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# HEALTH DISTRICT

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## **BOARD OF HEALTH**

**May 12, 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  
Heidi Schultheis – Ephrata

Tony Gonzalez – Quincy  
Gerald Sands – Electric City  
Carolann Swartz – Commissioner

### **STAFF**

Dr. Brzezny – Health Officer  
Jeff Ketchel – Administrator  
Jim Whitaker - Attorney

Pattie Anderson – Admin Services Mgr  
Jerry Campbell – EH Director

### **ABSENT**

Raymond Kelby – Wilson Creek  
Richard Stevens – Commissioner

Cindy Carter - Commissioner

### **GUESTS**

Pat Butterfield - National Children's Study  
Julie Postma - National Children's Study

Emily Ketchel - Ephrata

**PUBLIC FORUM FOR CITIZEN'S COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS - None**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of April 14, 2010 were approved as written (M/S Swartz/Curnel – unanimous with Mr. Sands abstaining).

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**National Children's Study** - Mr. Ketchel introduced Pat Butterfield and Julie Postma who are members of the faculty at Washington State University. They gave a presentation about the National Children's Study. They have been working with Dr. Brzezny, Mrs. Grigg, Mr. Campbell and most recently Mr. Ketchel. The study is the largest in the United States and will look at such issues as autism and asthma. There will be 105 counties in the U.S. participating in this study.

There have been some issues recently that need to be resolved so the study can begin.

They will be working with community partners to get the word out about the study and hope to begin this summer. They will also be forming a Community Advisory Board as well as developing a student ambassador program.

There is no cost to the participants who could possibly receive a small monetary compensation.

**Community Public Health Manager Update** – The District was not successful in recruiting anyone from within the District for the opening. Currently, Mr. Ketchel will be acting CPH Manager and will be working with Carol Schimke, Program Facilitator in the Personal Health division.

Mr. Ketchel will be looking into funding sources in order to recruit from outside the office and to avoid any layoffs in fulfilling the position.

He will not fill the position until a stable funding source is available which will probably not be before fall. It is unknown for sure how much funding needs to be obtained but it is clear that sustaining funds are not currently available.

Mr. Ketchel has been appointed to a Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials (WSALPHO) subcommittee responsible for reviewing the federal health care legislation and its impact to health jurisdictions in Washington State.

**Budget Conference Call** – There will be a conference call with Mary Selecky, State Secretary of Health, on Monday morning at 10:00 a.m. regarding the 2010-2011 budget. It is known for sure that tobacco funding and HIV/AIDS funding has been reduced.

**Quarterly Report** – The Board had received the Personal Health quarterly report. A copy of the report is in the minute's book.

Theresa Fuller will be receiving one of the awards presented at the Bob Skidmore Recognition Event for her participation in the Safe Kids program.

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT** – Jerry Campbell

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

**Quarterly Report** – Mr. Campbell briefly went over the quarterly report. A copy of the report is in the minute's book.

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### **HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT** – Dr. Brzezny

**Resistant H1N1** - The patient that was reported on last month has passed away. It was determined that he had H1N1 for approximately 5 – 6 months. The patient was also immunocompromised.

It is still highly recommended that pregnant women receive the vaccine. Thimersol free H1N1 vaccine was available on a limited basis.

There was no thimerosol free seasonal vaccine this year and most flu vaccines will have thimerosol.

**Suspect Mumps** – A report was received of a suspect case of mumps that presented on one side. The patient had received 2 MMR's and blood tests showed no antibodies present. Confirmation has not yet been received and the patient has recovered.

**Norovirus** – Suspect cases are still being reported.

**Campylobacter** – There were 2 campylobacter cases reported.

**Salmonella** – There were 2 or 3 cases reported.

**Chicken Pox** – There were 4 cases reported, 2 of whom were brothers. No secondary cases have been reported. With school about to be dismissed for the summer, chicken pox disease should decline.

**H1N1 Update** - The patient who had been hospitalized as reported last month has since recovered.

### **APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

The vouchers for the period ending April 30, 2010 totaling \$193,721.61 (#1 - #6 totaling \$160,097.66) and (#7 - #58 totaling \$33,623.95) were approved (M/S Sands/Gonzalez – unanimous).

### **OTHER BUSINESS** –

**Audit Exit Conference** – The exit conference went very well with only one recommendation being presented.

Mr. Ketchel will send the Board the information regarding Monday's conference call regarding the 2010-2011 budget.

With no other business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. (M/S Schultheis/Swartz - unanimous).

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The next meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Public Works meeting room in Ephrata.

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Tony Massa, Chairman Board of Health

ATTEST:

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Alexander Brzezny, M.D., Health Officer