



Grays Harbor County
Board of Health
PEARSALL BUILDING
2109 SUMNER AVENUE, ABERDEEN, WA 98520
January 23, 2020
Board of Health Meeting

Board of Health member; Vickie Raines, called the Board of Health meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. and called for the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Randy Ross attended. Commissioner Wes Cormier was excused.

Also in Attendance: Dr. John Bausher, Health Officer; Karolyn Holden, Public Health Director; Jeff Nelson, Environmental Health Director; Tracey Munger, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney; Aliza Esty, Recording Secretary; and several members of the public.

Motion: Commissioner Raines moved to approve the October 24, 2019 meeting minutes.

Second: Commissioner Ross seconded the motion.

Approval: The October 24, 2019 meeting minutes was approved unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Raines moved to excuse Commissioner Cormier from the meeting.

Second: Commissioner Ross seconded the motion.

Approval: The motion to excuse Commissioner Cormier was approved unanimously.

Public Health Report:

Karolyn Holden, Director, discussed the Coronavirus outbreak. The virus, which originated from China, is similar to the SARS outbreak. The first case outside China occurred in Snohomish County, WA. Updates will be provided as new development surfaces.

Kristina Alnajjar, Public Health Manager, discussed updates regarding Strategic Planning. The strategic plan for 2020 includes:

- Create system to keep all office tools and equipment up to date
- Establish program evaluation metrics and financial monitoring tools
- Develop 3 year action plan to increase health equity knowledge for staff/boards
- Consider health equity principles in program planning and evaluation
- Update job descriptions
- Complete Community Health Improvement Plan and/or Community Health Assessment

Beth Mizushima, Deputy Director, discussed the details of the Health Equity Board Survey. The goal is to apply knowledge and understanding of health equity to practice. Survey questions were from a toolkit developed by the Bay Area Regional Health Inequities Initiative. The survey is anonymous and are not be linked directly to individuals. Results will be shared at a future Board of Health Meeting.

Brianne Probasco, Emergency Preparedness and Response Coordinator, presented the Public Health's Role in an emergency response. The role of Public Health includes disease investigation, providing information to healthcare providers and to the public, and dispensing medical counter measures. The program receives support from Federal funds administered through WA State Department of Health. All Public Health employees have received training in Incident Management System.

The GHC Management Plan includes Public Health to be the lead for two essential functions; ESF 6, which includes mass care and mass housing; and ESF 8, which includes public health and medical services. Public Health's priority for 2020 will include coordination with GHC Emergency Department to ensure all emergency plans complies with the County.

Dr. John Bausher, Health Officer, discussed Emergency Preparedness measures in the event of a potential disaster involving Coronavirus.

Jeff Nelson, Environmental Health Director, discussed a number of policy updates and Environmental Health reports:

- A bill was introduced concerning Microenterprise Kitchens' operations and authorizations.
- A bill was introduced to ban most Styrofoam food service products.
- Concerns with Polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) regulations.
- Current investigations regarding vendors selling CBD in food products
- In Person food permit class has been cancelled.
- A new software program, SMARTGov, has been implemented.

Public Comments:

Hearing no additional public comment, the meeting adjourned at 9:14 a.m.

Approved on this 23 day of APRIL, 2020

APPROVED BY PHONE

Vickie Raines, Chair

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Wes Cormier, Commissioner

APPROVED BY PHONE

Randy Ross, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Aliza Esty, Board Secretary