

The regular meeting of the Spokane Regional Health District Board of Health held on Thursday, April 27, 2023, was called to order by Mayor Kevin Freeman, Chair, at 12:30 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
Charlie Duranona
Christopher Patterson
Alycia Policani, ND (*departed at 1:34 p.m.*)

ABSENT

Commissioner Amber Waldref
Commissioner Mary Kuney

CITIZEN INPUT

There was no citizen input.

BOARD REPORTS

- Administrative Officer recruitment will continue until the end of April, and the Executive Committee of the Board of Health (ECBOH) will review the resumé and determine a pool of candidates for interviews.
- Board members who wish to attend the NACCHO Conference to be held July 10-13, in Denver, CO, are asked to contact the BOH Chair.
- The BOH Chair and Misty Challinor, Treatment Services Director, attended a Spokane City Council Briefing Session regarding the relocation of the Treatment Services program. The presentation will be shared with Board members.
- The BOH Budget & Finance Committee met and reviewed vouchers and recommended approval by the Board.

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: March 30, 2023

2023 Vouchers paid: March 1 – 31, 2023

Voucher Numbers: #261219 - #261413	\$ 760,975.61
Advice Numbers: #DD76005 - #DD76260	\$959,158.54
Payroll Warrants: #1140321- #1140331	
Advice Numbers: #DD76261 - #DD76515	\$1,052,674.71
Payroll Warrants: #1140624- #1140626	
TOTAL	\$2,772,808.86

Motion: To approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion/Second: Kerns/Policani

Approved: Unanimously

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution #23-02 Amending Resolution #22-09 to Correct Expenditure Authority for the 2022 SRHD General Fund Budget Approved at the December 1, 2022, Board of Health Meeting – Kim Kramarz, SRHD Controller

Motion: To approve the resolution as presented.

Motion/Second: Policani/Duranona

Approved: Unanimously

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Brandon Bannister, Health Policy Specialist

- The Board received an update on Washington State legislative activities.
- The House and Senate could not agree on amendments to Senate Bill 5536, which failed to pass before the end of session. The Governor may call for a special session to work on the bill.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Kim Kramarz, Finance Director and Controller

- The final revised budget for 2022 was \$53,182,411 with expenditures at \$47,073,836 and revenues of \$48,972,414. This left a surplus of \$1,898,578 due to COVID-19 funding that offsets local dollar projects and an increase in FPHS funding. The Board’s emergency fund is \$1.5 million, and the unassigned reserves are set at 20%. A total of \$16,700,365 are in held reserves. The budget was 88% expenses and 92% revenue.
- The projected 2023 budget is \$53,338,000. ARPA funding is incorporated into this year's budget to complete roofing and window projects. The agency is at 20.8% for revenues and expenses are at 20%. The unassigned reserves are 21% with a total reserve at \$17,132,000.

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

- The Board was provided with an overview of the 2023 agency workplan.

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

- Spokane County COVID-19 cases are 50.1 per 100,000. There have been no significant spikes in the community. Currently, the XBB.1.16 variant is being followed as it evades previous immunity and has resistance to antiviral medicines. The disease has a new symptom of pink eye. An additional bivalent vaccine is recommended.
- The CDC released a travel advisory for Guinea and Tanzania due to an outbreak of Marburg virus. Sacred Heart Medical Center has a special pathogens unit that could respond to this type of disease.
- There have been 47 states with outbreaks of Avian Influenza with about 59 million poultry affected. There is only one case of animal to human transmission in the U.S.
- The Food Safety program hosted temporary food establishment and donated food distributing organization seminars on April 13 and April 27, 2023.
- The Water Recreation program has permitted over 384 pools and spas. The program has developed a self-assessment checklist to help pool operators get ready for inspections.
- The SHAPE group brings together public health and healthcare to address health concerns that cannot be addressed alone. The group is currently working on Hepatitis C and Syphilis.

BOARD MEMBER CHECK IN

- There was no board member check in.

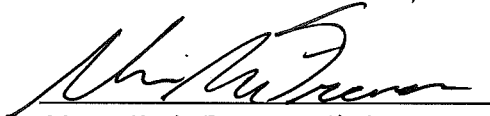
NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled at 12:30 p.m. on May 25, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

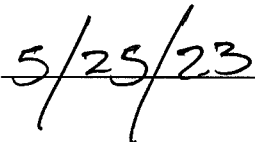
There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:09 p.m.


APPROVED:



Mayor Kevin Freeman, Chair

Date:





Ann Pitsnogle, Recording Secretary