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HEALTH DISTRICT

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BOARD OF HEALTH December 9, 2009 7:00 P.M.

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

MEMBERS

Tony Massa – Warden
Jon Lane – Moses Lake
Raymond Kelby – Wilson Creek
Richard Stevens – Commissioner
Carolann Swartz – Commissioner

Gerald Sands – Electric City
Cindy Carter – Commissioner
Heidi Schultheis – Ephrata
Bruce Reim - Ephrata

STAFF

Dr. Brzezny – Health Officer
Michael Wyman – Attorney

Pattie Anderson – Admin Services Mgr
Jerry Campbell – EH Director

ABSENT

Peggy Grigg – Administrator/PH Director

Jeremy McCreary - Quincy

GUESTS

Randy Bracht – Ephrata
Rod Gillespie – Electric City

Mrs. Kelby – Wilson Creek

PUBLIC FORUM FOR CITIZEN'S COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of October 14, 2009 were approved as written (M/S Lane/Sands – unanimous).

PERSONAL HEALTH /ADMINISTRATOR REPORT – See Health Officer Report

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT – Jerry Campbell

Monthly Report - The Board received the monthly report for October and November for inspections, etc. Mr. Campbell stated that 40% of the work in E.H. is food inspections. Temporary food inspections continue in the Mattawa area.

All of the water surveys have been completed for the year.

The E.H. staff has been assisting with the H1N1 clinics.

The question was raised as to why some food establishments needed a 4th re-inspection. Mr. Campbell reported as to what triggered the re-inspections which included no food worker card as well as improper cooling procedures and hot holding temperatures.

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT – Dr. Brzezny

Ordinance 2009-3 (2010 Budget) – Dr. Brzezny reviewed the budget which had been presented at last month's meeting. No changes have been made. He noted that septic system permit revenue is approximately half of the normal amount that the District receives. TB funding has increased due in part because of the three active cases that the District has been monitoring.

The public hearing portion of the meeting was opened for public comment. With no comments being received a motion was made to close the public hearing (M/S Carter/Stevens – unanimous).

A motion was made to adopt Ordinance 2009-3 (M/S Reim/Lane - unanimous).

H1N1 Update – Dr. Brzezny provided the Board with a handout of statistics regarding H1N1. He stated there had been 1300 hospitalizations and 64 deaths. In Grant County there have been 17 H1N1 hospitalizations and no proven cases of H1N1 deaths. There are increased visits to the clinics than normal for this time of year.

It is difficult to determine if the virus will peak again in the future. Previous peaks were in May and October of 2009.

The Health District has received 17,000 doses out of the 29,000 it has been allocated. Approximately 95% of the doses have been administered through the school vaccination program. Ten percent of the District's budget has been spent on H1N1 activities, which is \$206,446. Some funding will be received to help with the expenses. Approximately 5,000 hrs. of staff time has been spent in the H1N1 program and the staff has done an extraordinary job. Interest in receiving the vaccine is diminishing and the supply of vaccine is increasing. Dr. Brzezny anticipates that within the next few days the vaccine will be opened up to everyone. Once the school vaccinations are completed, community wide clinics may be considered.

Ms. Schultheis inquired as to how our Health District has done an extraordinary job compared to other local health jurisdictions. Dr. Brzezny explained how the strategies differ in the counties and mentioned that half of the counties administered school vaccines while others did not. Size and location of the county are also a factor. Some counties only provided mass vaccination clinics.

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Ms. Schultheis said the staff is to be applauded for their efforts.

Because of the shortage of vaccine in the early stages, pharmacies are just now beginning to receive vaccine. Approximately 600-1,000 doses will go to the pharmacies.

TB Update – The District is still treating 3 active patients with one case being slated to close at the end of the month.

Administrator Interviews – Dr. Brzezny reported that one interview has taken place and another one is to be conducted next Monday.

ABCD Kickoff – Dr. Brzezny thanked Mrs. Carter for attending the kickoff.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

The vouchers for the period ending October 31, 2009 totaling \$167,638.43 (#1 - #8 totaling \$141,450.80) and (#9 – #68 totaling \$26,187.63) were approved (M/S / – unanimous).

The vouchers for the period ending November 30, 2009 totaling \$175,733.61 (#1 - #4 totaling \$143,926.93) and (#5 - #84 totaling \$31,806.68) were approved (M/S / - unanimous).

OTHER BUSINESS – Dr. Brzezny stated that we need to encourage our cities/towns to continue their funding to the Health District. Their financial support is very much appreciated and allows the District to provide services that otherwise would not be available. It is believed that the population of Grant County is around 88,900.

Mrs. Carter mentioned that she has contacted maintenance regarding the use of space heaters in the Moses Lake office. She has not received a response from them yet.

A motion was made to move into executive session at 7:51 p.m. regarding union negotiations expected to last 10 minutes (M/S Carter/Kelby - unanimous). The executive session was closed at 8:01 p.m.

With no other business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. (M/S Kelby/Swartz - unanimous).

The next meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Public Works meeting room in Ephrata.

Tony Massa, Vice Chairman Board of Health

ATTEST:

Alexander Brzezny, M.D., Health Officer