

SAN JUAN BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, August 21, 2024

Legislative Hearing Room, Friday Harbor Hybrid Meeting

Both In-person and Via Teams

11:34 a.m. CALL TO ORDER

BOH Chair/Council Member Cindy Wolf called the Combined May/June Board of Health meeting, held August 21, 2024, to order at 11:34 a.m. in the County Council Hearing Room.

BOH Present: BOH Chair/Council Member Cindy Wolf, and Council Member Christine Minney were present in the meeting room. Council Member Jane Fuller and Board members Lisa Di Giorgio, Dr. Steven Rubey, and Richard Geffen attended via videoconference.

Also Present: Mark Tompkins, Director, Health & Community Services; Kyle Dodd, Environmental Health Manager; Dr. Herbie Duber, Interim Health Officer; and Lori LeCount, Clerk to the Board; were present in the hearing room. Jessica Hudson, County Manager attended via videoconference.

11:34 a.m. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: To approve the agenda as presented.

By: Christine Minney, Seconded: Jane Fuller

Motion Carried.

The agenda was approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: To approve the minutes of the meeting held July 17, 2024, as submitted.

By: Christine Minney, Seconded: Richard Geffen

Motion Carried.

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

Kyle Davies was excused.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

11:40 a.m. COMMITTEE UPDATES

ACH –Mark Tompkins – Kristen Rezabek attended the ACH partner convening in Lynnwood the week of August 12th. Mark is attending an Equity summit in Atlanta with several other ACH board members

the week of August 26th. Local Resource Center leaders are invited to the September BOH meeting to talk about the ACH funded projects they are working on.

CCC –Community Collaboration Committee –Christine – no meeting since last report.

Other Committees –

NSBH-ASO- Cindy – Work continues on refining the NSBH-ASO's role and work in the community. \$100K in funding was received for County Behavioral Health programs for uninsured folks and for the Recovery Café on Lopez

NWRC – Jane – Executive Director continues to do well. NWRC is doing well financially. They continue to seek additional staff to manage increased case load supporting aging in place. Initiative 2124 is proposing that WA Care long term care benefits program no longer be mandatory. That change would place the program in jeopardy and NWRC is lobbying that the Initiative be resisted.

NOAT – Jane – nothing to report.

REPORTS

11:55 a.m. Summer 2024 Communicable Disease Updates
Stephane Stookey, Lead Public Health Nurse, Emily Mason, Communicable Disease Nurse and Dr. Herbie Duber, Interim Health Officer provided an overview of communicable disease work over the last few months including measles, pertussis (whooping cough), Covid, back-to-school vaccines, avian influenza, and m-pox and answered the Board's questions.

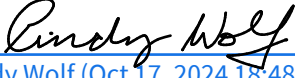
12:34 p.m. PFAS – Hannah Heights Update
Kyle Dodd, Deputy Director/Environmental Health Manager and two of the impacted community members Richard and Sherri Daly reviewed the past and ongoing efforts to find a permanent safe water source, have wells dug and distribution systems updated. The Department of Ecology was onsite recently for test borings. Funding has been allocated but is not yet being paid out. They answered the Board's questions.

1:15 p.m. Health Officer Recruitment Update
Mark Tompkins, Director presented an update on Health Officer recruitment, including exploring how we might share a health officer with Whatcom County. He answered the Board's questions.

Next meeting is September 18, 2024

1:25 p.m. **Meeting Adjourned**

BOARD OF HEALTH
SAN JUAN COUNTY WASHINGTON


Cindy Wolf (Oct 17, 2024 18:48 PDT)
Cindy Wolf, Chair


Herbie Duber, MD, MPH (Oct 17, 2024 21:13 PDT)
Herbie Duber, MD, Interim SJC
Health Officer


Submitted by: Lori LeCount
Clerk to the Board of Health


Mark Tompkins, Director
Health & Community Services

Approved SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES

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