

**Minutes
Board of Health
Chelan-Douglas Health District
October 17, 2016**

Ken Stanton, Douglas County Commissioner, and Board of Health Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Keith Goehner, Chelan County Commissioner
Doug England, Chelan County Commissioner
Ken Stanton, Douglas County Commissioner
Steve Jenkins, Douglas County Commissioner
Jill Thompson, Waterville Town Council
Ruth Esparza, Wenatchee City Council (Alternate for Keith Huffaker)
John Sterk, East Wenatchee City Council
John Alt, Entiat City Council

Administrative Staff Present:

Barry Kling, Administrator/Environmental Health Director
Carol McCormick, Associate Administrator, Personal Health Services
Kandis Boersema, Associate Administrator, Support and Fiscal Services
Connie Dorner, Administrative Associate, Board of Health Secretary
Maria Joya, Regional Emergency Response Coordinator
Christal Eshelman, Director of Health Communications

Consent Agenda

Steve Jenkins, Douglas County Commissioner, made a motion to approve the consent agenda that included the September 19, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes, September Payroll in the amount of \$160,441.63, September Benefits in the amount of \$54,833.03, approval of payment of 2016 Vouchers No. 2016-0448 to 2016-0509 in the amount of \$37,306.40, and Consolidated Contract Amendment #10. John Sterk, East Wenatchee City Council, seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Program Update

Carol McCormick, Associate Administrator, Personal Health Services, gave a program update on the CDC regional 1422 grant administered by Washington State to prevent chronic disease. The focus is to strengthen food access, lifestyle changes, and integration of clinical services.

Barry Kling, Administrator, shared that the number of overweight and obese has tripled in the United States. This will be the first generation not expected to outlive their parents.

Board Discussion

Keith Goehner, Chelan County Commissioner, was concerned about requirements imposed by the state on a Group A water system operated in a county park. Several thousand dollars worth of testing and a lot of staff time were involved. The Administrator will look into it and talk to the state regulators.

Doug England, Chelan County Commissioner, has nominated Barry to serve on the Implementation Team for Fully Integrated Medicaid Contracting, which is moving ahead due to our region's commitment to implement integration by January 1, 2018. HCA is still working out the exact make-up of the Team.

Public Comment

None

New Business

None

Unfinished Business

None

Reports

Kandis Boersema, Associate Administrator, Fiscal and Support Services, reported that through September, 75% of the year completed, the revenue was 76.8% of budget and expenses were 78.8% of budget.

Kandis gave an update on the sale of three older Health District vehicles (two Nissan Sentras and GMC pickup) at the Chelan County Auction on September 24, 2016. The Health District was budgeted to receive \$3,000 for them but actually received \$5,950 after paying the commission fees.

Carol McCormick, Associate Administrator, Personal Health Services, announced that Cathy Meuret is currently orienting Paige Bartholomew, our new CDC PHAP Associate, to her role at the Health District. Over the next two years, her focus will be on diabetes program support, community health program support, and the PHAP program goals and activities.

Maria Joya, Region 7 Emergency Preparedness and Response Lead, shared the results from the request letters that were sent to ten local cities and two counties back in May. The letter requested that they donate towards purchasing air scrubbers and filters to be used during fire season. Wenatchee, East Wenatchee and Leavenworth made donations. Steve Jenkins, Douglas County Commissioner, said that they have it in their budget to donate as well.

Christal Eshelman, Director of Health Communications, reported that the Health District will be participating in the Safe Gun Storage Giveaway on October 29th at Sportsman's Warehouse from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Participants will learn about the importance of safe gun storage and receive a free lock box or trigger lock along with hands-on training on how to use them.

Christal reported that some of the staff who do outreach requested a shirt with the Health District logo to show the public what agency they are affiliated. In her program update for the Board meeting she shared a picture example along with the fees for having polo shirts embroidered with the CDHD logo. Christal shared the survey results of asking staff if they would wear a CDHD logo polo shirt if it was provided. (21 yes, 5 no, and 1 uncertain) She also asked if staff would be willing to pay \$15-25 for a CDHD logo polo shirt if the Health District paid for the embroidering. (14 yes, 12 no, and 1 uncertain)

Ken Stanton, Chair (Douglas County Commissioner) made a motion for the Health District to purchase at least a dozen polo shirts and provide 1 polo shirt, with the Health District logo embroidered on it, to each of the outreach workers. Jill Thompson, Waterville Town Council, seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Further discussion indicated the Board is willing to consider additional purchases of this kind, depending on our experience with this initial effort.

Barry Kling, Administrator and Environmental Health Director, reported that the first draft of the Health District budget will be presented next month. The cost for PEBB medical insurance coverage will increase about 12% for the coming year.

The Environmental Health Director also reviewed the program statistics on pages 27 and 28 of the Board packet, showing that onsite activity is about equal to last year.

The Administrator also summarized efforts by the North Central ACH to support health care providers in adapting to upcoming changes in Medicaid and Medicare reimbursement. A productive seminar on September 22 provided information on successes and failures in other states having similar initiatives. A workshop is planned for January 27 – 28 in Chelan to do further work on ways to support providers in adapting to these changes. The biggest of these changes is a shift, in both Medicaid and Medicare, from fee-for-service payments (also called volume-based purchasing) to managed care payments (a flat amount per covered person per month) with performance measures. This new approach is called Value based Payment. This change creates very different incentives for providers, and requires significant changes in the way they operate their clinics and business activities. Whatever one thinks about these initiatives, they pose substantial challenges for health care providers in our Health District, and our involvement is due to our interest in supporting good health care in the jurisdiction. The Health District, as a “neutral convener” without financial interests in any provider organization, has been able to provide useful leadership in helping to organize a regional effort.

Adjournment

Ken Stanton, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 4:13 p.m.

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