

10-8-2019 – Board of Public Health Meeting

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Dave Hilton – DH

Chris Branch – CB

Jim DeTro – JD - Chairman

Patricia Stanton – PS

Mariann Williams – MW

Jim Wright – JW

Kris Erlandsen – KE

Lori Jones – LJ

Jill Gates - JG

John McCarthy MD

Agenda adopted.

Public Comment:

Public Hearing: 2020 Proposed Public Health Fee Schedule. Adding fees for reissuance of death certificates, formerly free, for 2020 if approved.

Resolution #2019-06 2020 Okanogan County Public Health Fee Schedule

Approved.

Public Hearing – Proposed 2019 Budget Supplemental Appropriation – Need line item to allow transfers of money in and out of reserve fund.

Approved

Board minutes review – Approved

Audits – Treasurer report for August – Approved

September financials – JG- all balanced, paid our bills, everything looks good, increased our reserve.

MW asks about flu shots, LJ indicates they are “trickling in” . Discussion about cost of flu vaccines.

Approved

Two contracts to approve:

Department of Children, Youth and Families –(DCYF) Contract – Evidenced Based Programs, SW, provides in home services. Trying to keep the children at risk in the home. DCYF wants to sub-contract to Family Impact Services. Fee for service contract. Lori needs more time to review it, before it is signed. Chairman, Commissioner DeTro will sign after Lori reviews.

DCYF – Early intervention program contract – 54 K contract that has been in place for years.

CPS children with developmental or medical needs, SW refers to appropriate providers. About 4-6 cases/month.

Adopted Contract

Community Health

LJ-MMR vaccine update. Compliance improved. Will have a report by end of week.

Vaping Use – Public Health Crisis – Working towards making vaping related illnesses reportable, like Salmonella. Waiting for legislation. Reports a vaping related diagnosed pneumonia case in Okanogan County, but patient did not live here, so was not counted as an Okanogan County case.

General discussion of what is in vaping products, decided as variable, unknown at this point. Not tested. Not regulated.

PS brings article from Chewelah newspaper pertaining to below:

Substitute 5181 – Senate Bill – Red flag bill – weapons confiscation from private citizen if deemed mentally unstable. Short discussion.

Environmental Health Update

WAC 246-272A-0020- Rewrite of Statute - Wastewater Mandate – Statewide.

Comment period – until October 10, 2019

General outline below – full document quite large. Link to full document:

<https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=246-272A-0020>

States, “one year after the effective date of the rule, the local health officer of each jurisdiction shall develop or revise a written management plan for all On-site Sewage Systems (OSS) within the jurisdiction. At a minimum, the plan must specify how the local health jurisdiction will:

Progressively develop and maintain an inventory including the number and location of all OSS in operation within the jurisdiction.

Identify any of the following areas where OSS could pose an increased public health risk, if applicable .

Identify operation, maintenance and monitoring requirements commensurate with risks posed by OSS ...

Educate OSS owners regarding their responsibilities under the local management plan and provide operation and maintenance information for all types of systems in use within the jurisdiction...

Remind and encourage owners to complete the operation and maintenance inspections required by WAC 246-272A-0270

Maintain records

Enforce OSS owner permit application, operation, monitoring and maintenance and failure repair requirements...

Describe the capacity of the local health jurisdiction to adequately fund and implement the local OSS plan, including a summary of program expenditures by activity, source of funds, and a strategy to fill any funding gaps.

Ensure that it was developed to coordinate with the comprehensive land use plan of the entities governing development in the health officer's jurisdiction.

Ensure opportunity for public input into development of the plan

Etc.

DH - Attended a meeting where 4 regulators voted against, 18 industry voted for.

Public Health must enforce, no funds for increased worked. Would need 2FTE's, \$2,500.00 per resident additional costs to enforce.

Public Officer Update – Dr. McCarthy

Facilitator of DOH staff when “things come up.” On call. Can be more available if needed. Board agrees that allotted time (8 hours per month?) is sufficient for the needs.

Meeting Adjourned.

