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HEALTH DISTRICT

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BOARD OF HEALTH
October 14, 2009
7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mr. Anstine with the following members, staff and guests present.

MEMBERS

Tony Massa – Warden
Jon Lane – Moses Lake
Raymond Kelby – Wilson Creek
Richard Stevens – Commissioner

Keith Anstine – Quincy
Gerald Sands – Electric City
Cindy Carter – Commissioner

STAFF

Peggy Grigg – Administrator/PH Director
Michael Wyman – Attorney

Pattie Anderson – Admin Services Mgr
Jerry Campbell – EH Director

ABSENT

Dr. Brzezny – Health Officer
Bruce Reim – Ephrata

Carolann Swartz – Commissioner

GUESTS - None

PUBLIC FORUM FOR CITIZEN'S COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of September 9, 2009 were approved as written (M/S Lane/Kelby – unanimous).

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PERSONAL HEALTH /ADMINISTRATOR REPORT – Peggy Grigg

2010 Preliminary Budget – Mrs. Grigg presented the preliminary budget for 2010 (a copy had been sent earlier in the week). The ending fund balance is sufficient (with minimal excess) to meet auditor “going concern” requirements that the ending fund balance is at least enough to cover the agency’s expenditures for one month.

Mrs. Grigg requested a motion to hold a public hearing in December for adoption.

Mrs. Carter inquired as to whether we had dipped into the fund balance previously which Mrs. Grigg stated that we had.

A motion was made to hold a public hearing in December to adopt the 2010 budget (M/S Stevens/Lane – unanimous).

Ordinance 2009-2 (Revision of Fee Schedule) - Mrs. Grigg briefly reviewed the amended fee schedule that had been previously sent to the Board. Mr. Anstine opened the public meeting for comments. With no public attending, Mr. Lane made a motion to close the public hearing (M/S Lane/Carter). A motion was made to adopt Ordinance 2009-2 (M/S Stevens/Sands – unanimous).

ABCD Kickoff Request - Mrs. Grigg reminded the Board of the ABCD Kickoff Event to be held next week and asked if any of the Board members were planning on attending. If so, they could contact Mrs. Grigg. Mrs. Carter thought she would be able to attend the event.

Data Sharing Agreement - An organization entitled Within Reach has been working in partnership with the Washington Dental Service Foundation to develop an online referral system to facilitate linkage of Access to Baby and Child Dentistry eligible children with dental providers statewide. Mrs. Grigg was requesting the Board’s approval to sign the agreement. A motion was made to sign the agreement (M/S Lane/Stevens – unanimous).

Drive Through Flu Clinic Agreement Modification – The original contract regarding the reimbursement structure between Quincy Community Health Center and Quincy Valley Medical Center which includes Sageview Clinic was modified after QVMC had no vaccine to provide the day of the clinic. Both Administrators agreed to QCHC receiving \$20.00 and QVMC receiving \$5.00 per vaccine.

Mr. Stevens inquired as to whether we had received the H1N1 vaccine yet. Mrs. Grigg explained that we had received the nasal spray which is a live, attenuated vaccine which can be administered to healthy 2 year olds through 49 years of age.

A motion was made to approve the modification of the agreement for the Drive Through Clinic which amends the amount of reimbursement structure (M/S Lane/Carter – unanimous).

Healthy Communities Award for Moses Lake – At the Joint Conference on Health last week, Moses Lake was recognized as a community who has made great strides in improving the health of people who live in their community, in particular obesity prevention. The obesity rates in Moses Lake did not increase in 2007.

National Children’s Study – This study is the largest and most complex longitudinal study ever undertaken in the U.S. to examine environmental and genetic influences on human growth, development and health outcomes. The start of data collection for Grant County has been delayed by one year and is now scheduled to begin in January 2012. A visit had been made recently in the Mattawa area visiting with staff at the Migrant Council’s Child Development Center and the Mattawa Community Clinic. The Health District should be receiving funding to help with this project.

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Influenza Update – There have been over 300 cases of influenza being reported in Grant County. Most cases being reported now are H1N1.

The Health District is focusing on vaccinating school age children with the H1N1 nasal spray. The District is starting vaccinations with the smaller schools and today visited St. Rose of Lima school in Ephrata.

Mrs. Grigg mentioned the possibility of the county Commissioners implementing an emergency declaration which will allow Emergency Medical Services personnel the ability to help administer vaccinations. Mrs. Grigg has a template that she will send to the Commissioners for their review.

Mr. Lane mentioned that there is a lot of misinformation and reluctance to get the H1N1 vaccinations. Mrs. Grigg thought some of the reluctance stemmed from the 1976 swine flu vaccine which was comprised of different components and caused some people to get Guillain-Barre Syndrome.

The District will be at Wilson Creek School District Thursday and the Coulee City schools on Friday. Next week will include Soap Lake School District and Grand Coulee Dam School District. Lake Roosevelt High School is located in Okanogan County, however they gave their approval for us to vaccinate at the High School.

