



**Snohomish Health District
Board of Health Minutes
October 11, 2022**

The meeting was held in the auditorium of the Rucker Building and via Zoom conference call/video.

Members Present via Zoom

Julieta Altamirano-Crosby, Councilmember, Lynnwood – BOH Chair (In Person)
Elisabeth Crawford, Councilmember, Mukilteo (Virtual)
Megan Dunn, County Councilmember (Virtual)
Joseph Hund, Councilmember, Sultan (Virtual)
Mark James, Councilmember, Marysville (Virtual)
Sam Low, County Councilmember (Virtual)
Kyoko Matsumoto Wright, Mayor, Mountlake Terrace (Virtual)
Jared Mead, County Councilmember (Virtual)
Nate Nehring, County Councilmember (Virtual)
Strom Peterson, County Councilmember (Virtual)
Neil Tibbott, Councilmember, Edmonds (Virtual)
Stephanie Vignal, Councilmember, Mill Creek (Virtual)
Ben Zarlingo, Councilmember, Everett (Virtual)

Members Absent

Anji Jorstad, Councilmember, Lake Stevens – Vice Chair
Heather Logan, Councilmember, Arlington

Comings and Goings

Kyoko Matsumoto Wright arrived at 3:05 pm
Nate Nehring arrived at 3:17 pm

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Board of Health was called to order using a hybrid setting at 3:01 p.m. by Chair Julieta Altamirano-Crosby.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken by Ms. Sarah de Jong who reported there was a quorum present.

Approval of Agenda Contents and Order

It was moved by Ms. Stephanie Vignal and seconded by Mr. Neil Tibbott to approve the agenda contents and order. The motion passed unanimously.

Special Business

Oath of Office

County Councilmember Strom Peterson was sworn in as a Board member by legal counsel Nikki Thompson.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Ms. Vignal and seconded by Mr. Joseph Hund to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 13, 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment



Dr. Altamirano-Crosby opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was received and Dr. Altamirano-Crosby closed public comment.

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Ms. Megan Dunn and seconded by Mr. Tibbott to approve the following items on consent:

- a. Vouchers and Res. 22-25 authorizing Health District expenditures from August 16, 2022, to September 15, 2022
- b. Adopt Res. 22-24 rescinding Res. 20-25 and authorizing Mr. Shawn Frederick, Ms. Ragina Gray, Ms. Katie Curtis, and Ms. Pamela Aguilar as authorized signers on bank and investment accounts
- c. Authorize the Administrative Officer to sign amendment #7 to the consolidated contract with the Washington State Department of Health
- d. Position reclassification for Healthy Community Educator to Healthy Community Specialist
- e. Authorize the Administrative Officer to sign the revised agreement with Swedish Medical Center to provide surveillance activities for non-fatal overdose emergency room visits

Executive Session

The Snohomish Health District Board of Health recessed and convened into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing with legal counsel the legal risk of a potential action pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(iii) and potential and pending litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). Executive Session is expected to last up to 20 minutes. Unless extended to a later time, the Board will reconvene into regular session at 3:27 p.m. and is expected to take action. The Board of Health extended Executive Session 2 minutes, and reconvened into regular session at 3:29 p.m. and took the following action:

It was moved by Ms. Vignal and seconded by Mr. Hund to authorize the Chair to execute the interlocal agreement between Snohomish County Health District and Snohomish County regarding the merger. The motion passed with 12 yes votes, 0 no votes, 1 abstention, and 2 absent.

Action

Adopt Res. 22-26 establishing consulting fee for hearing examiner services (SR 22-096; S. Frederick)

The previous resolution establishing the fee for these services was approved in 2012 with a rate of \$125. This resolution updates the fee for hearing examiner services to \$200.

It was moved by Mr. Hund and seconded by Ms. Kyoko Matsumoto Wright to adopt Res. 22-26 establishing consulting fee for hearing examiner services. The motion passed unanimously.

Authorize the Administrative Officer to utilize \$1,500,000 of the unreserved fund balance for the replacement of vehicles for the Health District's fleet (SR 22-091; P. Aguilar)

These funds would allow the District to replace up to 37 vehicles, depending on availability. As public health will be integrated within Snohomish County government on January 1, the County has indicated they will not be taking the current Health District's older vehicles over and so new vehicles are needed to bring into the County fleet.

It was moved by Mr. Hund and seconded by Ms. Matsumoto Wright to authorize the Administrative Officer to utilize \$1,500,000 of the unreserved fund balance for the replacement of vehicles for the Health District's fleet. The motion passed with 10 yes votes, 3 no votes, and 2 absent.

Authorize the Administrative Officer to apply for a grant through NACCHO for vaccine hesitancy (SR 22-095; P. Sampaga-Khim)



This grant has a maximum funding amount of \$100,000 and would provide technical assistance around increasing vaccine uptake and reducing vaccine hesitancy and misinformation in the community. The grant complements the work staff are already performing.

