

**Board of County Commissioners Meeting
March 14, 2017**

Present:

Andy Hover - BOCC
Chris Branch - BOCC
Jim DeTro - BOCC

County Commissioners first met with the Board of Health for Okanogan County

The other participants were

Carol Bagley - Administrative Assistant
Lauri Jones - Community Health Director
Dave Hilton - Environmental Health Director
Marianne Williams - Board Member
JJ Bellinger - Executive Secretary

Public Comment

A woman wanted to express concern about a step relative put in jail for failure to appear in Seattle court. He is a heroin addict. Spent 2 weeks in jail and when released ended up in Seattle's Swedish Hospital with a staph infection.

She was concerned about how that happened. What is the policy regarding unhealthy people being screened coming into jail or being released?

Administrative Reports / Actions

Patrick Plumb - mayor of Tonasket was approved as a new board member.

Financial Report

LJ - Balance with treasurer office, met payroll, paid all vouchers

Cash on hand and ending balance match

Division of Children and Family Services Contract

Agreed to approve contract for a person to assist families who are in jeopardy of losing their children.

Community Health Update

One incident of mumps was reported

Okanogan County Health Initiative will offer an Opioid Summit on March 24th from 1 -3 pm at the Okanogan Behavioral Healthcare (OBHC) facility. Three counties will participate.

Okanogan public health provides needle exchange and Narcan kits for those who overdose on opioids, heroin etc.

Hospitals are not required to report overdoses unless hospitalized. Hospitals will not voluntarily report on how often they are treating overdose patients.

Most current data shows that the rate of overdoses has doubled from 2015 to 2016.

Meeting adjourned.

Back to the commissioners meeting house

Citizens Comments

Craig Olson asked that the public roads be left open to the public especially south of Loup Loup. The three commissioners said they couldn't comment on that because of the litigation - quiet title. I asked if there would be any public comment and they said they could not discuss it while in litigation.

Bid Opening

Bids were received for road repair.

I left at 4:15