

# GRANT COUNTY

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# HEALTH DISTRICT

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**BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**December 14, 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  
Cindy Carter – Commissioner

Raymond Kelby – Wilson Creek  
Mark Wanke - Ephrata  
Manuel Guerrero - Quincy

**STAFF**

Jeff Ketchel – Administrator  
Pattie Anderson – Admin. Services Mgr.  
Shawta Sackett - CPH Mgr./Epidemiologist

Dr. Brzezny – Health Officer  
Michael Wyman – HD Attorney

**ABSENT**

Richard Stevens – Commissioner  
Carolann Swartz – Commissioner

Troy Ritter – Electric City

**GUESTS**

Lauren McLaughlin - Grant Co. Journal

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of November 9, 2011 were approved as written (M/S Wanke/Guerrero– unanimous). Mrs. Carter abstained.

**VOUCHERS**

The vouchers for the period ending November 30, 2011 totaling \$136,298.14 (#1 - #18 totaling \$120,533.78 and #19 - #53 totaling \$15,764.36) were approved (M/S Curnel/Kelby– unanimous).

A few items will be added to the agenda. Under the E.H. Report the following will be added: On-line food worker cards, Algae Policy and Q Fever. Also an Executive Session will be held after Other Business. A motion was made to add the additions to the agenda (M/S Curnel/Carter – unanimous).

**PUBLIC FORUM FOR CITIZEN'S COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS** – The request from George Subway has been withdrawn.

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT** - Jeff Ketchel

The staff is working on their 2<sup>nd</sup> inspections of the year and septic applications are declining.

**Online Food Worker Cards** – Mr. Ketchel provided a handout regarding online food worker cards. Currently we offer food worker card classes every Tuesday in Ephrata and every Thursday in Moses Lake. A Spanish class is offered also. In Ephrata, clients are also able to go to the Ephrata Library to watch the video and take the test. They then go to the Health District to pay and receive their card.

Grant County Health District has been invited to join into a contract with the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department for online provision of food worker cards. In order to acquire food worker card online, clients would need a driver's license, credit card, internet access and a printer. They would still watch a video, take a test and if they passed they would be able to print their card from their printer. For each food worker card, GCHD would receive \$7.00 and TPCHD would keep \$3.00. It is a state fee of \$10.00. Chelan-Douglas and King Co. have signed up, but Kittitas and Adams Counties have not.

There are advantages and disadvantages. A couple of advantages are greater access to food worker cards for all Grant County residents and the video and exam are available in eight languages.

Disadvantages include loss of revenue for GCHD and the potential for fraud. There is a possibility the 5:00 p.m. class in Moses Lake would be dropped.

Mr. Wanke inquired as to whether or not we have contacted the North Central Regional Libraries. We have not pursued this possibility. General consensus is that the Board did not like the idea of TPCHD would keep \$3.00 of the fee. Currently, you are obligated to sign a 2 year contract. The question was raised about the possibility of only signing a 1 year contract. Mr. Ketchel asked the Board to think about it and he will bring back the proposal again in January.

**Algae** – After the first stakeholders meeting, the ideas were drafted into a policy and presented at another stakeholders meeting that was held yesterday. The policy was well received and Mr. Ketchel will probably bring the new policy to the Board in February for their approval.

**Q Fever** - A meeting was held with the Health District, the Washington State Department of Agriculture, goat farmers, and our Region 7 Epidemiologist Dr. Jacqueline Dawson. The results have been received from the CDC regarding the Q Fever incident and were presented by Dr. Dawson. The meeting was very informative and lasted approximately three hours. Dr. Dawson will be preparing an after action report which Mr. Ketchel will present to the Board when finished. Dr. Dawson's expertise was invaluable

during this investigation and her costs are not included in the approximately \$12,000 that was spent on the outbreak which were mostly labor related.

**COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT** – Shawta Sackett

A meeting was held with staff and a representative from Yakima regarding the Syphilis, Chlamydia, and Gonorrhea rates in Grant County. Discussed was treatment of partners and partner notification. There is a possibility there will be more Emergency Room visits due to the loss of insurance for a number of residents.

**ASSESSMENT REPORT** - Shawta Sackett

**Safe Routes to School** – A brochure that showed safe routes to school in Ephrata was handed out. It has been proven that physical activity is directly linked to grades and the ability to learn. The program which led to the brochure began in 2011. A meeting was held with school principals who are on board with the safe routes to school project. The City of Ephrata is also very supportive. The city of Quincy is next to pursue such a program.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT** – Jeff Ketchel

**2012 Budget** – Mr. Ketchel announced that he received notice today that the 5930 monies was likely to stay in the budget. However, they will be allocating the money in four installments instead of one. This money is not indicated in the 2012 budget that is being presented tonight, since notice was received late this afternoon. Mr. Ketchel stated that City Contributions have increased this year with approximately \$72,000 - \$75,000 being pledged. The County funding is remaining the same. Mr. Ketchel expressed his appreciation to the cities and the county for their support of this critical flexible funding. A motion was made to adopt the 2012 budget (M/S Carter/Wanke – unanimous).

Mr. Ketchel discussed the unique relationship the Health District has with cities in Grant County and has discovered that most other health jurisdictions do not have the same type of relationship that exists in Grant County.

**HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT** – Dr. Brzezny

**Pertussis** – There has been a new Pertussis report of a three year old with four contacts for a total of 27 cases in 2011 and 28 total cases in 2010. Grant County has been determined to be a high prevalence Pertussis county. No common denominator has been identified as of yet.

**TB Policy** – The District is working on a new TB policy which we will be sharing with the clinics and other partners. It will include how we manage, treat, and detect cases.

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**Influenza** – There has been little activity regarding influenza. No cases have been reported in Grant County. Dr. Brzezny talked about the H3N2 Swine origin influenza.

**West Nile Virus** - There was a possible case of West Nile Virus that was not confirmed.

**OTHER BUSINESS** – None

**Executive Session** - An executive session was held at 7:50 to last 20 minutes regarding union negotiations. There will be no resolution. At 8:10 the meeting was extended for another 10 minutes. The meeting was re-opened at 8:20.

Mr. Massa extended his thanks to the Board and the staff for their work and their support of the Health District and stated that it was a pleasure to work with all of them.

With no other business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m. (M/S Wanke/Carter – unanimous).

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Tony Massa, Chairman Board of Health

ATTEST:

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Pattie A. Anderson, Clerk of the Board