

The special meeting of the Spokane Regional Health District Board of Health held on Thursday, April 29, 2021 virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic was called to order by Commissioner Mary Kuney, Chair, at 12:33 p.m.

PRESENT

Commissioner Mary Kuney, Chair
Mayor Kevin Freeman, Vice Chair
Commissioner Josh Kerns
Council President Breean Beggs
Councilmember Karen Stratton
Councilmember Betsy Wilkerson (*arrived at 12:58 p.m.*)
Mayor Ben Wick
Councilmember Tim Hattenburg
Board Member Andrea Frostad
Board Member Jason Kinley, ND

ABSENT

Commissioner Al French

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.

CHAIR REPORT – *Commissioner Mary Kuney, Board Chair*

- The Administrative Officer, Amelia Clark, was congratulated for completing her doctorate in public health.
- Board Member Chuck Hafner has resigned his appointment to the Board of Health. The position will be filled after the impact of HB1152 is known.
- COVID-19 pandemic talking points are being sent to Board members. The Health Officer and Administrative Officer are willing to provide presentations if requested.
- The SRHD Annual Awards and Recognition ceremony will be held June 23. Invitations will be sent to Board members after the meeting.

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 25, 2021
2021 Vouchers paid: March 1-31, 2021.

Voucher Numbers:	#256042 - #256253	\$ 918,103.62
Payroll Warrants:	#1099443- #1099450	
Advice Numbers:	#DD62120 - #DD62398	\$1,048,028.94
Payroll Warrants:	#1099926- #1099927	
	#1100342 - #1100342	
	#1100860 - #1100869	
Advice Numbers:	#DD62399 - #DD62677	\$1,087,794.33
	TOTAL	\$3,053,926.89

Motion: *To approve the consent agenda as presented.*
Motion/Second: *Beggs/Hattenburg*
Approved: *Unanimously*

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – Amelia Clark, Administrative Officer

- The new Deputy Administrative Officer, Lola Phillips, was introduced to the Board.
- Proposals for a Health Officer recruitment firm are due May 7. The Board will be updated at the May 27 meeting.
- The strategic plan proposal draft will be shared with Board at the May 27 meeting.

COVID 19 REPORT – Kelli Hawkins, SRHD Public Information Officer

- The Board received an update on SRHD vaccination campaigns.
- Steve Smith, Quality Planning & Assessment Division Director, is transitioning into the Incident Commander role as Lyndia Wilson retires from SRHD.

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

- The Board received an update on the COVID-19 pandemic response.
- Between Easter and spring break there was uptick in COVID-19 cases in school students between 13 and 17 years of age. Most cases were traced back to sports events where guidance was not followed. Most schools have begun COVID-19 testing for students in sports and students in special education.
- The B.1.1.7 COVID-19 variant will most likely surpass any variants in Washington State. There are currently 18 cases of the B.1.429, four cases of the B.1.427, eleven cases of the B.1.1.7 and six of the P.1 identified in Spokane County.
- There have been 217 COVID-19 vaccine breakthrough cases in Washington State. There have been 23 confirmed, seven probable and ten cases that are being investigated in Spokane County.
- As of April 28, 2021, there have been four confirmed cases of salmonella typhi (Typhoid Fever) in Spokane County.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Amelia Clark, Administrative Officer

- The Board received an update on the 2021 general and 2021 COVID-19 budgets.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Amelia Clark, Administrative Officer

- The legislative update was provided in the Board packet. The Policy Specialist position has been revised to include governmental affairs and will be posted soon.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- The BOH Policy Committee met and is developing a list of reports to bring to the Board.

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 27, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:42 p.m.

APPROVED: Mary L. Kuney
Mary L. Kuney (Jul 2, 2021 12:10 PDT)
 Commissioner Mary Kuney, Chair

Date: Jul 2, 2021

Ann Pitsnogle
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