SRHD Title VI Non-Discrimination Plan and Approval for Board Chair to Sign Title VI Non-Discrimination Certification – *Amelia Clark, SRHD Administrative Officer*

Motion: *To approve resolution #21-01 Adopting a SRHD Title VI Non-Discrimination Plan and Approval for the Board Chair to Sign Title VI Non-Discrimination Certification as amended.*

Motion/Second: *Hattenburg/Kinley*

Approved: *Unanimously*

Resolution #21-02 Instructing the SRHD Administrative Officer to Complete an In-Depth Review of Each Health District Program Identifying All-Funding Streams Including Local Dollars – *Mayor Kevin Freeman, BOH Vice Chair*

Motion: *To approve Resolution #21-02 as presented.*

Motion/Second: *Beggs/Wick*

Approved: *Unanimously*

Adoption of a Health Officer Recruitment Plan – *Amelia Clark, SRHD Administrative Officer*

Motion: *To authorize the Administrative Officer to spend from the reserve funds up to \$50,000 for the recruitment of a local health officer.*

Motion/Second: *Wick/Frostad*

Approved: *Unanimously*

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

- SRHD will be participating in National Public Health Week April 5-11, 2021. There will be proclamations, banners, special lighting, social media messaging and staff highlights.
- The Spokane Health Advisory Council application process will remain open.
- Deputy Administrative Officer interviews will be held March 26 and the Preventive Public Health Director position recruitment closes March 31.

COVID-19 REPORT – *Lyndia Wilson, Preventive Public Health Division Director*

- Twenty-five staff have been hired to help with the response and many agency staff are still working on the response.
- Vaccination infrastructure has been built within Spokane County and maintaining it will be the focus for many years.
- SRHD building opening has been delayed until April 13. Guidance is being updated and staff trained for return to the building. Managers are required to submit plans for having staff return to work and clients being seen.
- Epidemiology staff have been approved to provide a Hepatitis A presentation at the Counsel of State and Territorial Epidemiologists Conference.

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

- Onboarding of students is on schedule for April 5 including guidance in music, choir, special education, and sports.
- Since 2021, there have been 27 cases of COVID-19 in school staff and only three cases in children that could have been related to being in school. Staff infections have been traced back to teacher lounges, smoking breaks, and meetings.
- The B1.429 (California variant) is becoming the most common COVID-19 variant in the northern states along with the B1.1.7 from the United Kingdom.

FINANCIAL REPORT – *Amelia Clark, SRHD Administrative Officer*

- COVID-19 funding continues to change, and the agency is working to assure spending is completed per the requirements of funding.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Amelia Clark, Administrative Officer

An updated legislative agenda was provided to all Board members in their packet for review.

BOARD MEMBER CHECK IN

- Providence and MultiCare are completing their community assessments and will provide a report to the City of Spokane Council in May. *(Councilmember Wilkerson)*

NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled at 12:30 p.m. on April 29, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:51 p.m.

APPROVED: 
Mary L. Kuney (Jun 4, 2021 15:22 PDT)
Commissioner Mary Kuney, Chair

Date: Jun 4, 2021


Ann Pitsnogle, Recording Secretary






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