

The regular meeting of the Spokane Regional Health District Board of Health held on **Thursday, December 2, 2021** virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic was called to order by Commissioner Mary Kunev, Chair, at 12:35 p.m.

PRESENT

Commissioner Mary Kunev, Chair
Mayor Kevin Freeman, Vice Chair
Commissioner Al French
Commissioner Josh Kerns
Council President Breean Beggs
Councilmember Karen Stratton
Councilmember Betsy Wilkerson
Mayor Ben Wick
Board Member Andrea Frostad
Board Member Jason Kinley, ND

ABSENT

Councilmember Tim Hattenburg

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.

BOARD REPORTS

- On November 16, 2021, the Spokane County Board of Commissioners instituted HB1152 changing the structure of the Board of Health (BOH). Spokane County will take applications for membership on the Board until December 9.
- Board of Health members were thanked for their service on the Board of Health.
- The BOH Budget & Finance Committee met on November 18, 2021 and reviewed and recommend the vouchers for approval with no concerns. The committee recommends the general fund budget amendment and 2022 SRHD budget for approval.

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: October 28, 2021
2021 Vouchers paid: October 1-31, 2021

Voucher Numbers:	#257597 - #257789	\$ 2,041,306.27
Advice Numbers:	#DD66688 - #DD66962	\$1,068,622.19
Payroll Warrants:	#1115919- #1115929	
Advice Numbers:	#DD66963 - #DD67235	\$1,030,203.87
Payroll Warrants:	#1117081 – 1117086 #1117826 - #1117826	
	TOTAL	\$4,140,132.33

Motion: To approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion/Second: Wick/Wilkerson

Approved: Unanimously

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution #21-10 Authorizing a 2021 General Fund Budget Amendment - Mayor Freeman, BOH Budget & Finance Committee Chair

Motion: To approve Resolution #21-10 as presented.

Motion/Second: Wilkerson/Kinley

Approved: Unanimously

Resolution #21-11 Adoption of the 2022 Spokane Regional Health District Budget – Mayor Freeman, BOH Budget & Finance Committee Chair

Motion: To approve Resolution #21-11 as presented.

Motion/Second: French/Wilkerson

Approved: Unanimously

Resolution #21-12 Authorizing Indemnification of the Members of the SRHD Board of Health and the SRHD Administrative Officer for Legal Fees, Legal Costs and/or Damages Arising from or Related to the Termination of the Former Health Officer, Robert Lutz, M.D. - Commissioner Kuney, BOH Chair

Motion: To approve Resolution #21-12 as presented.

Motion/Second: Wick/French

Approved: Unanimously

Election of 2022 Board of Health Interim Chair – Commissioner Kuney, BOH Chair

Motion: To have Commissioner Kuney continue as chair until replaced.

Motion/Second: Wick/Kinley

Approved: Unanimously

FINANCIAL REPORT – Kim Kramarz, Controller

- Agency expenses are at 79.8% and revenue is at 83.8% The agency has received all of Spokane County's contribution for the year. Reserves are at 28%.
- The COVID-19 budget has \$100,000 remaining of the DOH ELC19 funding and \$232,000 in Spokane County CARES funding that is expected to be exhausted by November expenses. The ELC20 funding of \$5.2 million and DOH Vaccine Services funds of \$1.6 million will move forward into 2022.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT – Amelia Clark, Administrative Officer

- The new Facilities manager will begin December 16.
- The Human Resources manager interviews will be held next week.
- Budget implementation will begin this afternoon with a communication to staff.
- The Administrative Officer and Health Officer have met with community agencies on the possession of controlled substances and information from the meetings will be shared with the Spokane Health Advisory Council.

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

- There are currently two cases of Omicron in the United States. The Delta virus is trending down in the United States.
- There are 218 COVID-19 cases reported in Spokane County today. In Spokane County, 61.1% of the population has been fully vaccinated.
- The Health District has distributed 146,524 tests to the community.
- The Test to Stay program used by the State of Washington was developed in Spokane.

BOARD MEMBER CHECK IN

- Board member Frostad thanked staff for their work and vouched for the Administrative Officer and Health Officer's integrity, character, and their efforts to make the right decisions for the agency and community.

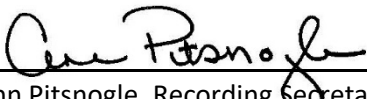
NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled at 12:30 p.m. on January 27, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

APPROVED:  Date: _____
Commissioner Mary Kuney, Chair


Ann Pitsnogle, Recording Secretary