



Grays Harbor County
Board of Health
PEARSALL BUILDING
2109 SUMNER AVENUE, ABERDEEN, WA 98520

January 28, 2021
Board of Health Meeting

Board of Health Chair Vickie Raines called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Commissioner Kevin Pine and Commissioner Jill Warne were also present. The meeting was held electronically through Zoom to allow for social distancing.

Also in Attendance: Cassie Lentz, Healthy Places Division Manager; Kristina Alnajjar, Healthy Families Program Manager; Jeff Nelson, Environmental Health Director; Dr. John Bausher, Health Officer, Teresa Claycamp, Health Care Authority; Beth Mizushima, Deputy Director Public Health; Jenna Amsbury, Clerk of the Board; and Alex Vido, Secretary. Members of the Grays Harbor Public Health Department and members of the public were also present. The meeting was held electronically over Zoom to allow for social distancing.

Commissioner Raines asked to add Resolution 2021-002 to rescind prior 2021-001 to today's agenda.

Commissioner Pine and Commissioner Warne did not allow Resolution 2021-002 to rescind prior Resolution 2021-001 to be added to the agenda

Motion: Commissioner Raines moved to approve both the January 5, 2021 and January 14, 2021 Board of Health Special Meeting minutes.

Second: Commissioner Pine seconded the motion.

Approval: The motion to approve the meeting minutes from both January 5, 2021 and January 14, 2021 was approved unanimously.

Health Officer Report – Dr. John Bausher

- Vaccination procedures moving along working with different agencies within the County including the Public Health Department.
 - Mass vaccination program at the port went very well.
 - Working with multiple agencies can be difficult but we are working together and increasing communication within the County.
- Public Health staff is continuing to work hard with multiple issues as one would dealing with infectious diseases.

Overview of the Behavioral Health System – Teresa Claycamp MA LMHC, Integrated Managed Care Program Manager- Medicaid Services, Health Care Authority

- Overview of current funding structure and contracts.
- Role and function of Managed Care Organizations (MCO)
 - Medicaid benefits
 - Apple Health
 - MCO substance and use disorder services
 - MCO mental health services
- Role of function of Behavioral-Administrative Service Organizations
 - Crisis services for all members of the community regardless of insurance.
 - State-funded services for Non-Medical beneficiaries
 - Administer Involuntary Treatment Act (ITA)
 - American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) behavioral health services
- Integrated Whole Person Care



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Public Health Update- Kristina Alnajjar, Healthy Families Program Manager

- Overview of Grays Harbor County Public Health Department staff
- Orientation to department programs
 - Healthy Families
 - Healthy People
 - Healthy Places
- Overview of current strategic plan; 2019-2023
 - Grays Harbor County Public Health's mission, vision and values.
 - Values update on respect, communication, collaboration, continuous improvement, integrity, health equity.
- Legislative updates as of January 27,2021
 - House Bill 11100: Concerning the composition of local boards of health.
 - House Bill 1152: Concerning the composition of local boards of health.
 - Senate Bill 5149: Concerning the composition of local boards of health.



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Health Orientation fir

Environmental Health Update – Jeff Nelson, Director

- Food Programs

- Employment before pandemic was filled with 2.5 full time employees to oversee approximately 400 permitted facilities. Due to staff reassignment to IMT.
 - Analysis before pandemic showed there was a need for at least three people to cover this amount.
 - Since pandemic there are 1.5 full time employees to oversee the permitted facilities. Due to staff reassignment to IMT.
 - Environmental health had an expenditure offset in 2020 which resulted in 14 percent of their spending authority of over \$100,00.00 returned to the general fund. With the understanding there is a deficit and the proposal to make 4 percent cutbacks, the position needing to be filled wouldn't happen until at least sometime in the second quarter of this year.
 - Not being fully staffed causing concerns.
- Food Safety Rule revision coming down with some parts effective January 15th. Implementation of the most burdensome elements of the revision being staggered to provide relief for establishments.
 - There is a need to ramp up capacity to implement the rule effectively.
- With the only full-time employee in food having a year experience, Jeff Nelson will be asking the Board to allow someone to be hired sooner rather than later.
 - Asked for some consideration of the 4 percent cut if possible. There is a need for another employee.
- There are over 20 plan reviews in the office for future establishments with majority being a change of ownership application.
- Since the pandemic only 5 establishments have contacted Environmental Health stating they will not reopen.
- The demand for services in the Food Program has been maintained and will increase.
- Land use permits are up.
- Rule review expecting to come late this year. This may be postponed with concerns from marine counties about the language for Time of Transfer Inspection of sewage systems.
 - This will require a lot of management and oversight for Grays Harbor County.
- Busy with public records request, nuisance complaints, and other minor issues.
- In regards to the Food Program, Environmental Health is doing the best they can to communicate with the State Department of Health about the changes with COVID related restrictions.
- Decided administratively to extend the grace period for annual permit renewal fees until the end of March.

