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BOARD OF HEALTH
February 10, 2010
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
David Curnel – Moses Lake
Raymond Kelby – Wilson Creek
Carolann Swartz – Commissioner

Manuel Guerrero – Quincy
Heidi Schultheis – Ephrata
Gerald Sands – Electric City

STAFF

Dr. Brzezny – Health Officer
Peggy Grigg – Administrator/PH Director
Jim Whitaker - Attorney

Pattie Anderson – Admin Services Mgr
Jerry Campbell – EH Director

ABSENT

Richard Stevens – Commissioner

Cindy Carter – Commissioner

GUESTS

Jess Kilpatrick – Moses Lake

Mr. Massa announced that there will be an additional agenda item which is a Memorandum of Understanding for Safe Kids and will be presented during the Personal Health/Administrator Report.

Mr. Massa welcomed Dr. David Curnel who is now representing the City of Moses Lake.

PUBLIC FORUM FOR CITIZEN'S COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS – Mr. Jess Kilpatrick from the Serenity Café in Moses Lake requested the Board to waive the double fee penalty for late payment of his 2010 food establishment permit license.

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Permits expire on December 31 but businesses are allowed an additional 31 days to make their payment without a penalty. Because of various circumstances (including mostly medical issues for himself and his wife), the payment was overlooked. After discussion, the Board decided that due to sufficient mitigating circumstances they would waive the late fee this one time (M/S Schultheis/Curnel – unanimous).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of January 13, 2010 were approved as written (M/S Guerrero/Swartz – unanimous – Mr. Sands abstained because he was absent).

PERSONAL HEALTH /ADMINISTRATOR REPORT – Peggy Grigg

Mrs. Grigg also welcomed Dr. Curnel and Ms. Schultheis to the Board. They have been presented orientation materials and a personal meeting can be held at the request of either of them.

Budget – Mrs. Grigg gave a rundown on the cities/towns contributions. Some have declined payment, some have been received, a couple of cities have not yet responded, and the total has reached the amount projected for the 2010 budget. Mr. Sands announced that he had tried to push through continuing their contribution, but it failed to pass.

The year ending fund balance is higher than expected. This was due mostly to the funding that the Health District has received from the state for the H1N1 activities that the Health District provided. Normally at this time of year, funds from grants have been exhausted and expenditures are higher than the revenues.

Personal Health Report – Mrs. Grigg presented a revised report along with a couple of attachments that had been amended as well. All reports had been sent to the Board last week. A copy of the report and attachments are included in the minute's book. Mrs. Grigg briefly reviewed a few of the programs in the report.

Agency wide Report – The end of the year agency wide report had also been sent out last week. Mrs. Grigg briefly reviewed items in the report. A copy of this report is also included in the minute's book.

NALBOH – The February edition of the newsletter of the National Association of Local Boards of Health was sent to the Board last week. This edition focused mostly on policy issues regarding tobacco use prevention and control.

MOU for Safe Kids – An MOU between North Central Region EMS & Trauma Care Council and Grant County Safe Kids Coalition was presented. The purpose of the agreement is to provide funding in the amount of \$1,000 for the submission of bi-monthly or quarterly reports to North Central Region EMS & TC Council. There are also 5 mutually agreed upon items within the agreement. It has been reviewed by legal counsel and the Health Officer. A motion was made to accept the MOU (M/S Schultheis/Guerrero – unanimous).

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT – Jerry Campbell

Monthly Report - The Board received the monthly report for January inspections, etc. Ms. Schultheis inquired about the possibility of posting the results of the inspections onto our website. Mr. Campbell will look into this possibility. The H1N1 clinics have been completed, thus allowing the E.H. staff to focus more on their routine duties.

Fee Schedule Revision – Mr. Campbell presented the proposed changes to the fee schedule. They included: the addition of a fee for a provisional Group B water system approval; adding a fee for multiple pool enclosures at the same location and same ownership; including pools in the late fee charges that are double the normal permit fee (which pools are half the normal permit fee currently); the addition of a fee for expedited service for certified copies of birth and death certificates; and the addition of a \$2 fee for the mailing of a birth or death certificate.

