

The regular meeting of the Spokane Regional Health District Board of Health held on **Thursday, October 31, 2024** was called to order by Commissioner Josh Kerns, Chair, at 12:32 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 Patricia Kienholz

ABSENT

Board Member Charlie Duranona

CITIZEN INPUT

Citizen input was received and placed into the meeting record. Verbal comment was received.

BOARD REPORTS

- The Executive Committee of the Board met and set the October agenda.
- The BOH Budget & Finance Committee met and reviewed resolutions for Board consideration.
- The BOH Policy & Education Committee met and reviewed the proposed BOH legislative agenda and proposed changes to Resolution #16-01.

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: September 26, 2024

2024 Vouchers paid: September 1-30, 2024

Contract: Spokane County Interlocal Agreement Regarding the Adult Overdose Fatality Multidisciplinary Case Review Panel

Contract: CAMTEK Integrated Security Systems

Contract: Kipu Health

Voucher Numbers	#265317 - #265529	EFT B&O AUG2024	EFT TSRENT 0924	\$ 2,019,365.10
Advice Numbers	#DD85029 - #DD85298			\$1,161,775.74
Payroll Warrants	#1160095 - #1160097			
Advice Numbers	#DD85299 - #DD85566			\$1,106,190.00
Payroll Warrants	#1160677 - #1160687			
			TOTAL	\$4,287,330.84

Motion: To approve consent agenda items 5A through 5E as presented.

Motion/Second: Kuney/Waldref

Approved: Unanimously

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board adjourned at 12:53 p.m. for 20 minutes for an executive session pursuant to RCW §42.30.110(1)(i). The Board requested Dr. Thompson, Dr. Velázquez and legal counsel attend the session. At 1:14 p.m., the BOH Chair requested an extension of the executive session for an additional five minutes. Dr. Thompson and Dr. Velázquez exited the session. At 1:19 p.m., the BOH Chair requested an extension of the executive session for an additional five minutes.

MEETING RECONVENED

The meeting was reconvened at 1:26 p.m. No action was taken.

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution #24-08 Adopting the 2025 SRHD Fee Schedule – Kim Kramarz, Finance Director & Controller

Motion: To approve the resolution as presented.

Motion/Second: Blykowski-May/Waldref

Approved: Unanimously

Resolution #24-09 Adopting the Proposed 2025 SRHD Budget – Kim Kramarz, Finance Director & Controller

Motion: To approve Resolution #24-09 as presented.

Motion/Second: Waldref/Cathcart

Approved: Unanimously

Resolution #24-10 Requesting the Board of County Commissioners for Spokane County to Provide Unrestricted Funding in the Amount of \$2,053,960 to the Spokane Regional Health District for the 2025 Budget Year – Commissioner Mary Kuney, BOH Budget & Finance Committee Chair

Motion: To approve Resolution #24-10 as presented.

Motion/Second: Blykowski-May/Kuney

Approved: Unanimously

Treatment Services Feasibility Study Step One Decision – Alicia M. Thompson, DrPH, LMSW

Motion: To defer consideration of the Treatment Services Feasibility Study Step One Decision to the December 5, 2024, Board of Health meeting

Motion/Second: Cathcart/Kuney

Approved: Unanimously

Resolution #24-11 Amending SRHD Resolution 16-01 Regarding Smoking in Public Places and Places of Employment with Respect to the Definition of Public Place and the Definition of Employee as Applied to Private Membership Clubs – Council Member Michael Cathcart

Motion: To amend Resolution #16-01, Section 3.A.2, to address the number of people per language recommended by legal counsel.

Motion/Second: Cathcart/Kuney

Approved: Unanimously

Motion: To adopt Resolution 24-11 which adopts Resolution #16-01 as amended.

Motion/Second: Cathcart/ Kuney

Approved: Unanimously.

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

- No report

FINANCIAL REPORT – Kim Kramarz, Finance Director & Controller

- Agency expenses are at 66% of budget and revenues are at 72.1%. The fund balance is showing a surplus of \$2.9 million due to receiving Foundation Public Health Services funding of \$3 million, receiving Public Health Appropriation funding of \$1.438 million and the ESIT program being a month behind in payments. Total reserves are \$20 million and unassigned reserves are 28%.

Board Member Blykowski-May departed the meeting at 2:28 p.m.

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

- There are a total of 39 cases of Avian influenza in the United States. All cases are animal-to-human and not human-to-human. Exposure could not be established in one case in Missouri. There has been one commercial flock of 80 chickens in Spokane County that has tested positive.
- There are 1,008 Pertussis cases statewide. There has been an increase in Spokane into the fall. The SRHD team is working to educate schools and childcare providers and provide prophylaxis in at-risk households.
- There is a national level Listeria outbreak with multiple hospitalizations and one mortality.
- There is an E. coli outbreak linked to MacDonald’s quarter pounder hamburgers which has been pinpointed to yellow onions from the distributor, Taylor Farmers.
- The Fentanyl Roundtable is continuing to meet and has engaged Three Bears Consulting group to look at Spokane County’s effectiveness and coordination in the community.

AGENCY REPORTS

- Devyn Bell, Health Equity Program Manager, provided the Health Equity Annual Report.
- Cindy Thompson, Emergency Preparedness and Response Program Manager, and Robin Albrandt, Emergency Preparedness and Response Program Coordinator, provided a report on National Preparedness Month.

Commissioner Kunej departed the meeting at 3:01 p.m. Council Member Cathcart departed the meeting at 3:10 p.m. Commissioner Waldref departed the meeting at 3:13 pm.

BOARD MEMBER CHECK IN

- The Strategic Planning Core Team is receiving feedback from staff and working on the plan. – Board Member Kienholz

NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled at 12:30 p.m. on December 5, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

APPROVED: 
Commissioner Josh Kerns, Chair

Date: 12-5-24


Ann Pitsnogle, Recording Secretary