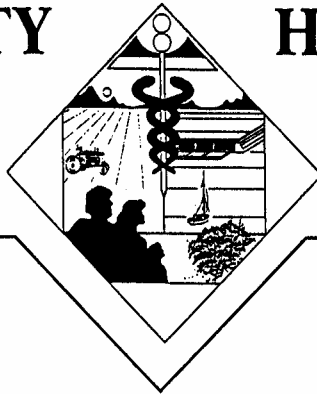


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BOARD OF HEALTH

June 11, 2008

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

Mark Wanke – Ephrata
Tony Massa – Warden
Raymond Kelby – Wilson Creek
Cindy Carter – Commissioner

Keith Anstine – Quincy
Jon Lane – Moses Lake
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

Gerald Sands – Electric City

LeRoy Allison – Commissioner

GUESTS – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of May 14, 2008 were approved as written - (M/S Massa/Lane– unanimous).

PUBLIC FORUM FOR CITIZEN’S COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS - None

PERSONAL HEALTH /ADMINISTRATOR REPORT – Peggy Grigg

Chicken Pox Update – There has been an outbreak in a school located in Moses Lake where

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protocol was followed in the same manner as it was in Ephrata approximately two (2) years ago. The number of cases has subsided, and now school is out for the summer. This particular school presented a unique situation whereas the students are not always in the same classroom the entire day. They mix with other students including Kindergarteners which are bussed to this school for lunch.

There are new requirements for the upcoming school year. Kindergarteners are now required to receive two (2) Varicella immunizations. In addition, parents can no longer state that their child actually had the disease – they must provide proof.

There have been approximately 300 contacts with 28 cases county-wide, most of them in Moses Lake being identified.

Measles Update – June 16, 2008 was to be the date that the initial outbreak would be declared officially over. However, the District received notice Sunday, June 8 of another positive case. This makes the total rise to 19. In the prior outbreak, all cases had occurred in individuals who had not been immunized. In the current case, however, this person had previously received two (2) MMR's. Wal-Mart in Moses Lake has been named as a site of exposure.

One nurse has since resigned during this outbreak so the District is down to two (2) nurses. We will be receiving additional help for outbreak response MMR vaccine clinics from the Moses Lake Clinic along with a nurse who previously worked at the Health District.

This watch will continue until July 12, 2008 which is two 21-day incubation periods since the last exposure. Over 800 contacts have been made and the staff has been phenomenal.

Routinely, one out of five individuals with measles is hospitalized, but that has not been the case in our county, although there have been complications with some cases including pneumonia cases.

TB Case – There has been one more additional active case reported since last Board of Health meeting which brings the total to two for the year. The District had two active cases that were new in 2007. One of those is still being treated, and one of them concluded treatment earlier this year.

Mr. Wanke announced there would be an executive session at the end of the agenda to last approximately 10 minutes regarding possible litigation.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT – Jerry Campbell

Food Inspections – The Board received a copy of the May food inspections. There has been an intern working in the food program this summer and she will work through the middle of June.

The staff is trying to complete their goal of Sanitary Surveys and food inspections that are due by the end of June.

There was a smoking violation that occurred this week and was handled by E.H. staff.

Mr. Campbell brought up the renewal of septic system permits process. He suggested an alternate policy, which would not require a fee ordinance modification. After discussion, it was decided to

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leave the policy as is at this time.

Mrs. Carter stated the complaint per discussion at last month's meeting regarding this policy that had been received indicated that no work at all had been performed. Mr. Campbell informed the Board that we had been out to the site and inspected the property. When permits are due for renewal, staff needs to re-visit the site to make sure that no changes have occurred on the property and that the existing proposal will still work.

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT – Mrs. Grigg had reported on the communicable diseases and Dr. Brzezny stated that the other issue would be discussed in executive session.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

The vouchers for the period ending May 31, 2008 totaling \$174,599.60 (#1-#4 totaling \$131,020.35) and (#5-#58 totaling \$43,579.25) were approved (M/S Anstine/Stevens – unanimous).

OTHER BUSINESS – Mrs. Grigg

Mr. Stevens reported that they had received the changes made to the lease agreement and that legal counsel had not reported back to them yet since he would have to go through the agreement line by line to review the changes. Mr. Whitaker reported that no changes were made – just that a proposed Interlocal agreement had been included in the event that if the rent/utilities increased, adjustment to the contribution to the District would reflect that as well so there would be no budget impact.

Mr. Stevens reported that they had received an invoice from the District; he was informed that this invoice did not include the rent and utilities portion of their contribution.

2007 Audit Report – Mrs. Grigg reported that there were no findings or recommendations that were reported by the State Auditor's office.

Executive Session - The public meeting was closed at 7:22 p.m. to enter into executive session for approximately 10 minutes regarding possible litigation.

The public meeting re-convened at 7:32 p.m.

Measles Outbreak Cost - Dr. Brzezny reported that last month the cost of the measles outbreak had reached \$55,000. At the end of May it has reached approximately \$93,000, including donated time.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. (M/S Anstine/Lane – unanimous).

The next meeting is scheduled for July 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