

**SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES
SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
BOARD OF HEALTH
WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2023**

IN-PERSON & VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

Legislative Hearing Room, 55 Second Street, Friday Harbor WA 98250
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11:33 a.m. CALL TO ORDER

BOH Chair, Council Member Cindy Wolf called the meeting to order at 11:33 AM in the County Council Hearing Room.

Approval of Agenda: Chair Wolf inquired about additions or subtractions to the May 17, 2023 agenda, Mr. Davies requested a PFAS update, if time permitted: AGENDA accepted with the request.

Approval of Minutes: MOVED by Ms. Minney and seconded by Ms. Fuller to approve the meeting minutes of the April 19, 2023 minutes as written. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

BOH Present: Council Members Cindy Wolf, Christine Minney and Jane Fuller were present in the meeting room. Board members Lisa DiGiorgio, Dr. Steven Rubey (joined late due to ferry) and Kyle Davies attended via videoconference.

Also Present: Mark Tompkins, Director, Health & Community Services; Kyle Dodd, Environmental Health Manager; Ellen Wilcox, Health Communities Manager; Jessica Nye, Community Health Services Manager; and Lori LeCount, Clerk to the Board; were present in the hearing room. Dr. Frank James, Medical Officer and Barbara LaBrash, Human Services Manager attended via videoconference.

BOH Absent: Board member Mayor Jackson was absent.

Approval of Excused Absent Members: Ms. Wolf, excused Ray Jackson from the May 2023 meeting.

Public Comments (via email and videoconference): Necia Quast, San Juan Island, addressed the Board with information pertaining to the opioid crisis and Naloxone availability through North Sound Behavioral Health and WA State Department of Health. Further she advised that the link on the County web page to North Sound Behavioral Health was broken.

11:37 a.m. COMMITTEE UPDATES

Accountable Communities of Health (ACH)

Mr. Tompkins reported that the ACH is waiting to see if there will be an additional waiver from Medicare and meanwhile receiving project proposals. An update from local resource centers about ACH proposals is planned for a future meeting.

Community Collaboration Committee (CCC)

Mr. Davies reported that at a recent CCC meeting was held at the new Recovery Café Center located at Bakery San Juan, a project of the Joyce L Sobel Family Resource

Center supporting stability and healing. Kristen Rezabek, Health and Nutrition Program Coordinator, has joined the CCC. There were two funding requests considered – one for Health care careers pathways through the EDC for \$31,000 to support home health aide training, tabled for now; - another from Island Grown Food for an additional \$10,000 to support 2023 program which was approved. There was round table discussion pursuant the long-term Community Needs Assessment Plan about challenged oral health access and the dramatic increase in opioid use.

Other Committees –

North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Service Organization (NSBH-ASO)
Ms. Fuller reported that search continues for a replacement for Joe Valentine and that a Tribal acknowledgment was adopted.

Northwest Regional Council (NWRC)
Ms. Fuller reported that there has not been a recent NWRC meeting.

11:55 a.m. NORTH SOUND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE ORGANIZATION UPDATE

Joe Valentine, NSBH-ASO Executive Director, presented the 2022 executive report which included changes in demographics, needs assessment, service delivery issues, lack of inpatient services, 5-year projections and recommendations given to the Governor.

BOH Proclamation honoring Joe Valentine was read by Ms. Wolf.

12:19 A.M. ROUNDTABLE W/SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS & STAFF

Ed Murray, LISD Superintendent; Eric Webb, OISD Superintendent, Fred Woods, SJISD Superintendent discussed post-pandemic levels of stress, anxiety, mental health in students and staff; challenges in obtaining outside services; limitations of telehealth services; and the relationship between mental health and substance use. Superintendents and their staff addressed Board questions touching on parenting support, teen housing, revitalizing a Lopez prevention coalition, how the Board of Health can help specifically (increase counseling on-site especially Spanish speaking staff, and maintaining family liaison position), sources of funding, family v. individual student counseling, and mental health as a public health rather than criminal justice issue.

1:11 P.M. REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH PROGRAM INFORMATION AND COMMUNITY WELLNESS VAN EVENTS

Jessica Nye, Community Health Services Manager and Steph Stookey, Lead Public Health Nurse presented and answered questions about the County's reproductive health program, access to services, gaps in services, plan for addressing the gaps, use of the wellness van for reproductive health services, and availability of plan B.

They reported that the Luci B. wellness van was being stocked, individuals were being trained in van use, and immunization in the van were underway. And that vaccine, pride, County fair, and dental clinics were scheduled in the coming months.

1:34 P.M. ASSESSMENT UPDATES

Ellen Wilcox, Healthy Communities Manager reported on the recently published Robert Wood Johnson Foundation - Community Health Rankings, and the United Ways – Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed (ALICE) reports.

1:39 P.M. PFAS UPDATE

Kyle Dodd reported that water users were still waiting for waiting for water test results. Dr. James reported that the first human blood tests have returned with elevated levels. More human test results were pending.

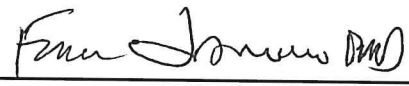
NEXT MEETING IS RESCHEDULED FOR JUNE 28, 2023

1:42 p.m. ADJOURN: Chair Wolf adjourned the meeting.

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Cindy Wolf, Chair


Submitted by: Lori LeCount
Clerk to the Board of Health


Frank James MD, SJC Health Office


Mark Tompkins, Director
Health & Community Services