

The regular meeting of the Spokane Regional Health District Board of Health held on Thursday, **June 27, 2013** was called to order by Commissioner Todd Mielke, Chair, at 12:31 p.m. in room 140 of the Public Health Center, 1101 West College Avenue, Spokane, Washington.

#### **PRESENT**

Commissioner Todd Mielke, Chair  
Commissioner Shelly O'Quinn  
Councilmember Ben Stuckart  
Councilmember Jon Snyder  
Councilmember Amber Waldref  
Mayor Tom Towey  
Board Member Susan Norwood, EdD, RN

#### **ABSENT**

Commissioner Al French  
Mayor Tom Trulove  
Councilmember Chuck Hafner, Vice Chair  
Board Member Bob Lutz, MD, MPH

#### **CITIZEN INPUT**

- Linda Thompson, Spokane Valley, WA – spoke on the recent legalization of marijuana and requested the Board advocate for public health on the issue. A handout on an article written by Esther Larsen, chair of the Washington Drug Endangered Children Alliance of Spokane, about Initiative 502 and recommendations from Washington Association for Substance Abuse and Violence Prevention to the Liquor Control Board on how the measure will be enacted in the state were distributed to the Board.
- Rose Marie Waldrem, Green Acres, WA – spoke on the request for a repeal of fluoridation in Arkansas that led to a statewide fluoridation initiative. A handout and DVD was distributed on fluoridation. She also spoke on genetically modified foods that contain fluoride.
- Carolyn Pickett, Spokane, WA – spoke on fluoridation, contamination at Saltese Flats and its effect on the aquifer.

#### **CHAIR REPORT – Commissioner Todd Mielke**

Commissioner Mielke spoke on the special Board meeting June 20 answering the question whether the agency was trying to change operating policy stating the agency has always and continues to make every effort to distribute funding equitably as possible to families in need.

Councilmember Stuckart shared the inaccuracy in the Spokesman which reported the Executive Committee of the Board held a meeting and voted 7 to 4 for the approval of the Department of Early Learning funding. He requested agency staff ask the Spokesman for a correction. Kim Papich, Public Information Officer, stated it had already been requested.

#### **HEALTH OFFICER REPORT – Joel McCullough, MD, MPH, MS**

##### State Budget Contingency Plan

The legislature has not arrived on an agreement for the budget, but a vote is expected to happen by the end of the week. In case an agreement is not reached, DOH has been working on a contingency plan to suspend all state contracts with local public health agencies. Staff are hopeful an agreement will be reached and contingency plans will not be necessary.

Safe Routes to School Grant Application to SRTC

At the last meeting Councilmember Snyder requested information on the grant application to the Spokane Regional Transportation Council (SRTC). The agency application scored highly and the Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) recommended the project move forward with awards being made within the month.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Consists of items considered routine which are approved as a group. Any member of the Board may request to remove an item from the Consent Agenda to be considered separately.

Meeting Minutes: April 25, 2013

2013 Vouchers Paid: April 1-30, 2013 and May 1-31, 2013

**Vouchers paid: April 1-30, 2013**

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Voucher Numbers:	#230568 - #B&OMAR13		\$ 936,579.60
Payroll Warrants:	#797549 - #79752	Advice Numbers: #DD20719 - #DD20908	649,958.18
Payroll Warrants:	#799209 - #799231	Advice Numbers: #DD20809 - #DD21094	586,749.56
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,173,287.34</b>

**Vouchers paid: May 1-31, 2013**

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Voucher Numbers:	#230857 - #EFTBAPR13		\$ 496,245.88
Payroll Warrants:	#800980 - #801004	Advice Numbers: #DD21095 - #DD21278	589,864.81
Payroll Warrants:	#802514 - #802635	Advice Numbers: #DD21279 - #DD2161	573,734.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,659,844.69</b>

*Motion: To approve the consent agenda including meeting minutes and vouchers as presented.*

*Motion/Second: Stuckart/Norwood*

*Approved: Unanimously*

**BOARD MEMBER CHECK IN**

Department of Early Learning (DEL) Funding (Councilmember Waldref)

Councilmember Waldref confirmed with Elaine Conley that DEL funding is available for any family with a child that meets criteria for special needs. Commissioner Mielke added the state education dollars are based upon the number of cases each provider takes.

Councilmember Snyder questioned the distribution of funding from the state. Elaine Conley answered that Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) money passes through one other agency before reaching the health district and the state legislature has the ability to change the distribution flow. Commissioner Mielke reported the proposal from the Senate is to have direct appropriation from the legislature to local health districts.

Board of Health Members (Councilmember Snyder)

Councilmember Snyder thanked the Board of Health members who attended the special meeting and requested information on the process for filling the at-large appointed citizen position on the Board. Commissioner O’Quinn answered there were only 2 applicants for the position and to have more applicants apply, she has asked that the application process be re-opened and allow for more people to

apply. Commissioner Mielke reported the Board of County Commissioners repealed the 2 term limit for board appointments under the condition that appointments are advertised.

**NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled at 12:30 p.m. on July 25, 2013.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

APPROVED: Charles E. Wolf  
Board Member Name and Title

Date: 7/25/13

[Signature]  
Recording Secretary