

The regular meeting of the Spokane Regional Health District Board of Health held on Thursday, **May 27, 2021**, virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic was called to order by Commissioner Mary Kuney, Chair, at 12:35 p.m.

PRESENT

Commissioner Mary Kuney, Chair
Mayor Kevin Freeman, Vice Chair
Commissioner Al French
Commissioner Josh Kerns
Council President Breean Beggs (*arrived at 12:46 p.m.*)
Councilmember Karen Stratton
Councilmember Betsy Wilkerson (*arrived at 12:40 p.m.*)
Mayor Ben Wick
Councilmember Tim Hattenburg
Board Member Jason Kinley, ND

ABSENT

Board Member Andrea Frostad

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

- Lyndia Wilson, Preventive Public Health Division Director, was recognized for her service at the Health District.
- The district 2 citizen appointment will be delayed until the impacts of HB1152, which affects the Board structure, are considered.
- The Board of Health Budget and Finance committee reviewed SRHD financial statements and vouchers and found nothing for question or report.
- The Board of Health Policy committee had no report.

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: April 29, 2021, and May 6, 2021

2021 Vouchers paid: April 1-30, 2021.

Voucher Numbers: #256254 - #256471	\$ 2,700,173.34
Payroll Warrants: #1103566- #1103571	
Advice Numbers: #DD63241 - #DD63520	\$1,171,550.36
Payroll Warrants: #1104881- #1104891	
Advice Numbers: #DD63521 - #DD63801	\$1,073,634.03
	TOTAL
	\$4,945,357.73

Motion: To approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion/Second: Wick/Wilkerson

Approved: Unanimously

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board adjourned at 12:47 p.m. for 10 minutes for an executive session pursuant to RCW §42.30.110(1)(i) with a potential for action after the session.

MEETING RECONVENED

The meeting reconvened at 12:57 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

Potential Approval of Settlement Agreement

Motion: To accept the settle agreement and release of claims between SRHD and Alan and Gina Margitan and approval for the Administrative Officer to execute the agreement on behalf of the Health District.

Motion/Second: Freeman/Hattenburg

Approved: 8 Yea/ 1 Nay (Beggs)

Treatment Services Program Proposal – Amelia Clark, Administrative Officer

Motion: To authorize SRHD Administrative Officer to explore leasing and office space options broadly for the purpose of the Health District to continue services of the Treatment Services program.

Motion/Second: Beggs/Wilkerson

Approved: Unanimously

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Amelia Clark, Administrative Officer

- The Health Officer recruitment firm contract was awarded on May 20, 2021. The Administrative Officer will meet with the firm to determine next steps.
- The SRHD Strategic Plan proposal was provided in the Board packet. The Administrative Officer's recommendation is to begin the process in the fourth quarter of 2021.
- The Board was reminded of the June 23 SRHD awards and recognition virtual ceremony.

COVID-19 RESPONSE REPORT – Lyndia Wilson, SRHD Incident Commander

- The Board was provided a review of the pandemic effort. Spokane County is at a 50% COVID-19 vaccination rate.
- As the community opens on June 30, SRHD Incident Command will continue to run. Steve Smith will become the Incident Commander when Lyndia Wilson retires on June 30. Situational reports will be sent every other week.

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

- There have been 37,000 rapid antigen tests deployed in the community. The goal of rapid antigen testing in schools is to keep children in school versus quarantine. DOH is gathering information on SRHD's testing practices to drive protocols for schools next year.
- SRHD has transitioned focus to guidance for summer camps and activities. Guidance is available on the SRHD website. SRHD has asked the schools to provide an assessment of its performance in providing guidance and support during the response.
- The COVID Testing Task Force has begun meeting once a month because the group has completed its goal. Most workgroups are transitioning to immunization.
- The Events and Venues Workgroup has created a database for members to access all guidance and view events planned in Spokane County.
- The B.11.7 is becoming the predominant variant in the U.S. and, since April, is the predominant in the Spokane County, but the P.1 is almost as dominant.
- There have been 93 breakthrough cases confirmed in Spokane County which has resulted in several hospitalizations and two deaths in long-term care individuals.

FINANCIAL REPORT – *Amelia Clark, Administrative Officer*

- Financial reports were provided in the Board packet. The financial reports have been reviewed by the Board of Health Budget and Finance Committee.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – *Amelia Clark, Administrative Officer*

- The legislative report was provided to the Board.

AGENCY REPORTS

- The Board received a report on the Youth Commercial Tobacco and Cannabis Prevention program.

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 June 24, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

APPROVED: 
Mary L. Kuney (Aug 2, 2021 09:08 PDT)
Commissioner Mary Kuney, Chair

Date: Aug 2, 2021


Ann Pitsnogle, Recording Secretary






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