During this time period of time, the Moses Lake office will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays only and Ephrata office open every day. Staff from Moses Lake will be preparing for upcoming clinics, administering vaccinations, etc. during the closures.

TB Update – The District is still treating 3 active patients and 3 latent patients. In the past we have treated 20-40 latent TB patients but now they are being monitored by their primary care provider.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT – Jerry Campbell

Monthly Inspection Report - The report for September food inspections was presented. E.H. staff is trying to finish their food inspections for 2009 as well as finishing up the Sanitary Surveys. Sewage permits remain to be on the down side and staff are helping with the H1N1 clinics.

Mr. Campbell reported an incident in which a 15 year old boy bit off the head of a bat. The head was retrieved and ultimately tested negative for rabies.

While observing some food establishments which had very high scores during a food inspection, Mr. Lane inquired as to why there were no scores on the re-inspection report. Mr. Campbell explained that they mostly return to check on the critical items that triggered the re-inspection and do not do a full routine inspection which would take approximately another 40 minutes. Mr. Lane stated that our objective is protecting the public's health and therefore should be doing a full inspection. He asked what it would take to change the process and Mr. Campbell said he would have to check the food ordinance to see if it addressed the issue. He will report on his findings.

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT – Mrs. Grigg previously reported on Influenza and TB updates.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

The vouchers for the period ending September 30, 2009 totaling \$157,150.83 (#1 - #7 totaling \$133,177.84) and (#8 – #62 totaling \$23,972.99) were approved (M/S Carter/Lane – unanimous)

OTHER BUSINESS –

Mrs. Grigg showed a certificate that was presented to the Health District for their Commitment to Excellence for Outstanding Achievement in Public Health.

Public Health Partner Awards were presented to:

For Providing Funding to Print “Resources for Families” Booklets:

Wendy Hanover and Family Policy Network

For Supporting the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Drive-Through Flu Shot Clinic in Quincy:

Quincy Valley Medical Center/SageView

Medhi Merred
Sarina Fahrner
Colleen Canfield
Abby Martinez
Lily Medrano
Miriam Alvarez
Laurie Wittman
JoAnn G.
Gina Goodwin
Lisa McDonald
Rob Miller
Kelly Robison
Melissa Brown

Moses Lake Community Health Center

Sheila Chilson

Quincy Community Health Center

Sylvia Alvarez
Ana Medina
Janice McClintic
Melissa Culich
Ted Kubicki
Debbie Dickerson
Jennifer Terry

Grant County Emergency Management

Kyle Foreman
Sam Lorenz

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Volunteer

Tara Dockery

Grant County Fire Protection District #3

Chief Don Fortier

Quincy Valley Ambulance

Doug Martinson

Nancy Schanze

Ed Navarro

Katrina Cameron

Liberty Farm and Lawn LTD.

Cody Hodge

For Actively Promoting Children's Immunizations in our Community:

Physicians

Alexander L. Brzezny, MD, MPH, FAAFP

Health Officer, Grant County Health District

Medical Director, Columbia Basin Family Medicine

Ephrata, WA

Robert D. Hylander, MD, FAAAAI, FACAAI

President, Grant-Adams County Medical Society

Allergy, Asthma and Immunology

Moses Lake, WA

Cole Hemmerling, MD, CCFP, ABFP

Chief of Staff, Samaritan Healthcare

Medical Director, Association of Samaritan Physicians

Medical Director, Crossroads Resource Center

Andrew Castrodale, MD, ABFP

Chief of Staff, Coulee Community Hospital Coulee Medical Clinic

Grand Coulee, WA

B. Mark Vance, MD, ABFP

Acting Chief of Staff, Quincy Valley Medical Center

Quincy Community Health Center

Quincy, WA

Lowell Allred, MD, ABFP

Chief of Staff, Columbia Basin Hospital

Ephrata Medical Center

Ephrata, WA

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Natalie Paluch, MD, ABP

Chairman, Pediatric Committee, Samaritan Healthcare
Moses Lake Community Health Center
Moses Lake, WA

David Curnel, MD, ABFP

Medical Director, Moses Lake Clinic
Moses Lake, WA

Andre Nye, MD, ABFP

Medical Director, Moses Lake Community Health Center
Moses Lake, WA

Craig Talbot, MD, ABFP

Chairman, Family Medicine Committee, Samaritan Healthcare
Association of Samaritan Physicians
Moses Lake, WA

A motion was made to move into executive session at 7:45 p.m. regarding union negotiations expected to last 5 minutes (M/S Carter/Lane - unanimous). At 7:50 p.m. the executive session was extended another 5 minutes. The executive session was closed at 7:55 p.m.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Public Works meeting room in Ephrata.

Keith Anstine, Chairman Board of Health

ATTEST:

Alexander Brzezny, M.D., Health Officer