

The regular meeting of the Spokane Regional Health District Board of Health held on **Thursday, July 27, 2023**, was called to order by Mayor Kevin Freeman, Chair, at 12:37 p.m. in room 140 of the Public Health Center, 1101 West College Avenue, Spokane, Washington.

PRESENT

Mayor Kevin Freeman, Chair
Commissioner Josh Kerns, Vice Chair
Commissioner Mary Kuney
Commissioner Amber Waldref
Charlie Duranona
Alycia Policani, ND

ABSENT

Christopher Patterson

CITIZEN INPUT

No citizen input was received.

BOARD REPORTS

- The Board Chair, Mayor Freeman, will be resigning his position at the end of the year. The Chair urged Spokane County Commissioners to consider expanding the Board to include all five members of the commissioners to provide elected representation for all county citizens and oversight of the SRHD budget.
- The Board of Health (BOH) Budget & Finance Committee met and recommended approval of the vouchers.

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 29, 2023

2023 Vouchers paid: June 1-30, 2023

Voucher Numbers:	#261909 - #262158	\$ 1,329,216.40
Advice Numbers:	#DD77036 - #DD77299	
Payroll Warrants:	#1143693 - #1143695	\$1,204,732.69
Advice Numbers:	#DD77300 - #DD77566	
Payroll Warrants:	#1144343 - 1144351	<u>\$1,315,377.80</u>
	TOTAL	\$3,849,326.89

Motion: *To approve the consent agenda as presented.*

Motion/Second: *Waldref/Policani*

Approved: *Unanimously*

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board adjourned at 12:45 p.m. for 15 minutes for an executive session pursuant to RCW §42.30.110(1)(g). At 1:00 p.m., the BOH chair requested an extension of the executive session for an additional 5 minutes. At 1:05 p.m., the BOH Chair requested an extension of the executive session for an additional 5 minutes. At 1:10 p.m., the BOH Chair requested an extension of the executive session for an additional 5 minutes. At 1:17 p.m., the BOH Chair requested an extension of the executive session for an additional 5 minutes.

MEETING RECONVENED

The meeting reconvened at 1:22 p.m.

Motion: To suspend the current search for candidates for the SRHD Administrative Officer position, allow all current candidates to remain eligible and direct the recruiter to research and bring back a larger pool of candidates for Board of Health consideration.

Motion/Second: Kuney/Kerns

Approved: Unanimously

ACTION ITEMS

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT – Lola Phillips, Deputy Administrative Officer

- The Drip7 campaign was started to educate staff on how to prevent security breaches. Because of its success, the Drip7 organization has asked SRHD to participate in a case study.
- SRHD has begun reviewing its compliance plan. A copy of the past plan was included in the Board packet.
- Nurse Family Partnership had recent growth and is expected to have a congressional visit to the program.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Kim Kramarz, Finance Director & Controller

- Divisional budget development began on Monday with a due date of August 14. The BOH Budget & Finance Committee will review the budget and fee schedule in September. The Board will review the budget at its September 28 meeting.
- The state audit started on Monday. They will complete the single federal, financial statement and accountability audits.
- SRHD expenditures are at 46.2%, assigned reserves are at 15% and are expected to be more than 20% by next month. Total reserves are 13.4%.

Board Member Duranona departed at 1:32 p.m.

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

- Brittany Bannon, SRHD Research Scientist 3, presented the 2022 Quality of Life survey.
- Syphilis is trending higher than last year. There is a national shortage of Bicillin and treatment is being prioritized for pregnant women and those allergic to other treatment drugs.
- Extreme heat information is available on the SRHD website and through social media.
- The SRHD website has information on wildfire smoke. There is an extended risk of wildfire through September.
- July is National Minority Mental Health Awareness month.

BOARD MEMBER CHECK IN

- Commissioner Waldref will be attending the NALBOH conference next week.

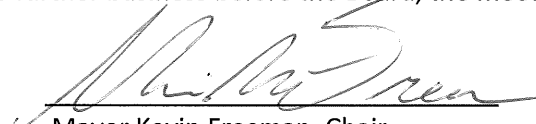
NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled at 12:30 p.m. on September 28, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

APPROVED:


Mayor Kevin Freeman, Chair

Date: 9/28/2023



Ann Pitsnogle, Recording Secretary