

The regular meeting of the Spokane Regional Health District Board of Health held Thursday, **April 30, 2015**, was called to order by Councilmember Chuck Hafner, Chair, at 12:30 p.m. in room 140 of the Public Health Center, 1101 West College Avenue, Spokane, Washington.

PRESENT

Councilmember Chuck Hafner, Chair
Mayor Kevin Freeman, Vice Chair
Commissioner Shelly O'Quinn
Commissioner Todd Mielke (arrived at 12:33 p.m.)
Councilmember Mike Fagan
Councilmember Jon Snyder
Board Member Keith Baldwin, MHA
Board Member Susan Norwood, EdD, RN
Board Member Bob Lutz, MD, MPH

ABSENT

Commissioner Al French
Councilmember Amber Waldref
Council Member Ed Pace

CITIZEN INPUT

- Carolyn Pickett, Spokane County, WA – Spoke on the Bilderberg story and government manipulation, teaching methods for those with autism, and vaccines that cause Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS).
- Rose Marie Waldrem, Green Acres, WA – Spoke on her membership to the National Health Federation (NHF), the NHF magazine issue on fluoridation, and her new anti-fluoridation billboard that will be erected May 7.

CHAIR REPORT – Councilmember Chuck Hafner

Board of Health (BOH) members who attended the Years of Service Ceremony were thanked for their attendance.

HEALTH OFFICER REPORT – Torney Smith, SRHD Administrator

The health officer is attending a United Way Community Leadership Conference in Grapevine, Texas.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) County Health Rankings and Roadmaps

The County Health Rankings and Roadmaps will be presented to the Board next month by Dr. McCullough. The report has highlighted Priority Spokane's Culture of Health Award by Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF). Rankings can be viewed at: www.countyhealthrankings.org.

Spokane Public Schools Immunization Policy Enforcement

On April 12, Spokane Public Schools (SPS) was the first school district in the state to enforce the existing vaccination law that requires students to have vaccinations or exemptions on record by a health care provider. Most children complied by getting vaccinations or by providing the correct records. This enforcement allows the school district to have a greater understanding of students at risk for disease during an outbreak.

Audit Entrance Conference

The audit has been completed and the audit exit conference will be held before the next Board meeting. The audit evaluated the financial condition of the district, any conflicts of interests, reviewed procurement cards and state grants.

National League of Cities

The National League of Cities is encouraging communities to get involved in the *Let's Move* campaign. There are 60 schools in the area who have joined the campaign to date.

Measles Update – Dorothy MacEachern, Epidemiologist, Disease Prevention and Response Program

A second case of measles was confirmed yesterday. The person had close contact to the first case and both were unimmunized. Disease Prevention and Response (DPR) staff have undertaken tremendous efforts to control the outbreak. SRHD has been working to establish the identity of all individuals related to exposures. All close contacts, workers and patients in identified facilities have been notified. The agency has been relying on media partners to alert others who may have been exposed to the confirmed cases.

Because the virus can remain in the air for two hours, messaging has been to anyone in a place of exposure for the time the confirmed case was present plus two hours. There are no other highly suspect cases at this time.

The source of the first case hasn't been identified and the initial case has not left the county nor had any visitors from outside the area. If there are no new cases 42 days after the last case, the outbreak will be considered over June 5. There will be more testing to determine if this case is related to the 150+ cases from California.

Building Update

The final touches to the WIC offices are being completed. BOH members desiring a tour are to contact the administrator. Renovation to the Financial Services and Vital Records areas will begin next and then the current waiting and dosing areas for Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) will be remodeled. Construction is expected to be completed in September.

Councilmember Hafner recommend Board members visit OTP programs and meetings to gain a better understanding of the work completed by the program.

WSALPHO Legislative report

A statewide report from Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials (WSALPHO) is included in the Board packet. This is the annual report to the legislature since funding to local health jurisdictions come directly from the state instead of through the department of health.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Linda Graham, Healthy Policy Specialist and Communications Manager

The latest legislative update is included in the Board packet. The legislature adjourned early and has started a special session yesterday. This will be a rolling session starting with limited leadership that will build attendance until all legislators are attending.

House Bill 1645 was amended significantly, but many of the original provisions were placed back into the bill. The taxing provisions have been pulled into House Bill 2211. E-cigarettes, tobacco and marijuana work on youth prevention is tied to the regulatory structure because portions of the funding originate from fees for retail licenses and fines for sales to minors. Unless the regulatory structure from HB1645 is passed, there will be no new source of funding for youth prevention.

Appropriations for public health funding look steady compared to the last few years. Under I-502, DOH will receive a percentage of revenues, some of which will go to local health jurisdictions for prevention efforts and education. A total of approximately \$19 million is available this year. In the House, the money is allotted in the budget, but not in the Senate budget. There are proposed cuts in the House and Senate for hazardous waste cleanup and public health is working to restore the full funding.

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: March 26, 2015
2015 Vouchers paid: March 1-30, 2015

Voucher Numbers:	#236369 - #236660 & EFT B&OFEB2015	\$ 914,015.38
Payroll Warrants:	#877737 - #877753 #878304 - 878039	
	Advice Numbers: #DD29213 - #DD29394	649,421.16
Payroll Warrants:	#879224 - #879248 Advice Numbers: #DD29395 - #DD29577	622,681.69
	TOTAL	\$2,186,118.23

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

Motion/Second: Mielke/Norwood

Approved: Unanimously

ACTION ITEMS

Opioid Treatment Program Quality Management Plan – Torney Smith, SRHD Administrator

Per WAC 388.877, opioid treatment services programs are required to establish a quality management plan, which has to be adopted by the governing board. The program is seeking approval of its plan from the Board.

