



**BENTON-FRANKLIN HEALTH DISTRICT (BFHD)
BOARD OF HEALTH**

MEETING MINUTES

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IN ATTENDANCE

Benton	<input type="checkbox"/>	Commissioner Beaver	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jason Zaccaria, District Administrator & Board of Health Executive Secretary, BFHD
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Commissioner Delvin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dr. Amy Person, Health Officer, BFHD
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Commissioner Small (via telephone)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Carla Prock, Health People & Communities Sr. Manager, BFHD
Franklin	<input type="checkbox"/>	Commissioner Koch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rick Dawson, Surveillance & Investigation Sr. Manager, BFHD
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Commissioner Miller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lisa Wight, Sr. Human Resources Manager, BFHD
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Commissioner Peck	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jeff Jones, Sr. Finance Manager, BFHD
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eric Elsethagen, Information Systems & Security Manager, BFHD
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Janae Parent, Administrative Analyst/Executive Assistant, BFHD
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Diane Medick, Administrative Assistant, BFHD
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bethany Hickey, Assessment Coordinator, BFHD

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Rick Miller called the meeting to order at 1:36 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Delvin moved to approve the May 16th, 2018 meeting minutes. Commissioner Peck seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC/STAFF

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Medical & Environmental Health Update – Dr. Amy Person

- a. The Health District was not successful in getting a “Clean Air Fair” this year, but there will be designated no smoking/vaping zones in the Kids Zone at the Benton-Franklin Fair & Rodeo in August. The signs were designed by local artists. Some information has also



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- been shared with local physicians about quitting resources and ways providers can bill for those services and encourage their patients when they decide to quit using tobacco.
- b. Communicable Disease (CD) staff have been busy due to a jump in gastrointestinal illnesses. CD staff have been working closely with Food Safety staff on disease investigations and food establishment complaints to ensure that food is properly prepared and the community remains protected against food borne illnesses.
 - c. Additionally the Health District has received an initial report on a case of Hantavirus. There will be some media outreach conducted to remind the public on proper cleaning practices. Commissioner Peck asked how likely it is that this case is vector related. Rick Dawson stated that the information was just received and staff are working on the investigation right now to determine that information. Commissioner Delvin asked about the status of West Nile Virus (WNV) this year; Dr. Person responded that the virus has only be found in mosquitos at this point and not in any mammals or humans in the area so far.
 - d. Commissioner Peck asked about tick paralysis and whether or not that is a public health concern being discussed, noting some reports of fatalities in younger children/toddlers. Dr. Person said that tick borne diseases are reportable and will follow up to find out more information on this.

2. Request to add 0.75 FTE Public Health Professional for Youth Suicide Prevention – Carla Prock

- a. The budget proviso has been approved and the Health District is ready to begin hiring staff for the program. Funding will be through the end of the year. Commissioner Peck asked where the staff will work. C. Prock responded that staff will work out of the Kennewick office, but will also have a presence out in the community as well. Commissioner Peck followed up asking what kinds of tasks staff will be performing. C. Prock stated they will be helping with a summit in September, helping pull together community resources, conducting gap assessments, and providing community education.
- b. Commissioner Delvin motioned to approve the additional 0.75 FTE Public Health Professional. Commissioner Peck seconded with a question regarding this position supporting unfunded mandates. C. Prock stated that staff will not be carrying out any mandates without funding. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Pasco Syringe Exchange Program (SEP) Update – Rick Dawson

- a. Commissioner Peck and Miller noted that feedback from citizens in Franklin county have been mixed. R. Dawson stated that conversations with Washington State University (WSU) – Franklin County Extension have been positive.
- b. In the month of June there were over 7,500 needle exchanges completed with the SEP operating at just 4 hours, once a week. Walla Walla had 15,000 exchanges last month and their operating hours are 32 per week. Commissioner Peck asked how many syringes are received when exchanging. R. Dawson stated that it varied. Commissioner Peck asked about black markets for syringes, expressing concern with solo exchangers



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who exchange syringes for multiple others. Commissioner Delvin asked Commissioner Peck what Franklin County was hearing. Commissioner Peck said responses varied from enabling use to increasing the amount of dirty syringes.

