

The regular meeting of the Spokane Regional Health District Board of Health held on **Thursday, April 25, 2024** was called to order by Commissioner Josh Kerns, Chair, at 12:34 p.m. in room 140 of the Public Health Center, 1101 West College Avenue, Spokane, Washington.

PRESENT

Commissioner Josh Kerns, Chair
Commissioner Amber Waldref, Vice Chair
Commissioner Mary Kuney
Council Member Michael Cathcart
Board Member Monica Blykowski-May, MD, MBA
Board Member Charlie Duranona
Board Member Patricia Kienholz

ABSENT

CITIZEN INPUT

Citizen input was received and placed into the meeting record.

BOARD REPORTS

- There was no Chair report.
- The Executive Committee of the Board of Health met and set the Board agenda and discussed the purpose of the committee.
- The BOH Policy & Education Committee has a tentative meeting set for May 9, 2024.
- The BOH Budget & Finance Committee met and received several financial presentations.

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 28, 2024
2024 Vouchers paid: March 1-30, 2024

Voucher Numbers:	#263908 - #264099	\$ 1,182,765.42
Advice Numbers:	#DD81805 - #DD82064	\$1,125,807.17
Payroll Warrants:	#1153519 - #1153612	
Advice Numbers:	#DD82065 - #DD82326	\$1,113,326.37
	TOTAL	\$3,421,898.96

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

Motion/Second: *Kuney/Duranona*

Approved: *Unanimously*

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board adjourned at 12:40 p.m. for 15 minutes for an executive session pursuant to RCW §42.30.110(1)(i). Dr. Thompson, SRHD legal counsel, and Holly Nelson and Lisa McMeekin from Enduris were asked to remain for the session. At 12:55 p.m., the BOH chair requested an extension of the executive session for an additional 10 minutes.

MEETING RECONVENED

The meeting was reconvened at 1:07 p.m. No action was taken.

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution #24-03 Authorizing a 2024 General Fund Budget Amendment – *Lola Phillips, Deputy Administrative Officer and Kim Kramarz, Finance Director and Controller*

Motion: To approve the resolution as presented.

Motion/Second: Kienholz/Blykowski-May

Approved: Unanimously

Adopting the Spokane Regional Health District Risk Management Plan – *Lola Phillips, Deputy Administrative Officer*

Motion: To approve the Spokane Regional Health District Risk Management plan as presented.

Motion/Second: Duranona/Cathcart

Approved: Unanimously

Discussion: Commissioner Kuney requested agency plans or larger items for Board vote be brought forward for a two-touch consideration.

Resolution #24-04 Adopting a Treatment Services Sliding Fee Schedule Policy – *Alicia M. Thompson, DrPH, LMSW, Administrative Officer*

Motion: To approve the resolution as presented.

Motion/Second: Kuney/Cathcart

Approved: 4 yea/3 abstain (Blykowski-May, Duranona, Kienholz)

Discussion: Commissioner Kuney requested updates to the fee schedule be shared with the Board. SRHD legal counsel reminded the Board that per RCW 70.46.031 appointed members of the Board do not vote on items related to fees.

Board Member Duranona departed the meeting at 1:37 p.m.

Commissioner Waldref departed the meeting at 1:47 p.m.

Approval to Conduct a Treatment Services Feasibility Study – *Alicia M. Thompson, DrPH, LMSW, Administrative Officer*

Motion: To approve Spokane Regional Health District to conduct a Treatment Services Feasibility Study.

Motion/Second: Cathcart/Kienholz

Approved: Unanimously

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT – *Alicia M. Thompson, DrPH, LMSW, Administrative Officer*

- Employees Dawnya Sanders (10 years), Amy Riffe (20 years), Steve Main (30 years), and Duff Little (30 years) were recognized for their years of service with the Health District.
- The following staff were recognized for their exemplary work: Kristine Brewer, Treatment Services and Disease Prevention & Response (DPR) staff who participated in the Homeless Connect event, and DPR staff for their response to the Shigella outbreak.
- The Board was provided an overview of SRHD efforts to reduce homelessness and address the opioid crisis.

FINANCIAL REPORT – *Kim Kramarz, Finance Director and Controller*

- The budget is at 22% of expenses and 21.5% of funding. The agency has a positive fund balance of \$703,789. Reserves at 24% and total reserves are at \$18,296,943 as of March.
- Finance staff are working on the SRHD annual report, which will be included in Spokane County's report.

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

- The Shigella outbreak is over. There were 203 cases with one death in a person who had pre-existing conditions.
- The measles outbreak has been declared over and was contained to one household.

- COVID-19 guidance has been updated by the CDC, DOH, and L&I. The Disease Prevention & Response (DPR) team is following the CDC guidelines and spent two weeks communicating the new guidelines with facilities.
- The Fentanyl Roundtable Workgroup agreed to follow three recommendations and work has begun to complete each.
- SRHD has been partnering with the Department of Licensing and community members to provide identification cards to the homeless. There has been a total of 388 cards provided to this population.

AGENCY REPORTS

- The Board received a report on childhood lead poisoning prevention from Jenni Horecny, MPH, RN, Epidemiologist, Disease Prevention & Response Division.

BOARD MEMBER CHECK IN

NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled at 12:30 p.m. on May 30, 2024.

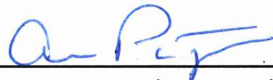
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

APPROVED:


Commissioner Josh Kerns, Chair

Date: 5-30-24



Ann Pitsnogle, Recording Secretary