Discussion on creation of an Addiction Taskforce – Jill Warne, Commissioner

- Was told to create the Addiction Taskforce, it was to be added to this agenda and request.
- This will be community based to help those who are dealing with the addiction.
- Interested participants are recovered addicts, concerned members from the community, faith-based representatives and local charity representatives.
- A more feet on the ground group rather than just medical and public health.
- For Interested participants to work together towards finding a better solution and more help for addicts to get clean and out of the lifestyle.

No motion needed as this will be a public community based not related to County government.

Commissioner Raines noted that since this will not be something Public Health will be associated with, there is no need to bring this to the Board.

Dr. Bausher noted its great to have an interested group but this is not financially connected to the County then there is no need to go through the criteria to get this funded.

Commissioner Warne was provided with the information she needed for the taskforce.

Public Comments and Questions:

Commissioner Warne brought up her concerns about media coverage to the public on COVID cases and hospitalization.

Discussion about media coverage and how it is reported occurred.

Commissioner Pine posed a question to Dr. Bausher about recommendations from the CDC and how the State implements them.

Dr. Bausher responded by saying the State has authority.

Commissioner Raines read public comment typed in the Zoom chat box.

Steve wrote "Wow, we need it on the radio or newspaper"

Marc Ballinger, CEO for Great Rivers Behavioral Health Organization, LLC; "The Department of Health has the COVID information for all the counties past and current. They also have the positive cases on hospitalizations"

Wilma Weber wrote "Fear is highly individualized response to stimuli"

Kristina Alnajjar posted a website for information.

Becky Walsh spoke stating it was her understanding there would be a resolution brought up to temporarily rescind the previous resolution which just discontinued the Syringe Services Program until contracts with the State of Washington would expire.

Discussion about the Syringe Services Program and the resolutions occurred.

Marc Ballinger, CEO for Great Rivers Behavioral Health Organization, LLC; spoke about noncounty organizations transitioning to take on the Syringe Services Program and funding from the State.

Discussion occurred about noncounty organizations and the Syringe Services Program.

Emily Huriaux, Washington State Department of Health; spoke about contracts, working with the County, subcontracting, and cancelling contracts with the County by moving funds to other organizations.

Commissioner Pine posed a question to Emily about AIDS and STD rates

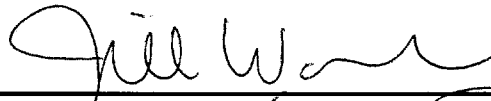
There was a discussion about the AIDS and STD data rates.

With no items to discuss the meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

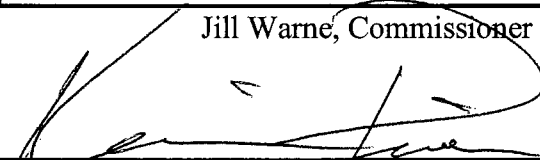
Approved on this 22nd day of April, 2021



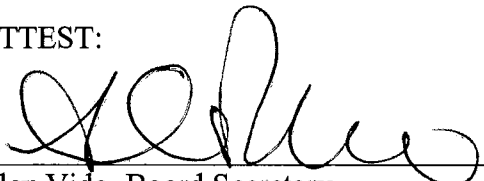
Vickie Raines, Chair



Jill Warne, Commissioner First District



Kevin Pine, Commissioner Second District

ATTEST:


Alex Vido, Board Secretary