

The regular meeting of the Spokane Regional Health District Board of Health held on **Thursday, February 24, 2022** virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic was called to order by Commissioner Mary Kuney, Chair, at 12:39 p.m.

PRESENT

Commissioner Mary Kuney, Chair (*departed at 2:04 p.m.*)
Mayor Kevin Freeman, Vice Chair
Commissioner Al French
Commissioner Josh Kerns
Charlie Duranona
Christopher Patterson
Alycia Policani, ND

ABSENT

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 new Board of Health members were welcomed to the Board.

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: December 2, 2021, January 12, 2022, January 27, 2022, January 31, 2022, and February 1, 2022.
2021 Vouchers paid: November 1-30, 2021

Voucher Numbers:	#257790 - #258008	\$ 2,859,597.80
Advice Numbers:	DD67236 - DD67506	1,000,690.94
Payroll Warrants:	#1117996 - #1118004	
Advice Numbers:	DD67510 - DD7774	\$996,507.72
Payroll Warrants:	#1119073 - #1119078	
	TOTAL	\$4,856,796.46

2021 Vouchers paid: December 1-31, 2021

Voucher Numbers:	#258009 - #258231	\$ 5,240,676.45
Advice Numbers:	DD67775 - DD68027	1,012,256.70
Payroll Warrants:	#1119965 - #1119974	
Advice Numbers:	DD68028 - DD68027	\$993,133.68
Payroll Warrants:	#1121141 - #1121145	
	TOTAL	\$7,246,066.83

2022 Vouchers paid: January 1-31, 2022

Voucher Numbers:	#258232 - #258413	\$ 1,762,761.79
Advice Numbers:	DD68281 - DD68530	1,099,299.23

Payroll Warrants: #1123887 - #112898	
Advice Numbers: DD68531 - DD68785	\$997,645.40
Payroll Warrants: #1119073 - #1119078	
	TOTAL \$3,859,706.42

Motion: To approve the December 2, 2021, January 12, 2022, January 27, 2022, January 31, 2022, and February 1, 2022 meeting minutes as presented.

Motion/Second: French/Kerns

Approved: Unanimously

Motion: To approve November 1-30, 2021, December 1-31, 2022, and January 1-31, 2022 vouchers as presented.

Motion/Second: French/Freeman

Approved: Unanimously

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board adjourned at 12:46 p.m. for 10 minutes for an executive session pursuant to RCW §42.30.110(1)(c). Dr. Clark, SRHD Administrator, Michelle Fossum, SRHD Legal Counsel, and Craig Soren, Leasing Agent, was invited to attend the Executive Session. At 12:56 p.m., the Board Chair requested an extension of the executive session for an additional 10 minutes.

MEETING RECONVENED

The meeting reconvened at 1:08 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

Authorizing the SRHD Administrative Officer to Enter into a Lease for Office Space to Expand the Treatment Services Program - Amelia Clark, SRHD Administrative Officer

Motion: To authorize SRHD Administrative Officer, Amelia Clark, to sign a ten-year lease with JP Spokane VIII LLC for the Treatment Services program.

Motion/Second: French/Freeman

Approved: Unanimously

Election of 2022 Board of Health Officers – Commissioner Kuney, Board Chair

Motion: To appoint Commissioner Kuney as Board of Health Chair for 2022.

Motion/Second: Kerns/Duranona

Approved: Unanimously

Motion: To appoint Mayor Freeman as Board of Health Vice Chair for 2022.

Motion/Second: French/Kerns

Approved: Unanimously

Adopt 2022 Meeting Schedule – Commissioner Kuney, Board Chair

Motion: To adopt the 2022 BOH meeting schedule as presented.

Motion/Second: Policani/Kerns

Approved: Unanimously

Resolution #22-01 Authorizing a Transfer of Unassigned Fund Balance to Committed Fund Balance in the Amount of \$500,000 to Increase the Balance of the Committed Fund Balance from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000 – Kim Kramarz, SRHD Controller

Motion: To approve the resolution as presented.

Motion/Second: Freeman/French

Approved: Unanimously

FINANCIAL REPORT – Kim Kramarz, Controller

- Expenses for January 2022 are at 6%.
- A portion of the Treatment Services surplus from 2021 has been set aside for construction on and move to the new facility for the program.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT – Amelia Clark, Administrative Officer

- Facilities, Information Technology and Human Resources managers have been onboarded. Hiring for the Community Health Director position has begun.
- Joint Management Team has begun the *Dare to Lead* training by Brené Brown.
- The WIC services program will begin work with Lumen High School to address food barriers.

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

- As of February 18, 2022 wearing masks at large outdoor public events is no longer required and vaccine verification is no longer required after March 1, 2022.
- New guidance for K-12 schools and childcare facilities will be released March 7 and face masks will not be required in K-12 schools and childcare facilities on March 21.
- Omicron is the most prevalent variant currently. The BA.2 variant is more contagious than Omicron and is being tracked. Antibody treatments for this variant may be less effective and is 11.3% of all cases in Washington State. BA.2 has not yet been identified in Spokane County.
- The Washington State hospitalization rate is 19.2% with ICU occupancy at 90% and trending down. Mortality has been higher with Omicron than Delta largely due to the number of infections.

AGENCY REPORTS

- Rumyana Kudeva, DSW, SRHD Early Childhood Specialist, provided a report on preventing adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and promoting community resilience.

BOARD MEMBER CHECK IN

- Board Member Duranona expressed gratitude for being a member of the Board.
- Board Member Policani clarified her statement regarding early treatment of COVID and expressed gratitude for being a member of the Board.

NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled at 12:30 p.m. on March 31, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:24 p.m.

APPROVED:



Mayor Kevin Freeman, Vice Chair

Date: _____



Ann Pitsnogle, Recording Secretary