

The regular meeting of the Spokane Regional Health District Board of Health held on **Thursday, October 30, 2014** was called to order by Council Member Chuck Hafner, Chair, at 12:30 p.m. in room 140 of the Public Health Center, 1101 West College Avenue, Spokane, Washington.

PRESENT

Council Member Chuck Hafner, Chair
Mayor Kevin Freeman, Vice Chair
Commissioner Al French
Commissioner Shelly O'Quinn (arrived at 12:38 p.m.)
Council Member Mike Fagan (departed at 1:28 p.m.)
Council Member Jon Snyder
Council Member Amber Waldref
Council Member Ed Pace (arrived at 12:36 p.m.)
Board Member Keith Baldwin, MHA
Board Member Bob Lutz, MD, MPH

ABSENT

Commissioner Todd Mielke
Board Member Susan Norwood, EdD, RN

CITIZEN INPUT

- Rose Marie Waldrem, Green Acres, WA – Spoke about water fluoridation, chemical-based vaccines, GMO foods, and the waste incinerator having fluoride contaminates. A topic-related book and DVD were given to the Board of Health attorney.

CHAIR REPORT – Council Member Chuck Hafner

The BOH Governance Committee and the Health Officer Evaluation committee members were thanked for their recent work.

Board Member Lutz gave an update on the Strategic Planning Workgroup efforts. An all-day meeting was recently held where the mission, vision, values and goal statements were drafted. The group will meet again November 7.

Council Member Hafner requested agenda Items 7 and 8.c. be considered next on the agenda because of the original presenter's absence due to a family emergency and the backup presenter's need to leave early for a meeting.

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: September 25, 2014
2014 Vouchers paid: September 1-30, 2014

Voucher Numbers:	#234996 - #235232 & EFT B&OAUG2014	\$ 247,051.48
Payroll Warrants:	#856753 - #856777 Advice Numbers: #DD27065 - #DD27250	631,895.85
Payroll Warrants:	#858120 - #858134 -	
	#858395 - #858403 Advice Numbers: #DD27251 - #DD27433	611,460.10
	TOTAL	\$1,490,407.43

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

Motion/Second: Fagan/Freeman

Approved: 7 Yes/1 Abstain (French)

ACTION ITEM 8.C.

Resolution #14-07 Adoption of the 2015 SRHD Budget

Torney Smith, Spokane Regional Health District's Administrator, presented Resolution #14-07 for Mike Riley, who was absent due to a family emergency. The BOH Budget and Finance Committee has reviewed the budget and approved moving forward with the adoption of the 2015 budget. Revenues and expenditures increased by 5% as a result of growth in the Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) with an additional 150 clients and the increase of pass-through dollars for special needs programs.

Commissioner O'Quinn, Chair of the BOH Budget and Finance Committee, commented that a subcommittee of the BOH Budget and Finance Committee will be formed to discuss the structure of the fee schedule and those interested were asked to volunteer for the committee.

Board Member Baldwin made a motion to accept the budget as presented. Council Member Pace seconded the motion.

Motion: To approve Resolution #14-07 Adoption of the 2015 Spokane Regional Health District Budget

Motion/Second: Baldwin/Pace

Approved: Unanimously

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

Ebola Update

The current Ebola outbreak is the largest ever seen largely due to poor public health systems and decade of civil war in the affected countries of West Africa. The outbreak is so severe that the World Health Organization (WHO) has declared this outbreak of international concern. There is no approved treatment or vaccine for Ebola, but they're under development.

SRHD is tracking guidance documents from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Department of Health (DOH), providing information to local providers, working with the media to inform the public, meeting with organizations who may be involved if a case is found in the area to assure they're prepared to receive Ebola patients, and working with DOH to assure consistency in practices if there is a suspected Ebola case. DOH is working to identify seven hospitals in the state capable of handling Ebola patients.

Council Member Fagan stated Spokane International Airport staff are working with SRHD staff on a response plan. The Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) members (Air Force, state emergency management response, various Spokane County agencies and municipal fire departments) will be reviewing their response plans to adapt Ebola criteria into their emergency response.

Enterovirus D68

There are two positive Enterovirus D68 cases in Spokane. Most states in the U.S. have cases. Young children and teenagers are affected most and there is no specific treatment for the virus. Washington State has elevated cases of the virus, but there's now a decrease in cases as typically seen this time of year.

Drug Take-Back Regulations

New drug take-back regulations were passed approximately six weeks ago. The regulations will continue drug take-back days sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), allow mail-back programs for authorized registrants (drug manufacturers, distributors, retail pharmacies, hospitals and clinics with onsite pharmacies), and an expansion of entities allowed to have collection receptacles.

Initially some local pharmacies appear to be resistant to onsite receptacles due to a history of controlled substances burglaries. The Spokane Prescription Opioid Task Force is working on this topic as a priority. SRHD is a member and will be working with the task force on the issue.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT – Linda Graham

An initial legislative list was presented in September. This month, the proposed BOH legislative agenda will be presented for discussion with a vote on the agenda in December. The overall agency activity list shows those matters that will be followed during the legislative session. They're defined by three categories: 1) active support, 2) support, 3) and monitored items. Criteria have been established for assessing what items are included in the legislative list. The intent is that an item does not have to meet all criteria, but rather it is a balancing of considerations.

