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HEALTH DISTRICT

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BOARD OF HEALTH

June 9, 2010

7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Mr. Massa with the following members, staff and guests present.

MEMBERS

Tony Massa – Warden
David Curnel – Moses Lake
Heidi Schultheis – Ephrata
Richard Stevens – Commissioner

Manuel Guerrero – Quincy
Cindy Carter - Commissioner
Carolann Swartz – Commissioner

STAFF

Jeff Ketchel – Administrator
Jim Whitaker - Attorney
Carol Schimke - Program Facilitator

Pattie Anderson – Admin Services Mgr
Jerry Campbell – EH Director

ABSENT

Gerald Sands – Electric City
Dr. Brzezny – Health Officer

Raymond Kelby – Wilson Creek

GUESTS

Theresa Fuller - GCHD
Mike Lynch - NCESD
Donald Lindemeier - George
Launi Ritter - Electric City

Hailey Croci - American Lung Assn.
Frances Lindemeier - George
Troy Ritter - Electric City

PUBLIC FORUM FOR CITIZEN'S COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS - Mr. Campbell spoke on behalf of Mr. & Mrs. Lindemeier from George, WA. They currently live in a 3 bedroom home and their daughter and her son live on the same property in a 2 bedroom home. The daughter is wanting to replace the current mobile home with a 3 bedroom. Both residences use one of the bedrooms as an office and both homes have 2 bathrooms each.

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The current system is designed for a 3 bedroom home. They are seeking the Board's approval to allow the change since this is against current code.

After discussion it was decided to have the Lindemeier's provide an application in writing and then the Health District will make a decision. They will contact Mr. Campbell to provide direction on accomplishing this task.

The Health District will work with the Building Department on the possibility of developing a policy regarding instances such as these - medical hardship cases in which follow up visits would have to be done to ensure that the medical hardship status remains necessary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of May 12, 2010 were approved as written (M/S Curnel/Swartz – unanimous with Mr. Stevens and Mrs. Carter abstaining).

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT -

Tobacco Report - Theresa Fuller, Tobacco Prevention Coordinator along with Mike Lynch from NCESD and Hailey Croci from the American Lung Association gave a report on Tobacco prevention. Several handouts were provided with data information, etc. Each person spoke on what each was doing in their role at their respective workplace and also touched on funding issues.

Copies of the handouts are included in the book of minutes.

Moses Lake Office Flooding - There was a failed outside irrigation pipe that led to the flooding of the basement in the Moses Lake Office. The county responded quickly to assist in the cleanup process. The wet files could not be destroyed so the state advised the Health District to store them in a cold storage building until they were able to transport them to a facility that would freeze dry them for a few months. The wet files were transported to Americold outside of Moses Lake for approximately 3-4 weeks. The state is paying for expenses incurred.

The Coroner's office was helpful in allowing the District to store some of the dry files in their office until they could be moved back into the District offices.

Teen Pregnancy Prevention Grant - Mattawa Community Health Center, Moses Lake Community Health Center and Royal City Hospital District applied for a \$440,000 teen pregnancy grant that was submitted on May 24. Approximately one quarter of the funds would go to the Health District for planning, program evaluation and staffing. We will be notified in September if we receive the grant. The focus would be on the Hispanic community and cities included would be Warden, Quincy, Royal City and Mattawa.

Court Ordered HIV Testing - Mr. Ketchel has been working with the courts and Department of Corrections regarding the pre and post counseling and HIV/AIDS testing that is required by law that the Health District is to provide. Currently there are 35 individuals to be seen and it is estimated that 125 per year will need to receive these services. The cost would be approximately \$9100 - \$9200 per year. The Health District is mandated to provide these services so Mr. Ketchel is looking into possible funding sources. The courts can include the cost in restitutions.

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Budget Updates -

Cover All Kids - This is a children insurance program for low income families. The District receives \$75 each per family who enrolls in the program. This funding is being cut.

HIV/AIDS - The funding and management has been done regionally but will now be managed at the state level. An RFP process will also be used. This will start in 2011.

Tobacco - Some funding that was provided through the lawsuit settlement years ago is being cut. We also receive \$130,000 (Blue Ribbon/5930 funds) which is in jeopardy. This helps fund communicable disease, obesity project and immunizations.

Oral Health - This program is facing a \$550 reduction.

Focus Group - The Economic Development Council is hosting a focus group on community indicators and trends at BBCC. It will be held on June 17. Mr. Ketchel encouraged Board members to attend.

Strategic Plan - Mr. Ketchel provided the Board with a strategic plan outline. Included in the plan is the possibility of pursuing accreditation. In the future, having this accreditation may be required to receive certain funding. This will be a regular agenda item in the future with updates being provided each month.

Resignation - A Public Health nurse has resigned. The District will be seeking a replacement.

COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT - Carol Schimke

TB Update - There are currently no active cases in Grant County. The District investigated 2 suspect cases which are no longer in isolation. We are still waiting culture results.

Mumps Update - There were recently two cases being reported. One case showed no antibodies even though they had received 2 MMR's. The other case had received the vaccine and showed they had antibodies but still contracted the disease.

In the one case, it was reported that 3 of his roommates had been confirmed to have had the mumps, but it is not anticipated that any secondary cases will be reported.

Varicella Update - There has been one new case being reported. This brings the total to three that have been reported at the Moses Lake School District. Also one case of shingles was reported.

Norovirus - There was a facility in Grant County that had reported more than 50 patients who had Norovirus type symptoms. The facility was instructed on the proper procedures of reporting such instances. The District needs to be notified sooner when such instances occur.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT – Jerry Campbell

Monthly Report - The Board received the monthly report for May inspections.

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Mr. Ketchel explained what the Health District could post on the website regarding food inspections. Explanations of the scoring, etc. would have to be provided in order to educate the public about the postings. This would be an interim step until a more permanent setup would be established. A draft will be provided at the next meeting.

One of the Registered Sanitarians is scheduled to come to next month's meeting and provide information on what is involved when they do a food establishment inspection, how the scoring works, etc.

Mosquito Permit Update - Mr. Campbell reported on the spraying of mosquitoes. The final report was changed drastically after the initial draft. After holding community meetings, the permit changed after input from the community. A copy of the letter from the Department of Ecology is in the minute's book.

Wells near the Landfill - There was concern from some homeowners whose home is located near the Ephrata landfill. There were chemicals found in their wells and they were concerned about the levels of contamination. After testing it was not considered a health risk. A copy of the letter that was sent to the homeowner regarding the results of the testing is included in the book of minutes. The wells continue to be tested and monitored.

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT – None

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

The vouchers for the period ending May 31, 2010 totaling \$151,476.94 (#1 - #5 totaling \$131,395.45 and (#6 - #36 totaling \$20,081.49) were approved (M/S Stevens/Carter – unanimous).

OTHER BUSINESS –

With no other business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. (M/S Swartz/Curnel - unanimous).

The next meeting is scheduled for July 14, 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