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HEALTH DISTRICT

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BOARD OF HEALTH

April 13, 2011

7:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mr. Massa with the following members and staff present.

MEMBERS

Tony Massa - Warden
Dr. David Curnel – Moses Lake
Carolann Swartz – Commissioner

Tony Gonzalez - Quincy
Heidi Schultheis – Ephrata
Raymond Kelby – Wilson Creek

STAFF

Jeff Ketchel – Administrator
Pattie Anderson – Admin. Services Mgr.
Jerry Campbell – EH Program Facilitator
Lois Swenson – PH Program Facilitator

Dr. Brzezny – Health Officer
Michael Wyman – HD Attorney

ABSENT

Cindy Carter – Commissioner
Richard Stevens – Commissioner

Troy Ritter – Electric City

GUESTS

Lauren McLaughlin – Grant Co. Journal
Theresa Fuller - GCHD

Mrs. Kelby - Wilson Creek
Wendy Hanover - PARC

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of March 9, 2011 were approved as written (M/S Curnel/Gonzalez – unanimous).

VOUCHERS

The vouchers for the period ending March 31, 2011 totaling \$118,645.05 (#1 - #9 totaling \$108,800.98 and #10 - #55 totaling \$16,980.26) were approved (M/S Gonzalez/Curnel – unanimous).

PUBLIC FORUM FOR CITIZEN'S COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS – None

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT – Jerry Campbell

Royal Organic Compost - A meeting was held with Royal Organics on April 4, 2011. In attendance were Mr. Ketchel, Dr. Brzezny, Jerry Campbell, Todd Phillips (Health District), Commissioner Cindy Carter, and the Planning Department.

Royal Organics is a composting facility where there has been ongoing inspection concerns with both the Health District and the DOE. It was discovered they did not have a copy of the plan, therefore it wasn't being followed. The Health District made sure they understood the plan and will work with their staff as to what the requirements are.

The facility treats approximately 60,000 to 80,000 tons of product.

Monthly Food Inspections Report - The food inspections for March was provided to the Board.

COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT – Lois Swenson

Mr. Ketchel introduced Lois Swenson, Program Facilitator for the Communicable Disease and Clinical Services division of the Health District.

TB Spittoon Award - World TB day was observed on March 24 which focuses on the impact on our world. The Spittoon award goes to Mary Klinger, of Quincy Valley Medical Center for her assistance in the treatment of TB patients.

TB Update - Mrs. Swenson reported on the one active case that the Health District is currently treating. His history includes the 43 year old gentleman who was born in Mexico came to the states in 2006 and worked in the agricultural field. The patient experienced symptoms for a month prior to seeing a Physician. The patient was then put on drug therapy, took them for 4 months and then returned to Mexico in January where arrangements had been made for him to continue treatment. In March he returned to the states, returned to the Health District stating that he did not take any medication while in Mexico. So now, he is re-starting his drug therapy for 6 months. Treatment can last anywhere from 6 months to 18-24 months. Mrs. Swenson gave a demonstration on how the medication fights the bacteria.

Notifiable Condition Database – A presentation was given on the Health District's intranet system with regards to the notifiable condition database. This is a much more efficient system where Dr. Brzezny also has access to the information. School absenteeism and outbreaks in other facilities can be accessed as well.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Jeff Ketchel

Board Membership Resolution - In 1997 a Resolution was passed relating to conducting business at the GCHD which included having a 9 member Board. In 1980 the Resolution also stated that the Board consisted of 9 members. Prior to this date, sometime between 1967 and 1980 the members changed from 7 to 9. It is unclear when the membership changed since there are not many records between 1967 and 1980. Before the Health District can change its Resolution, the Board of County Commissioners must adopt a Resolution expanding the membership to nine. A sample of that Resolution was made available to the Board.

Also in this updated Resolution for the Health District is allowing both elected and non-elected officials to hold a seat on the Board. This hopefully streamline the process for obtaining members on the Board.

Another change is to have the Chief Administrative Official be the Administrator, replacing the Health Officer.

Another item is to have our Public Hearings advertised once instead of twice in the official newspaper.

The request is to adopt the Health District Resolution upon the condition that the Board of County Commissioners ratify their Resolution. This will allow Mr. Ritter to attend the next BOH meeting instead of waiting another month.

A motion was made to approve the Resolution upon the condition that the Board of County Commissioners ratify their Resolution, subject to the condition approving expansion of the membership, and also allowing non-elected officials to hold a seat, as well as changing the

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Personal Health Manager to Community Public Health Manager and adding Health Officer Report to the agenda (M/S Schultheis/Swartz - unanimous).

Legislative and Budget Updates – The exemption waiver regarding immunizations that has been reported on the past few months has passed the House and Senate.

Also passing in the House and Senate is a bill that would require Health Districts to investigate as to who unlawfully is dumping solid waste. This would be an unfunded mandate.