Distracted driving expert, Beth Ebel, MD, MSc, MPH, from Harborview Injury Prevention and Research Center, presented information on distracted driving. In Washington State, just over one quarter of road traffic fatalities have distraction involved. The current law covers texting but not posting to Facebook or other activities and it is easy for a driver to claim they were dialing the phone, which is legal, rather than texting. The federal government has defined the criteria for distracted driving laws and ties federal highway funds for education and enforcement to the recommended law. Ms. Ebel requested feedback from the Board on the subject and input on how policy makers can make the streets safer in Washington.

Linda Graham presented the proposed 2015 BOH Legislative Agenda. Board Member Baldwin and Council Member Waldref recommended supporting legislation on the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey (BRFSS). Board Member Lutz recommended placing importance on the Tobacco Omnibus legislation. Commissioner French requested a comparison chart which shows regulations that apply to cigarettes and regulations that apply to e-cigarettes. Commissioner French stated he wouldn't support the Tobacco Omnibus legislation as a BOH priority.

Council Member Snyder recommended adding more items to the BOH legislative agenda to include: 1) an open container-type law for marijuana such as those used for alcohol, 2) the rail safety legislation, 3) transportation revenue package, and 4) paid sick leave legislation. Council Member Pace recommended the BOH focus on educating the public instead of enacting policy on the public and recommended supporting the mid-level dental legislation and mental health care coverage legislation.

Board Member Baldwin requested information on the Healthiest Next Generation program. Commissioner O'Quinn requested the general list remain short and make a broader category for legislation on marijuana. She requested specific focus on budget items and then a smaller list on policy issues and requested clarification on legislation monitoring and the meaning of "take action as appropriate." Council Member Snyder requested a vote at the Dec 4 meeting on all items added or removed from the proposed legislative agenda.

ACTION ITEMS

2015 Chair Nominations – Council Member Hafner

Council Member Hafner requested nominations for the 2015 Board of Health chair position with a vote at the Dec 4 meeting. Council Member Pace nominated Commissioner French. Commissioner French declined the nomination due to conflicts with membership on another board where he is the only representation from Spokane County. Council Member Pace requested the BOH meeting times be adjusted if Commissioner French would accept the nomination and the Board elected him as chair. Commissioner French declined the nomination even with the proposal to move meeting dates.

Council Member Pace nominated Council Member Snyder. Council Member Snyder accepted the nomination if no other members were nominated. Commissioner O'Quinn nominated Council Member Hafner. Council Member Hafner accepted the nomination. Council Member Snyder withdrew his acceptance of the chair nomination.

2015 Vice Chair Nominations – Council Member Hafner

Council Member Hafner requested nominations for the 2015 Board of Health vice chair position with a vote at the Dec 4 meeting. Council Member Waldref nominated Mayor Freeman for 2015 BOH vice chair. Mayor Freeman accepted the nomination.

REPORTS

Healthcare Coalition – Susan Sjoberg

Susan Sjoberg, Public Health Emergency Preparedness Response (PHEPR) Program Manager, presented information on the Healthcare Coalition. The organization was created to coordinate and enhance emergency response in the hospital systems. The Spokane coalition is the largest of nine regions in Washington State with 122 individual agencies and 312 members, which includes 19 hospitals and five Idaho partner hospitals. There are also 15 federally funded clinics and three tribal partners in the coalition. There are 80 other partner organizations that represent mental health, public health, emergency management, law enforcement, fire departments, and allied health service partners.

The collective goal for the coalition is for partners who provide any aspect of healthcare to be able to continue work during an emergency thereby preventing overwhelming need on other agencies. The coalition meets six times a year to plan processes, build communication and to share experiences from real emergency responses, such as from the Oso mudslides.

The coalition has been recognized by the National Center for Disaster Medicine in Public Health and named by the WSPHA as one of the 2014 public health champions.

Current strategic planning has led the focus of the coalition towards work as a response organization. The updated coalition vision and strategic direction will be in place by June 2015. The coalition is helping facilitate hospital preparedness to identify and isolate suspect Ebola patients and inform partners for further evaluation and care required if a need arises.

BOARD MEMBER CHECK IN

National Geographic's Blue Zone Presentation – Board Member Baldwin

Board Member Baldwin commented on his recent attendance to the National Geographic's Blue Zone presentation. The event highlighted cities that received federal grants to change physical environments which allowed a transforming of behaviors to healthier ones. There are three books available on the principles.

BOH Governance Committee – Council Member Snyder

Council Member Snyder expressed appreciation for participation of Board members and work completed by the BOH Governance Committee this year.

Targeted Investment Area/Promise Zone Application – Council Member Waldref

Council Member Waldref expressed appreciation for Jennifer Hansen from the Neighborhoods Matter program for her work on Spokane's Targeted Investment Area. Ms. Hansen and Council Member Waldref co-chair the Human Services and Community Outreach committee. They have been completing assessments and working with community partners to address needs in the targeted neighborhood.

Spokane Public Schools and partners are applying for a "Promise Zone" designation for most of Northeast Spokane. This designation is a result of work to improve graduation rates in the area. The vision is to improve the lives of children and public in the area.

Strategic Planning Workgroup – Mayor Freeman

Mayor Freeman expressed appreciation for the work of the Strategic Planning Workgroup and SRHD Executive Leadership Team at the recent all-day workshop. He felt the group accurately represented the views of employees and he asks the Board to remember and recognize the heartfelt and significant input from the staff.

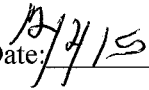
NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled at 12:30 p.m. on December 4, 2014

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

APPROVED:  _____
Board Member Name and Title

Date:  _____

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Recording Secretary

