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HEALTH DISTRICT

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BOARD OF HEALTH March 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
Cindy Carter – Commissioner

Manuel Guerrero – Quincy
Heidi Schultheis – Ephrata
Gerald Sands – Electric City
Richard Stevens – Commissioner

STAFF

Dr. Brzezny – Health Officer
Peggy Grigg – Administrator/PH Director
Jeff Ketchel – Administrator

Pattie Anderson – Admin Services Mgr
Jerry Campbell – EH Director
Jim Whitaker - Attorney

ABSENT - None

GUESTS

Greg Ovenell – Quincy
Dana Fox – Mattawa Community Medical Center
Randy Bracht – Grant County Journal

Todd Phillips – GCHD
Lois Swenson – GCHD

Mr. Massa announced that there will be a couple of additions to the agenda. A contract regarding a dental sealant grant will be discussed under the Administrator's report. Under Old Business the Sun Lakes State Park litigation will be addressed. A motion was made to the additions of the agenda (M/S Sands/Guerrero – unanimous).

PUBLIC FORUM FOR CITIZEN'S COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS – Mrs. Lois Swenson presented the annual "Spittoon" Award to Dana Fox, Administrator of the Mattawa Community Medical Center. Mrs. Fox allowed the Medical Center to provide the daily medication to an active

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TB patient who resides in the Mattawa area. They also provided treatment to 3 contacts from Oregon upon request of the Health District. Mrs. Fox in turn thanked the Health District for their assistance in various circumstances and she looks forward to working with Mr. Ketchel. Mrs. Grigg mentioned that Mattawa Community Medical Center is a primary partner and has always been willing to participate in any partner activities.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of February 10, 2010 were approved as written (M/S Sands/Guerrero – unanimous – Carter and Stevens abstained because they were absent).

PERSONAL HEALTH /ADMINISTRATOR REPORT – Peggy Grigg

Retirement – Mrs. Grigg had sent the Board a letter regarding her retirement. Her last day of scheduled work at the Health District will be March 31, 2010.

Legislative visits – Mrs. Grigg shared that besides herself, Mr. Ketchel, Tony Massa and Heidi Schultheis had visited with the legislators last month.

New Administrator – Mrs. Grigg stated that Mr. Ketchel has some valuable assets that he brings to the Health District, such as his experience and education. His background is in Environmental Health.

Mr. Ketchel stated that he is looking at options to provide leadership in the Personal Health division and will bring a proposal to the next Board of Health meeting.

Newspaper Bids – The Health District received only one bid for advertising legal ads, employment, etc. Columbia Basin Herald was the only newspaper to submit a bid. A motion was made to accept the CBH bid (M/S Sands/Stevens – unanimous).

Oral Health Grant – The Health District has been awarded a \$25,000 grant to support the provision of dental sealants (by Oral Health and Preventative Services, LLC dba “Grinovations”) to uninsured 2nd and 3rd graders in Grant County. The pass-through money contract runs from March 1, 2010 through August 31, 2010. Letters will be sent home to all 2nd and 3rd graders.

One advantage of having this mobile unit visit the school is that parents do not have to miss work. A motion was made to pass PH 2010-24-1 (Sands/Schultheis – unanimous).

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT – Jerry Campbell

Ovenell Farms Compositing Facility Variance Request – Ovenell farms would like to expand their composting facility and go commercial and by doing so they are requesting a composting facility variance request. To date they have been composting for five (5) years and there has been no nitrate

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discharge so far. Mr. Campbell had provided the Board with a letter from DOE as well as a report from Terre-Source, LLC Consultants regarding their findings. The Board had some questions that arose at last month's meeting and Mr. Campbell had provided answers to those questions as well.

Even though the Health District issues the permit, we rely on the expertise and guidance that DOE provides. The Health District currently has a contract with DOE and we do receive grant funding for these types of issues.

Mr. Greg Ovenell was present at the meeting. He addressed the concerns/issues of the Board. He explained that the area of composting was not being enlarged, but that the process would just take longer due to the higher tonnage of waste.

Concerns regarding testing to ensure that nitrate levels were still safe were raised. The Board was informed that they could incorporate testing into the contract. A motion was made by Mrs. Carter to accept the waiver – further discussion was held. An amendment to the motion was made to approve the waiver with the condition that additional testing would occur in 36 months and if no additional levels of nitrate were discovered, then the Board could re-evaluate – Dr. Curnel seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Monthly Report - The Board received the monthly report for February inspections, etc.

Fee Schedule Ordinance – Mr. Campbell reviewed the proposed fee changes as presented at last month's meeting. No changes have occurred. A motion was made to adopt Ordinance 2010-1 as presented (M/S Stevens/Curnel – unanimous).

Mr. Massa opened the public hearing regarding Ordinances 2010-1, 2010-2 and 2010-3. With no comments being presented the public hearing was closed (M/S Carter/Swartz – unanimous).

There were also no changes in the other two Ordinances.

Water Recreation Ordinance - A motion was made to adopt Ordinance 2010-2 as presented (M/S Stevens/Curnel – unanimous).

