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HEALTH DISTRICT

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BOARD OF HEALTH December 12, 2007 7:00 P.M.

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

MEMBERS

Troy Ritter – Electric City
James Liebrecht – Moses Lake
Raymond Kelby – Wilson Creek
Clay Richmond - George
LeRoy Allison – Commissioner

Keith Anstine – Quincy
Mark Wanke – Ephrata
Richard Stevens – Commissioner

STAFF

Dr. Brzezny – Health Officer
Peggy Grigg – Administrator/PH Director
Pattie Anderson – Admin Services Manager

Jerry Campbell – EH Director
Jim Whitaker - Attorney

ABSENT

Cindy Carter – Commissioner

GUESTS

Randy Bracht – Grant Co. Journal

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of November 14, 2007 were approved as written (M/S Liebrecht/Kelby – unanimous).

PUBLIC FORUM FOR CITIZEN'S COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS - None

Mr. Wanke welcomed Mr. Keith Anstine to the Board of Health who will be replacing Mr. Gonzalez as the Quincy Representative.

PERSONAL HEALTH REPORT – Peggy Grigg

Ordinance 2007-5 (2008 Budget) – Mrs. Grigg presented the 2008 Budget. She mentioned a few changes that have occurred since last month's meeting. One of the changes includes rent and janitorial services that are provided in the Moses Lake office by Grant County. These appear both in the revenue and expenditure portions of the budget.

The increase in medical premiums for 2008 has been determined as well as the COLA has been changed to 3.5% for 2008. These are also reflected in the new budget. An additional \$38,000 for the tuberculosis program has been requested from Grant County, but we have not been advised of any decision yet.

A motion was made to adopt Ordinance 2007-5 (M/S Anstine/Liebrecht – unanimous).

Data Use Agreement – The Board had received a copy of the agreement in their mailing last week. It is an agreement between the Michigan Public Health Institute and the Grant Co. Health District. The purpose of the agreement is to establish the terms and conditions for the collection, storage and use of data obtained from the case reviews of child deaths submitted by the Child Death Review team in Grant County and entrusted to the Michigan Public Health Institute as the *Child Death Review Case Reporting System*. A copy of the agreement is in the minute's book.

Legal counsel has reviewed the document and Mrs. Grigg is requesting the Board approve the signing of the document. A motion was made to accept the Agreement (M/S Stevens/Ritter – unanimous).

Safe Kids Grant County Agreement – The Board received a copy of this agreement in their mailings as well. It is a fiscal sponsorship fund agreement between the Columbia Basin Foundation and Safe Kids Grant County. Mrs. Grigg explained that Samaritan Healthcare will no longer be holding the funds, but that Columbia Basin Foundation will take over this responsibility. One of the changes will be a \$400 fee that will be passed down to Safe Kids for the management of the funds; however they will be able to keep the interest that incurs. Both legal counsel and the Health Officer have reviewed the document. A motion was made to accept the agreement (M/S Richmond/Ritter – discussion).

Mr. Stevens inquired as to what exactly was our role in this agreement? Mrs. Grigg explained that our role is coordination of activities such as injury prevention including car seat checks, bike rodeos, life jacket loaner boards, etc. Mr. Whitaker explained how Safe Kids evolved from a private entity into what it is today; which is a national organization in which the District partners with the Sate Department of Health; he requested that the Board be advised of and approve of such an agreement, but advised that someone in the Safe Kids organization other than the Health District should be signing the agreement. The board members indicated no objections.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT – Jerry Campbell

Ordinance 2007-4 (Food Ordinance Revision) – Mr. Campbell presented the proposed changes in the food ordinance. Mr. Campbell had discussed the changes at last month's meeting.

A motion was made to adopt Ordinance 2007-4 (M/S Stevens/Liebrecht – question. Discussion was held regarding the need for 3.06. If this is already in the Ordinance then why does it need to also be in a separate section? It was the consensus of the Board that if you have a policy that will impose punishment for violations, then the punishment needs to be enforced, otherwise why have the policy?

Mr. Allison inquired about the changes in **Section i** which is regarding employees working without valid food worker permits. What kind of numbers could we expect to see or have seen in instances such as this? Mr. Campbell thought that we have had approximately 3 instances this past week.

Mr. Wanke shared with the Board that he had gone on some on-site sewage and food inspections with Mr. Ness. He found the experience very interesting and encouraged the other members to try to do the same.

The vote was taken and the new ordinance as revised passed unanimously).

Food Inspections – The food inspection reports for November had been distributed to the Board.

Mr. Ritter asked for an update regarding Mr. Gerard. Mr. Campbell stated that he has sent in an application which has been reviewed and returned to him to take action on certain issues.

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT – Dr. Brzezny

TB Update – The patient has had additional health care issues. The District continues to monitor and visit the patient. We hope to conclude our care for the patient in the next six (6) months. The District probably would have requested \$15,000 from the Commissioner's instead of the \$38,000 had it not been for the added expense of the active cases. There is currently another active case in the Mattawa area.

Whooping Cough – There was a reported case of Pertussis in the Wahluke School District last month. More than 200 individuals were treated on a weekend by the District in cooperation with the Wahluke School District. Mrs. Grigg stated that the Emergency Preparedness procedures were used.

There is now a vaccination called Tdap for adults to prevent Pertussis.

Food borne Illness Update – The District continues to try to locate any kind of linkage to the current case of Salmonella Seftenberg to the outbreak earlier this year. No other county has had any cases such as these so that presents another barrier.

Mr. Wanke inquired as to how many flu shots we had given this year in relation to last year. Dr. Brzezny said we have done less than last year, possibly half the amount, due in part to the multiple clinics that have been held in the community.

Mr. Allison requested an update on the anti-virals that had been purchased earlier this year. They are stored in a safe, protective place and should be good for approximately five (5) years. Any decision regarding the rotation of the medication stock rests in the State's hands.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

The vouchers for the period ending November 30, 2007 totaling \$153,642.17 (#1-#4 totaling \$131,622.92) and (#5-#55 totaling \$22,019.25) were approved (M/S Allison/Ritter/- unanimous).

OTHER BUSINESS –

A Public Health Partner Award was presented to Denny's Restaurant for proactive work in the area of food safety.

Mr. Allison requested a copy of the new organizational chart. Mrs. Anderson will provide the Commissioners with a copy.

Mr. Campbell updated the Board on a couple of new forms that have been presented in the last couple of months. One was the existing sewer system/water evaluation form which has been revised and is currently being used. The Planning Department had no issues with this form.

The water availability form used mostly for new plats that verify that the source of waster is acceptable and they have a proper way to dispose of sewage. There is a conflict in the format of the form and exactly what it means. The Planning Department would like to see the UDC from the county on the form and the Health District is still negotiating with the Planning Department to come up with an agreeable form that pleases both agencies.

Mr. Ritter and Mr. Richmond were given certificates of appreciation for their many years of service to the Board of Health. Mr. Ritter has served six years and Mr. Richmond for ten years. Their presence on the Board will be greatly missed.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. (M/S Anstine/Kelby – unanimous).

The next meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Public Works meeting room in Ephrata.

Mark Wanke, Chairman Board of Health

ATTEST:

Alexander Brzezny, M.D., Health Officer