Food Ordinance Revision – A change was made regarding re-inspections conducted during the first quarter of a new year in follow up to inspection(s) conducted during the last quarter of a prior year. They will now be considered as a re-inspection for the preceding year.

An addition to the Ordinance regarding conducting a re-inspection in reference to reviewing violations was presented.

Water Recreation Ordinance – The same change as presented in the food ordinance was proposed for the water recreation ordinance in reference to the timing of the re-inspections and which year they would be considered being conducted.

The fees would be double the normal permit fee if received past the 30 days allotted. This follows suit with what is being presented in the fee schedule.

A motion was made to hold a public hearing in March to adopt the three Ordinances (M/S Guerrero/Sands – unanimous).

Ovenell Farms Compositing Facility Variance Request – Ovenell farms would like to expand their composting facility and go commercial. Mr. Campbell stated that the Department of Ecology had reviewed the request and had given their permission. Certain requirements need to be met when going into a commercial operation and if a business does not want to meet the requirements, then they can request a variance, which is what Ordinance 2003-3 requires.

Several concerns were raised concerning this issue including the length of time permission was granted by DOE, when is it to be reviewed, are there any limits on expansion, etc. The Board felt that more information was needed before any decision can be made.

Mr. Massa asked Mr. Campbell if he could provide for the board the copies of the DOE report. Mr. Campbell will provide the copies.

E.H. Quarterly Report – The Board has received the report prior to the meeting. Mr. Campbell reviewed a few of the items in the report. A copy is in the minute's book.

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT – Dr. Brzezny

TB Update – There were 5 cases in 2009 and there are currently 2 active cases. One is to be completed in the near future and one was closed last month. One death has occurred recently. The costs for tuberculosis exceeded the amount provided by the county. The deficit will be made up with 5930 funds and additional funding from the County which will bring back the funding to the original amount in previous years.

H1N1 Update – The county emergency declaration expired last week. It has not been renewed.

As of last week two new hospitalizations have been reported, one of which was Influenza B. The statewide epidemic is on a downward trend. In our county, there is approximately a 50% immunity rate.

There will be leftover vaccine but perhaps can be used later in the year.

Approximately \$300,000 has been billed to the state for expenses incurred by the Health District. Mrs. Grigg stated that the entire staff was utilized for the H1N1 activities which promoted teamwork and demonstrated the importance of having multi-disciplinary teams.

Other Communicable Diseases – Norovirus is still around. There has been a case of chicken pox being reported. There are always more cases reported in the winter because the virus thrives more at this time of year and the students are in school.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

The vouchers for the period ending January 31, 2010 totaling \$173,643.26 (#1 - #5 totaling \$142,339.75) and (#6 - #61 totaling \$31,303.51) were approved (M/S Sands/Guerrero – unanimous).

OTHER BUSINESS – Partnership Awards were presented to:

Chris Leonard, RN, Grant County Jail, for support of the GCHD Tuberculosis control program;

Dr. Mary Klingner, QVMC, for her support of the GCHD Tuberculosis control program;

Dana Fox, Mattawa Community Medical Clinic, for her support of the GCHD Tuberculosis control program and for proactive performance in providing H1N1 vaccinations;

Aaron Urlacher, Zirkle Fruit, for supporting public health and the health of Zirkle Fruit employees.

Jeff Ketchel will be starting next week in the administrator position to spend an orientation period with Mrs. Grigg. Mrs. Grigg and Mr. Ketchel will be in Olympia next week for legislative advocacy visits. They will meet with the legislators from the 12th and 13th Districts. Mr. Massa is going to try and attend for the day. Ms. Schultheis also stated she would be interested in going as well.

With no other business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. (M/S Sands/Swartz - unanimous).

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The next meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Public Works meeting room in Ephrata.

Tony Massa, Chairman Board of Health

ATTEST:

Alexander Brzezny, M.D., Health Officer