

The regular meeting of the Spokane Regional Health District Board of Health held on Thursday, **May 26, 2022**, virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic was called to order by Commissioner Mary Kunej, Chair, at 12:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Commissioner Mary Kunej, Chair
Mayor Kevin Freeman, Vice Chair
Commissioner Josh Kerns
Christopher Patterson
Alycia Policani, ND

ABSENT

Commissioner Al French
Charlie Duranona

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

- There was no Chair report.
- The Board of Health (BOH) Budget & Finance Committee is reviewing the 2023 budget timeline.
- The BOH Policy and Education Committee did not meet.

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: April 28, 2022
2022 Vouchers paid: April 1-30, 2022

Voucher Numbers:	#258853 - #259065	\$ 2,465,088.84
Advice Numbers:	#DD69793 - #DD70037	\$1,051,514.64
Payroll Warrants:	#1128656 - #1128660	
Advice Numbers:	#DD70285 - #DD70531	\$952,434.46
Payroll Warrants:	1129209 - 1129218	
	TOTAL	\$4,469,037.94

Motion: To approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion/Second: Freeman/Policani

Approved: Unanimously

ACTION ITEMS

There were no Action Items.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Kim Kramarz, Controller

- Expenses are at 30%. Funding and revenues are at 26.5% due to the delay in receiving grant billed funds. Unassigned reserves are at 20%. Committed reserve funds are at \$1.5 million. Assigned reserves are at \$1.8 million.
- The annual report is due May 30, 2022. The audit will be scheduled soon.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT – Amelia Clark, Administrative Officer

- Contracts for construction on the leased Treatment Services building will be brought to the Board for consideration in June and July.
- The June BOH meeting will be held in person.
- The Washington State Board of Health has released rule making documents for boards of health structure. Documents have been shared with general counsel for a SRHD BOH bylaws update.

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

- BA2 and BA2.12.1 are responsible for most of the increases in COVID-19 within the country. BA2 is the most prominent within region 10.
- Spokane County had a 15% increase in COVID-19 cases within the last week. There are currently 36 patients in the hospital to include one in ICU and one in the pediatric ICU.
- There are currently 58 hospitalizations for influenza including several pediatric cases.
- There are 429 cases of pediatric hepatitis in the country. Over 90% of cases have required hospitalization. Five deaths have been reported.
- There were 75 cases of Avian Influenza in animals on one, non-commercial farm within Spokane County
- The SRHD Disease Prevention & Response division has been providing Narcan distribution and testing and vaccination clinics at Camp Hope for hepatitis C, syphilis, and HIV. There are 350+ individuals within the camp. The division convened a meeting with City of Spokane officials to bring awareness of SRHD's presence in the camp and to share Department of Health's recommendations for containment of disease which resulted in 16 portable bathrooms placed within the camp by a grant from Better Health Together.

AGENCY REPORTS

- Michelle Fossum, SRHD Legal Counsel, provided a presentation on the updated Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA). Recommendations by the attorney include language within the bylaws about emergency meetings, language to address public comment, board member telephonic participation, and language about voting on permits and fees by BOH members. Public comment for the June Board meeting will be due in writing by June 29 at 12:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBER CHECK IN

- No Board member Check-In.

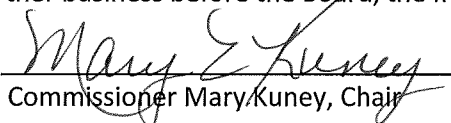
NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:29 p.m.

APPROVED:


 Commissioner Mary Kuney, Chair

Date: 6/30/2022


 Ann Pitsnogle, Recording Secretary