Councilmember Freeman made a motion to approve the Opioid Treatment Program Quality Management plan. Council Member Snyder seconded the motion.

Motion: To approve Opioid Treatment Program Quality Management plan as presented.

Motion/Second: Freeman/Snyder

Approved: Unanimously

REPORTS

Tobacco, E-Cigarettes and Marijuana Update – Cindy Green, Healthy Communities Program Manager

The Healthy Communities program performs the majority of the tobacco, e-cigarette and marijuana work in the health district. Within the last year, the program has added 1.5 FTEs. Funding comes from the Youth Tobacco Prevention grant, Preventive Health Block Grant, and Local Capacity Development funds. The focus of the program is to decrease initiation, increase cessation and decrease exposure to secondhand smoke.

The program uses the “spectrum of prevention” framework that looks beyond prevention as just teaching about healthy behaviors. The program also focuses on policy and legislative changes. Program grants require work to reduce disparities among youth who smoke; therefore, the program has partnered with those who work with youth. This has resulted in well-established relationships in 6 of the 9 counties in the region the program is responsible for. The goal is to develop youth leaders in those counties. Youth talking to youth has been proven to be very effective in prevention messages. It also important to have youth input in developing policy.

The program is also working on policies with schools. All schools have tobacco-free campus policies and they have been encouraged to include e-cigarette and line-of-sight smoking in their policies. Also, the program is working on community assessments of neighborhood stores (CANS) to document environmental impacts and things that influence and encourage smoking which will be shared with Spokane County communities.

Materials have been developed for community partners to refer the public for cessation services. A communitywide cessation campaign is being developed for this fall and staff are working with health care providers to support the effort within their practices.

The program is working with multiunit housing to have smoke-free housing and properties. Smoke-free policies are a benefit to landlords and owners by reducing cleaning efforts and decreasing insurance rates. Staff are working with Gonzaga University students to create a smoke-free campus. The work is expected to take several semesters.

Enforcement of smoking in public places is continuing with multiagency inspections and emphasis patrols. Enforcement efforts are switching to a complaint line and will be advertised when in place. Under the Smoking in Public Places Law, marijuana smoking may be enforced. At this point, e-cigarettes isn't covered under the regulation.

Per the Healthy Youth Survey, 26 percent of 10th graders have used e-cigarettes in the past 30 days in our community. That is twice the number that has smoked cigarettes. Youth are also putting THC or marijuana in the e-cigarette devices and using them in schools. Youth are not allowed to purchase e-cigarettes in the community, but are purchasing products over the Internet and obtaining them from parents or older siblings. The long-term effects of e-cigarette use is not known and it hasn't been proven to be an effective method of cessation.

Staff were in a recent news story about nicotine poisoning. Students have been placing liquid nicotine in bottled drinks and then giving it to others who aren't aware of the added nicotine. There has been a substantial increase in reports/questions to the Washington Poison Center regarding children under five who have exposure to flavored liquid nicotine.

Cigarette smoking rates have been on the decrease. With the increase of e-cigarette smoking, it normalizes the behavior of smoking. There has been confusion whether smoking is allowed in public and raised concerns about secondhand vapor.

The program would like to move forward with a proposed resolution to include e-cigarettes under the smoking in public places ordinance. King, Pierce and Grant counties are working to include e-cigarettes under the same regulations.

BOARD MEMBER CHECK IN

Cannabis Summit – Council Member Snyder

The City of Spokane's Marijuana Policy Subcommittee is hosting a summit June 11 at 9 a.m. to recap the changes to the marijuana law. The national American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) will participate in the summit. There is concern over change in marijuana revenue, which will stop the public health benefit first promised for prevention. In addition, the Senate budget is relying on marijuana revenue basing it upon current projections. Councilmember Snyder is concerned if banking issues aren't resolved, people will consume marijuana illegally, which would affect revenue to the state.

Temporary Food Event (TFE) Permit Committee – Mayor Freeman

The committee will compare the Food Safety program's fees to other health districts in the state at the next meeting.

Oral Health Symposium – Board Member Baldwin

There is a symposium on oral health in Spokane today based on the seven strategies of the State Department of Health (SDOH). Torney Smith, SRHD Administrator, gave a short presentation at the meeting to support the symposium. For more information on the strategies, go to the State Board of Health website.

TFE Permit Committee – Commissioner O'Quinn

Research by Food Safety program staff has shown that the program has the highest fees in the state for TFE permits. Staff were asked to do additional research on how expenses were calculated due to other

agency's having the same fee policies, but different fees. The committee would like to provide options and recommendations to the current fees. The next meeting is scheduled for May 14.

National Association of Local Boards of Health – Board Member Lutz

A NALBOH periodical is included in each member's packet. In addition, the agency is a member of NALBOH and Board members have access to their online resources. The recording secretary can provide access to the website if needed. There will be a conference in Louisville, Kentucky in August. Board Member Lutz encouraged attendance to the conference.

NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled at 12:30 p.m., May 28, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 1:49 p.m.

APPROVED: Charles E. Sabo, Chairman
Board Member Name and Title

Date: 5/28/15

C. P. [Signature]
Recording Secretary