

**Minutes
Board of Health
Chelan-Douglas Health District
May 15, 2017**

Keith Goehner, Chelan County Commissioner, called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. Steve Jenkins, Douglas County Commissioner and John Alt, Entiat City Council did not attend.

Board Members Present:

Keith Goehner, Chelan County Commissioner
Doug England, Chelan County Commissioner
Jill Thompson, Waterville Town Council
Dan Sutton, Douglas County Commissioner
Keith Huffaker, Wenatchee City Council
John Sterk, East Wenatchee City Council

Administrative Staff Present:

Barry Kling, Administrator and Environmental Health Director
Carol McCormick, Associate Administrator, Personal Health Services
Kandis Boersema, Associate Administrator, Fiscal and Support Services
Christal Eshelman, Director of Health Communications
Connie Dorner, Administrative Associate, Board of Health Secretary

Public Present:

Sharon Waters
Eastmont High School Power of Youth teen and 2 adults from Together! For Youth, a local non-profit partner of the Health District

Consent Agenda

Jill Thompson, Waterville Town Council, made a motion to approve the consent agenda that includes the April 17, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes, April Payroll in the amount of \$175,775.09, April Benefits in the amount of \$61,259.40, approval of payment of 2017 Vouchers No. 2017-0196 to 2017-0262 in the amount of \$47,839.43, and the Contract Matrix. Doug England, Chelan County Commissioner, seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Public Comment

An Eastmont High School Power of Youth teen gave a presentation on the group's efforts including TAP (Teens Against Pot). They reach out to other teens with information on the affects and dangers of smoking pot as well as encouragement not to use pot.

Program Update

Barry Kling, Administrator and Environmental Health Director, reviewed program information and 2016 activities of Environmental Health programs in the 2016 Annual Report.

Board Discussion

Keith Goehner, Chelan County Commissioner and Board of Health Chair, asked the Administrator what the Health District's perspective is on marijuana. The Administrator said that it has been the Health District's policy not to violate state or Federal law, and that since marijuana is not legal under federal law it has not had any role in the legalization of recreational marijuana.

New Business

The Administrator reported that Mike Kaputa of Chelan County Natural Resources contacted the Health District to say that the study on toxic algae in Fish Lake was delayed because the WSU professor involved was injured last year in an auto accident, but the study is now ready to resume. Mike took the initiative to get a grant from Ecology that is paying for 75% of the cost, but some match is required. He has asked that CDHD contribute approximately \$4,700 toward the cost of sampling the lake on 2 of the 5 occasions this summer needed by the study. The Administrator recommended we agree to this, since we are hoping for findings that will be useful not only at Fish Lake but elsewhere. We can afford it because it is taking some time to recruit someone to fill our vacant Food Program EH Specialist position, which creates some cost savings. (The Board created a new position in On-Site, a Food staff member with previous On-Site experience moved into the new position, leaving the Food Program opening.) Keith Huffaker, Wenatchee City Council, moved and Jill Thompson, Waterville Town Council, seconded the motion to approve this funding, and it passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

None

Reports

Kandis Boersema, Associate Administrator, Fiscal and Support Services, reported that through April 2017, 34% of the year completed, the revenue was 32% of budget and expenses were 36% of budget.

She also reported that the state audit starts next week for two weeks.

Carol McCormick, Associate Administrator, Personal Health Services, reported that the new WIC flag is now posted at the curb by the Health District on Valley Mall Parkway. The number of WIC clients is still on the decline locally and nationally, yet eligible people are not taking advantage of the program.

The Nursing Director also reported that Yakima County may be transferring an active TB case to Wenatchee.

Christal Eshelman, Director of Health Communications. She has accepted a position with the ACH (Accountable Community of Health) so the Health District will be recruiting someone new to take her position with CDHD. But she will continue working on redesign of CDHD's web page with July 7, 2017 as the expected completion date.

Christal Eshelman reported that Alma Castillo is working on translating the On-site Environmental Health forms and other CDHD documents and web content into Spanish.

Barry Kling, Administrator/Environmental Health Director, reported that food inspection numbers are increasing over last year, but the septic inspections are a little slower.

The Administrator/Environmental Health Director provided an update on the solid waste program including issues related to the Stemilt composting facility.

The Administrator reported on a reorganization of CDHD emergency preparedness staffing. Previously, we've had two professional positions – the Regional Epidemiologist (Dr. Jackie Dawson) and the Regional

Emergency Preparedness Coordinator (RERC). In order to prepare for expected budget cuts, Dr. Dawson has agreed to take on the role of RERC, with the second position converted into an administrative assistant who can support the substantial administrative aspects of the RERC role. Although Dr. Dawson will have to somewhat reduce her work as an epidemiologist, the arrangement should minimize that impact as much as possible. The overall cost of this approach will be less than that of the two professional positions.

Keith Goehner, Chelan County Commissioner, adjourned the meeting at 4:13 p.m.

Keith Goehner, Chair