It was moved by Mr. Ben Zarlingo and seconded by Ms. Matsumoto Wright to authorize the Administrative Officer to apply for a grant through NACCHO for vaccine hesitancy. The motion passed unanimously.

Approve Res. 22-27 rescinding Res. 22-19 and authorizing the appointment of a new Auditing Officer (SR 22-094; S. Frederick)

It was moved by Mr. Tibbott and seconded by Mr. Hund to approve Res. 22-27 rescinding Res. 22-19 and authorizing the appointment of a new Auditing Officer. The motion passed unanimously.

Briefings

Public Health Integration

Mr. Josh Dugan with the Snohomish County Executive's Office provided an update on the integration process. All milestones are currently being met. The schedule is the only identified risk for the project given the compressed timeline. The ILA approved earlier during this meeting will go to County Council for consideration in the next couple of weeks. The County is also recruiting for the new Director for the Health Department. The interview panel will consist of representatives from the County, Health District, Public Health Advisory Board, and Board of Health.

Administrative Officer's Report

Ms. Pamela Aguilar shared the following updates:

- Mr. Shawn Frederick presented the Health District's budget to the County this morning.
- The budget ad hoc committee has been meeting on Tuesdays. It will meet once more before a balanced budget will be presented to October Board of Health Committees. The first reading of the budget will be in November and a final reading in December.
- The County is continuing its process for the recruitment of a Director for the Health Department. Dr. James Lewis and Pamela Aguilar will be part of the interview panel.
- The parking lot repairs are complete.
- The Executive Committee approved the reclassification of an accounting specialist to a payroll liaison, as that position will fit better once staff are County employees.
- The Executive Committee also approved payment of a one-year agreement with Enduris for risk insurance from September 1, 2022 – August 30, 2022. If the District dissolves before the end date, the prorated amount will be refunded.
- District staff are working to complete agreements with different cities to supply them with naloxone. Currently, six cities have fully executed agreements: Marysville, Arlington, Lynnwood, Mukilteo, Lake Stevens, and Bothell.

Health Officer's Report

Opioid Epidemic. Dr. James Lewis provided an update on the opioid epidemic and shared that there is an increase in fentanyl use, which is highly potent and accounts for a high number of overdoses. The Health District is part of a multi-agency coordination group, which responds to and reduces the impact of the opioid epidemic. The District is also working on various modalities to improve education.

COVID-19. The County continues to experience low community levels of COVID. All indicators classify the county firmly in the "low" category for COVID-19 community level. However, there is a possibility of delayed reporting, especially in the 80+ age group, which could mean that this is not an accurate representation. In that



age group, there was a substantial uptick in cases and this is associated with a decent-sized increase in long-term care outbreaks as well.

Public health experts are anticipating an increase in COVID cases this fall and are encouraging mitigation efforts, such as administering of the bivalent booster.

Monkeypox. There are now more than 578 cases reported in Washington State with 15 hospitalizations. Snohomish County currently has 34 cases. Case reports have been decreasing the past couple of weeks. Health District staff are performing outreach to increase vaccination uptake for high risk communities. The State Department of Health recently expanded their mobile vaccine support for monkeypox as well.

Flu. Flu season is here and we're seeing an uptick in positivity of flu tests locally. The flu, combined with COVID-19 and other respiratory viruses this season, could result in a high number of respiratory illnesses and hospitalizations. Community members should continue to be encouraged to receive their flu and COVID booster doses. The first flu death since 2020 has been confirmed in the county. This death was late in being reported and is likely linked to the 2021-2022 flu season. The Health District put out a press release regarding the death and included information about vaccination and mitigation activities.

Written Reports

Dr. Altamirano-Crosby noted that the following reports can be found in the Board packet:

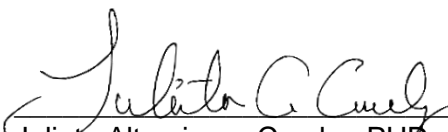
- a. Finance Manager's report for June 2022 (SR 22-089; T. Bengtson)
- b. Finance Manager's report for July 2022 (SR 22-090; T. Bengtson)
- c. Executive Committee approved minutes – September 8
- d. Program Policy Committee draft minutes – September 15
- e. Executive Committee approved minutes – September 22
- f. Public Health Advisory Council draft minutes – September 28
- g. Administration Committee draft minutes – September 28
- h. Executive Committee draft minutes – September 29
- i. Executive Committee draft minutes – October 6

Information Items

Ms. Sarah de Jong noted the upcoming meetings.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:44 p.m.



Julieta Altamirano-Crosby, PhD
Chair, Board of Health

Shawn Frederick, Administrative Officer / Secretary