- c. R. Dawson stated there have not been any dirty syringes found on the property and WSU's only continued concern at this point is when clientele arrive on bicycles and linger outside for a while.
- d. Based on the exchange volume already being seen, there does appear to be a large need for an SEP. A small majority come from Franklin County, but exchangers also come from Benton and Walla Walla counties as well as Omak. Commissioner Miller added that one citizen that come forward in their meeting was a former drug addict and provided testimony on how the SEP did not help their addiction. Commissioner Miller asked how the SEP is helping to get drug addicts to recovery. R. Dawson responded that users who participate in the exchange are more likely to enter treatment than those that do not. It also protects the public by educating users on how to safely inject, provides medicine for overdoses, and reduces emergency room visits.
- e. Along with law enforcement, the Health District has noticed a significant increase in opioid use in the area, noting that the two groups are coming together to tackle the problem as it cannot be solved with only one solution. Commissioner Miller asked if law enforcement were given information on where drugs are being supplied. R. Dawson responded that the SEP is not collecting data on where the drugs are coming from, and law enforcement has not asked. Commissioner Miller stated that if law enforcement are not getting any information from this, that it might cause consideration for changing a vote.
- f. Commissioner Peck stated that if exchangers are willing to seek clean needles, this shows a capacity to want to change. If an exchanger comes to the SEP, they are provided with someone who talks with the exchanger about drug use, availability for treatment and providing them the resources to get treatment. C. Prock added that having the SEP helps create awareness for addicts for when they are ready to seek help, noting that all the volunteers are recovering addicts. Commissioner Peck expressed interest in visiting the SEP. R. Dawson stated that citizens who have concerns or questions regarding the SEP can also come to the Health District to get answers.

4. Future Rules Development – Rick Dawson

- a. Rules are currently under revision under the Department of Ecology (DOE) regarding solid waste removal. Signature is expected by DOE at the end of July 2018. Commissioner Peck asked if costs were associated. R. Dawson said not significantly, adding that the Health District will need to revise its rules, with some adjustments of financial assurance requirements for cleanup of permitted facilities. R. Dawson stated the Health District's rules are more stringent and that the state rule will stay the same. R. Dawson requested a representative from the Board to help pass information back and forth between the Health District and the Board starting in September 2018.
- b. A Department of Health (DOH) and Health District food rule under the 2009 United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is open, and in process to update to match



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the 2017 code. There is no planned adoption until May 2020. This is a lengthy process for stakeholders, restaurants, and health departments. The Health District is providing regular input and will keep the Board up to date on its progress.

- c. On-site sewage rules were opened in June 2018 with a planned adoption date of May 2021. The process has historically taken five to seven years to move through revision, this time there is a three year window, which seems ambitious. There are state rules regarding on-site sewage, but the Health District has a local rule which is significantly more stringent. The Health District has lot size requirements requiring $\frac{1}{2}$ density and the state's is $\frac{1}{4}$, adding that most treatment processes do not address nitrogen in any way. Commissioner Peck expressed concern with small lots and drainage limitations. R. Dawson reassured that Health District staff are working on the development of those.
- d. Other miscellaneous rules under revision are water recreation rules. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) developed nationwide requirements for water recreational facilities. Rules are just now going into revision and there has been no action taken yet.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS) Tentative Ask Plans with Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) – Jason Zaccaria

Last month a number of Health District staff attended the Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials (WSALPHO) conference, strategizing on the future ask of FPHS. Staff that attended also got to hear from Eric Johnson with Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) who is a supporter of WSALPHO. E. Johnson gave a presentation on WSAC's actionable plans going forward including communication, advocacy, and legal litigation activities. WSAC is in full support of Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS) moving forward. There is currently a tentative placeholder for \$70-130 million for the next ask, but it could place higher as WSALPHO is still conducting research. All Local Health Jurisdictions (LHSs) have completed an assessment in conjunction with a third party consulting firm to determine where Health Districts/Departments are across the state in terms of capacity and deficiencies. J. Zaccaria will keep the Board apprised of any future changes or updates.

2. Washington State Audit Update – Jason Zaccaria

The state auditor will be on site through next week conducting the annual statement audit and federal single audit. The auditor will be reviewing Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) and emergency Preparedness and Response services. The entrance conference is set for next Wednesday, July 25th, 2018.



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APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

Commissioner Delvin moved to approve vouchers numbered 40-2018 through 57-2018, in the amount of \$1,795,072.59. Commissioner Peck seconded the motion with a question regarding review and sign-off by Health District staff on the summary page for each voucher. J. Jones responded that there is a face sheet not included in the voucher packet that acknowledges J. Jones and J. Zaccaria review and sign-off. J. Zaccaria offered to have it available with the voucher packets going forward. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session held.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date of next meeting will be August 15th, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chairman Rick Miller adjourned the meeting at 2:22 p.m.

Signature on file

Shon Small
Chairman of the Board

Signature on file

Jason Zaccaria
Executive Secretary