Food Ordinance -. A motion was made to adopt Ordinance 2010-3 as presented (M/S Stevens/Curnel – unanimous).

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT – Dr. Brzezny

TB Update – There are currently no active cases of TB in Grant County. Treatment had begun on a suspect case, but subsequently was closed when reports came back negative.

H1N1 Update – From April 2009 to February 2010 H1N1 costs had reached \$337,000 which is approximately 15% of the Health District budget with some of the funding coming from grants.

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There are sporadic cases of H1N1, but no new reported ICU cases have been reported in Grant County.

Seasonal Influenza – Seasonal influenza continues to be light. Dr. Brzezny stated that vaccinations are still being recommended. He reported that the 2010-2011 seasonal influenza vaccine will contain the 2009 Mexican strain of influenza.

Robert Wood Foundation Report – Dr. Brzezny handed out a report that was done by the Robert Wood Foundation. It was a county health ranking sheet that was conducted in 2008-2009 and part of 2007. We can use this information in assessing the Health District priorities/needs for providing services. Of course, some services that we provide are state mandated.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

The vouchers for the period ending February 28, 2010 totaling \$151,696.30 (#0 - #3 totaling \$126,405.98) and (#4 - #50 totaling \$25,290.32) were approved (M/S Sands/Curnel – unanimous).

OTHER BUSINESS –

Rental Agreement - An office rental agreement had been drawn up in February of 2009 that would have the Health District making lease payments to the County for providing office space, janitorial services, etc. In turn the County would increase their county contribution by same amount. It has been decided by both parties involved that the agreement would not be activated.

Lawsuit Status - It was announced that the lawsuit against the Health District which related to a drowning at the privately owned Sun Lakes Park Resort has been dismissed and we have been relieved from any burden of guilt.

Revised 2009 Agency Report - Mrs. Grigg mentioned that a revised copy of the 2009 Agency report had been sent to the Board. More accurate numbers were provided on the first page of the report.

Public Health Partner Awards - Mrs. Grigg noted that 46 vaccinators and 31 other volunteers were utilized during the H1N1 vaccination clinics. In conjunction with this Partnership Awards were presented to:

Community Volunteers:

Janice Van Diest, Bianca Jackson, Erica Delgado, Christian Ramon, Karen Ronish, Danielle Alvarado, Matt Armstrong, Anieca Ashley, RN, Derek Beach, John Browne, PA-C, Sharon Browne, RN, Katrina Cameron, Barbara Cherf, RN, Janet Clark, RN, Lupe Cortes, Tara Dockery, Dylan Fries, Priscilla Garcia, Paul Guerin, Shellie Chlarson Hansen, Katherine Hirschel, Jorge Tovar, Mary Jo Ybarra-Vega, Anne Wieldraayer, RN, Cara Wieldraayer, Brian Williamson, Marna York, RN, Denise Zappone, RN, Joseph Schwendeman, Eric Shurtz, Sharon Southwick, Virginia Hedman, RN, Joelle Unruh, Dustin Tyler, Patrick Heeren, Erik Navarette, Lacey Radel, Todd Schanze, Annelise Plaisted, Elizabeth Pray, Sonya Nicholson, Joann Avila, Kristina Hendrickson, Sean Hoxie, Kathryn Hines, RN, Deborah Johnson, RN, Sarina Fahrner, RN, Erica Gaertner, Debra Goodrich, Mark Graham, Pam Cleveringa, RN, Todd Pyper, Paula Dempster, Deborah Dickerson, RN, Michael Dosh, James Stucky, Richard Penrose, Greg Moss, Todd Eldred, Troy Hesse, Brian Russell, Shrade Rouse, Travis Pulliam, Jay Morice, David Holle, Doug Martinson, Brandon Burns, Robert Miller, RN, Penny

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Mayo, RN, Donald Huffman, Lenore Low, RN, Jason Koziol, Alicia Klingemann, Greg Moser, Pete Kunjara, Andrew Deering, and Brenda Johnson.

Mrs. Grigg expressed her gratitude and thanks to the Board of Health. She stated they had been patient with her while she came up through the ranks and thanked them for their kindness. She expressed her thanks to all of the volunteers as well.

Mrs. Carter expressed her appreciation to Mrs. Grigg saying that she had done a great job and has made the Board of Health look good as well. Everyone wished Mrs. Grigg well in her retirement.

Mr. Massa mentioned the visits with the Legislators and that they were in support of Public Health. He enjoyed the meetings that he, Mrs. Grigg, Mr. Ketchel, and Ms. Schultheis attended.

Dr. Brzezny also recognized Mrs. Grigg for the wonderful job that she has done. He stated that we would be losing her expertise and she was always able to make us all look good. Dr. Curnel also expressed his thanks to her.

Mrs. Swartz mentioned that we need to be aware of the issue of spraying adult mosquitoes. The state had recently visited Moses Lake and there were so many people, they could not all fit into the building provided. They are discussing the possibility of discontinuing spraying as of July 1.

With no other business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. (M/S Sands/Guerrero - unanimous).

The next meeting is scheduled for April 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