The House budget is in sync with the Governor's budget which is good for the Health District. The Senate budget was released today and may have some budget impact for the District. The federal government budget did not include any budget cuts for the District.

County Health Rankings - Grant County ranked 27 out of 39 counties. Last year we ranked 28th. Motor vehicle accidents, teen pregnancy, and low levels of education were some of the factors in the study.

Healthy Youth Survey - Grades 6, 8, 10 and 12 were surveyed regarding their health behaviors. This was conducted in the Fall of 2010. Three items exceeding the state average were: Obesity, drinking more sugar beverages at school and more kids skip school.

Community Forums - There have been three forums so far with three more next week and the last being held in Moses Lake on April 25th. There have been some good discussions and a diverse group of people attending the forums.

Health District Audit - Three audits were conducted this year. The Single Audit was required because we received over \$500,000 from federal sources (we received \$518,000). This audit requires a financial audit to accompany it. This year we were required to have an accountability audit which is done every two years.

The focus on the single audit was on PHEPR and MCH since we received the most funds for these programs.

The accountability portion of the audit focused on our payroll and procedures as well as our cash receipting process.

The auditor's commented that they anticipate issuing a clean audit for all three areas.

Community Public Health Manager Update - Interviews are being held Monday, April 18 with three candidates.

Technical and Service Agreement with GCTS - The Health District has their own IT employee as well as our own server which is very helpful to the District. However, there are times when the

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assistance of the county IT Department is needed, so an agreement is necessary to ensure that the county can be reimbursed for their services. A motion was made to approve the Technical Assistance and Services Agreement (M/S Curnel/Gonzalez - unanimous).

Ephrata Safe Routes to School Walking Audit - Nearly 50 people participated in the Ephrata Safe Routes to School Walking Audit last night. The event included a checklist, walking a designated route, mapping the results, and will then develop recommendations to increase safe walking and biking to school. One of the most recognized areas of concern was the lack of sidewalks in Ephrata. Also of concern were the worn off or lack of crosswalk designations.

Ms. Fuller has been contacted by the city of Quincy and they are on the list to conduct their own audit.

Grant County "Let's Draw the Line" Campaign - Wendy Hanover from Prevention and Recovery Center (PARC) and Theresa Fuller from the GCHD gave a presentation on "Grant County Draws the Line" between youth and alcohol. Ms. Hanover provided the Board with a fact sheet which included the campaign goals: 1) raise awareness among parents, youth and community members about what they can do to prevent underage drinking, 2) increase awareness among young adults and parents of the legal penalties for providing alcohol to minors and 3) raise community awareness on the impacts of alcohol exposure and advertising on youth.

The good news is that the majority of youth do not drink. Parents also have a tremendous influence on their children and community efforts to reduce underage drinking do work.

A media campaign is being conducted and includes Prosecutor Angus Lee, Sheriff Tom Jones and Ephrata High School. Ms. Hanover handed out commitment cards for individuals to sign and return to her. She also asked the BOH to support the "Draw the Line" campaign by having them make a motion or adopt a Resolution to show their support. Also, if they have ties to another large entity, would they consider allowing her to come make a presentation to them as well.

The GCSO and WSP will be going to schools and presenting some of the consequences of underage drinking such as, jail time, fines and the loss of life. The local families of some young individuals who have recently lost their lives as a result of this, have given their permission for Law Enforcement to display the cars that were involved in these crashes.

On May 5, 2011 the 5th Annual Community Partnership Against Substance Abuse will be held at BBCC. There will be speakers, demonstrations, and a mock car crash. It is being held from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

A motion was made to support the "Draw the Line" campaign (M/S Schultheis/Curnel - unanimous).

A picture of the Board of Health with the "Draw the Line" banner was taken.

OTHER BUSINESS –

An audit committee consisting of one county commissioner and one city/town representative needs to be elected to review and sign on a voucher summary those invoices which need to be paid before the next regularly scheduled meeting. These along with the other invoices will be presented to the entire Board at the next regularly scheduled meeting. A motion was made to elect Commissioner Swartz and Representative Schultheis as members of the audit committee (M/S Curnel/Gonzalez - unanimous).

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT – Dr. Brzezny

Pertussis Update – There have been no new cases reported.

Influenza Update – In Grant County and in the state, cases are very sporadic. Hospitalizations also have decreased.

Tuberculosis Update – One active case is being treated.

Other Updates – STD's are on the rise in Grant County, particularly Chlamydia and Gonorrhea which are decreasing statewide. Herpes and syphilis are also on the rise. Usually these are being reported in lower socio-economic communities.

Mr. Massa reported that himself and Dr. Brzezny presented Mr. Whitaker with the plaque that the Board of Health had purchased. They had a very enjoyable time and Jim could not express enough his gratitude to the Board, including the county commissioners for the gift.

With no other business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. (M/S Swartz/Curnel – unanimous).

Tony Massa, Chairman Board of Health

ATTEST:

Pattie A. Anderson, Clerk of the Board