

The regular meeting of the Spokane Regional Health District Board of Health held on Thursday, September 30, 2021, virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic was called to order by Commissioner Mary Kunev, Chair, at 12:32 p.m.

PRESENT

Commissioner Mary Kunev, Chair
Mayor Kevin Freeman, Vice Chair *(departed 2:01 p.m.)*
Commissioner Josh Kerns
Council President Breean Beggs
Councilmember Karen Stratton
Councilmember Betsy Wilkerson *(departed 2:31 p.m.)*
Mayor Ben Wick
Board Member Andrea Frostad
Board Member Jason Kinley, ND

ABSENT

Councilmember Tim Hattenburg
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.

BOARD REPORTS

- The Board of Health (BOH) Chair recognized the Spokane Regional Health District (SRHD) Administrative Officer, Amelia Clark, for being selected by Commute Smart NW as the Champion Business Leader for 2021 Quarter 3.
- The Executive Committee of the Board of Health (ECBOH) is continuing to work on the letter requested by the Board at its last meeting.
- The SRHD Strategic Plan process will be delayed until 2022.
- The BOH Budget & Finance Committee met and is bringing forward for Board consideration the SNAP-Ed contract and 2022 SRHD budget options.
- The BOH Policy & Education Committee met and is bringing forward a resolution for consideration today.

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: July 29, 2021 and August 4, 2021
2021 Vouchers paid: July 1-31, 2021

Voucher Numbers: #256868 - #257200	\$ 3,440,825.64
Payroll Warrants: #1109119 - #1109127 #1109550 - #1109554	
Advice Numbers: #DD64935 - #DD65213	\$1,125,797.23
Payroll Warrants: #1110947 - #1110955	
Advice Numbers: #DD65214 - #DD65575	\$1,062,356.54
TOTAL	\$5,628,979.41

2021 Vouchers paid: August 1-31, 2021

Voucher Numbers: #257201 - #257381	\$ 705,758.24
Payroll Warrants: #1111925 - #1111929	
Advice Numbers: #DD65576 - #DD65853	\$1,058,264.08
Payroll Warrants: #1112445 - #1112454	
Advice Numbers: #DD65854 - #DD66131	\$978,590.21
TOTAL	\$2,742,612.53

Motion: To approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion/Second: Wilkerson/Wick

Approved: Unanimously

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution #21-07 Adopting a BOH Legislative Agenda for the 2022 State of Washington Legislative Session – Councilmember Betsy Wilkerson, BOH Policy & Education Committee Co-Chair

Motion: To defer Resolution 21-07 back to the committee for revision and return at the October 28, 2021 meeting.

Motion/Second: Stratton/Kerns

Approved: Unanimously

SNAP-Ed FFY22 Contract – Mayor Kevin Freeman, BOH Budget & Finance Committee Chair

Motion: To accept the recommendation of the Board of Health Budget & Finance Committee regarding the SNAP-Ed FFY22 contract.

Motion/Second: Wilkerson/Kinley

Approved: Unanimously

FINANCIAL REPORT

- The agency budget is on target at 64.8% expenses and 63.2% revenues. The unassigned reserve balance is 22%. COVID-19 budget funding is at \$8.4 million.
- State auditors have been preparing the financial statement audit and federal single audit reports. An exit conference will be held mid-October. The accountability audit was completed this spring.
- Mayor Freeman, BOH Budget & Finance Committee Chair, provided a presentation on the proposed 2022 SRHD Budget with recommendations for potential actions. The Board requested the committee review the budget looking for cost saving measures for the agency. The committee will report recommendations to include possible use of American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funding and impacts of any potential budget cuts at the October Board meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Amelia Clark, Administrative Officer

- Health Officer interviews will be held tomorrow at the Health District. The Administrative Officer will bring forward a position finalist for Board consideration.
- The November Spokane Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) meeting will include a discussion with providers on navigating the substance use disorder referral system.

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

- The Delta virus has overshadowed all other COVID-19 variants in Washington State. The state is not seeing a downward trend of infections but is seeing a plateauing of cases. There are currently 143 individuals hospitalized in Spokane County.
- There have been more children hospitalized with the Delta virus than previous COVID-19 variants. One-fifth of transmissions are in schools.

AGENCY REPORTS

- The Board deferred the report on preventing ACEs and promoting resilience from Romyana Kudeva, DSW, SRHD Early Childhood Specialist to the December meeting.

BOARD MEMBER CHECK IN

- Board Member Kinley recommended the Board consider reporting to the Washington State Department of Health (WSDOH) the negative impacts to families and children of the vaccine mandates.

NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

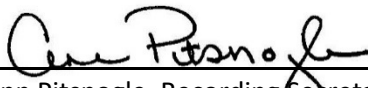
The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled at 12:30 p.m. on October 28, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

APPROVED: 
Mayor Kevin Freeman, Vice Chair

Date: October 28, 2021


Ann Pitsnogle, Recording Secretary