

SAN JUAN BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

Legislative Hearing Room, Friday Harbor Hybrid Meeting

Both In-person and Via Teams

11:33 a.m. CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Jane Fuller called the Board of Health meeting, held January 15, 2025, to order at 11:33 a.m. in the County Council Hearing Room.

BOH Present: Council Members Jane Fuller, Kari McVeigh and Justin Paulsen, and Board Members Kyle Davies and Richard Geffen were present in the meeting room. Board Member Dr. Steven Rubey attended via videoconference.

Also Present: Dr. Herbie Duber, Interim Medical Officer; Mark Tompkins, Health & Community Services Director; Kyle Dodd, Environmental Health Manager; Ellen Wilcox, Healthy Communities Manager, Jessica Nye, Community Health Services Manager and Lori LeCount, Clerk to the Board; were present in the hearing room., Jami Mitchell, Human Services Manager and Ethna Flanagan, Early Childhood Education Manager attended via videoconference.

11:34 a.m. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The proposed Agenda was approved by agreement.

11:35 a.m. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: To approve the minutes of the meeting held December 4th, 2024, as submitted.

By: Kyle Davies, Seconded: Richard Geffen

Motion Carried.

Jane Fuller, Kari McVeigh, and Justin Paulsen abstaining.

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

Lisa DiGiorgio was excused.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

11:40 a.m. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Motion to Nominate Council member Justin Paulsen as Chair

By: Jane Fuller, Seconded: Richard Geffen

Motion carried

Motion to Nominate Council member Jane Fuller as Vice-Chair

By: Justin Paulsen, Seconded: Kyle Davies

Motion carried.

Council member/BOH Chair Justin Paulsen conducted the balance of the meeting.

11:45 a.m. COMMITTEE UPDATES

ACH – Mark Tompkins – Introduced the Accountable Communities of Health (ACH) to the new BOH members and indicated that ACH Executive director, Liz Baxter, is retiring, and that Mark will be serving on the search committee. Mark will be attending the convening next week. The ACH is still waiting to hear about payment of Medicaid Waiver 2.0.

CCC – Kyle Davies – Introduced the Community Collaboration Committee to the new BOH members. Council member McVeigh will be invited to meetings. No program update.

Other Committees –

NWRC – Northwest Regional Council – Jane Fuller reported that NWRC is tracking legislative action around nutrition and Older Americans Act renewal. They had a strong 2024 in terms of delivering services.

NOAT- National Opioid Abatement Trust- Jane Fuller introduced the Trust to the new BOH members which is in place to direct lawsuit settlement dollars.

NSBH-ASO – North Sound Behavioral Health-Jami Mitchell attended the meeting and will forward her summary.

REPORTS

12:00 p.m. Respiratory Illness Season & Other Health Officer Updates

Dr. Herbie Duber, Interim Health Officer provided an update and answered the Board's questions on respiratory illnesses (Covid, flu and RSV), and avian influenza. Currently avian influenza is an animal health emergency.

12:32 p.m. Public Health Overview

Mark Tompkins, Director provided an overview and answered the Board's questions of what is and isn't Public Health, the Health & Community Service department, and the role of the Board of Health in public health.

1:05 p.m. Department Strategic Plan/Reimaging

Mark Tompkins, Director provided information and answered the Board's questions about the Health Department reimagining occurring this year, last done in 2018.

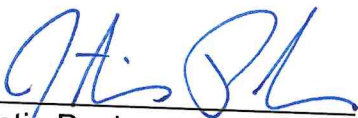
1:12 p.m. Health Officer Recruitment Update

Mark Tompkins, HCS Director reported that work continues with Whatcom County to share a Health Officer. Whatcom County has hired a health officer. Mark will go to the Council with more details soon.

Next meeting: February 19, 2025

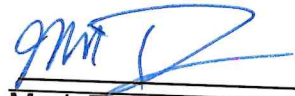
1:20 p.m. Meeting Adjourned

BOARD OF HEALTH
SAN JUAN COUNTY WASHINGTON


Justin Paulsen, Chair


Herbie Duber, MD, Interim SJC
Health Officer


Submitted by: Lori LeCount
Clerk to the Board of Health


Mark Tompkins, Director
Health & Community Services