

KITSAP PUBLIC HEALTH BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Regular Meeting
December 3, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Chair Tara Sell at 10:31 a.m.

Each Board member present gave a brief introduction.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Becky Erickson moved and Member Drayton Jackson seconded the motion to approve the minutes for the November 5, 2024, regular meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

The December consent agenda included the following contracts:

- 2308, Amendment 2, *The People's Harm Reduction Alliance, Syringe Exchange Program*
- 2395, *Washington State Department of Health, HIV Client Services Data Sharing Agreement*
- 2435, *Bremerton Kitsap Access Television, Video Production and Playback Services*
- 2437, *Kitsap County, Opiate Abatement*
- 2439, *Summit Law Group, Labor and Employment Legal Services*
- 2440, *Kitsap Law Group, General Legal Services*
- 2441, *Washington State Department of Health, Consolidated Contract*

Member Stephen Kutz moved and Mayor Erickson seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

HEALTH OFFICER/ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Report:

Yolanda Fong, Administrator, shared updates, including:

- Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB): The Health District has been reaccredited by PHAB, joining only two other local health jurisdictions in Washington with this recognition.

- Legal Support Transition: Kitsap County Prosecutor's Office will no longer provide legal support after December 31, 2024. Summit Law Group will provide employment law support, and Kitsap Law Group will handle general legal matters moving forward.
- Ordinance Updates: Two ordinances will be presented for updates in early 2025: Rodent Control (1999-14) and Solid and Hazardous Waste (2010.01). Updates to the Onsite Sewage Regulation ordinance are in progress, with a public hearing and potential adoption planned for January 2025.
- Board Officer and Committee Assignments: Feedback from Board members indicate an interest in maintaining current officer assignments for 2025. Members interested in new roles or changes to assignments can contact Ms. Fong or Chair Dr. Tara Sell.

There was no further comment.

Health Officer Report:

Dr. Gib Morrow, Health Officer, provided updates on various public health topics, including the following:

- Respiratory Illnesses and Disease Updates:
 - COVID-19 rates are at their lowest since March 2020, while flu and RSV rates are low but may increase around the holidays.
 - Pertussis is circulating at record-high levels, with the Communicable Disease (CD) team focusing on post-exposure prophylaxis to contain the spread.
 - Mycoplasma pneumonia is prevalent and treatable with antibiotics.
 - The Health District is managing a new tuberculosis case, Legionnaire's disease, congenital syphilis, and monitoring avian influenza.
- Public Health Response and Initiatives:
 - Environmental Health and CD teams are addressing Legionella pneumonia in congregate facilities.
 - The TB team is recognized statewide, with educational materials now part of some medical training programs.
 - Efforts to address the strain on Kitsap's healthcare system include recruitment, retention, and data-driven solutions.
- Health Services and Partnerships:
 - The CARES community medic model is addressing opioid use disorder, and new emergency and urgent care units are planned to open.
 - Monthly free vaccination clinics for children are being conducted and expanded sexually transmitted infection (STI) testing protocols have been developed.
 - Collaborative projects with St. Michael Medical Center and the Northwest Family Residency Program aim to strengthen public health connections.
- Community Engagement and Programs:

- Regular meetings with partners focus on child health, disaster planning, healthy aging, and more.
- New programs aim to improve services for pregnant mothers and young parents, lead testing rates, STI testing, and immunization services.
- Acknowledgments and Recommendations:
 - Dr. Morrow expressed gratitude to the Board and Health District staff for their dedication.
 - Dr. Morrow recommended training in psychological first aid and highlighted the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe's recognition as a health equity zone.

Board members discussed Dr. Morrow's report and asked clarifying questions.

There was no further comment.

RESOLUTION 2024-03, APPROVING 2025 BUDGET FOR KITSAP PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT

Ms. Fong presented proposed Resolution 2024-03, approving the 2025 Health District budget. She noted that ongoing union negotiations may require a future budget amendment.

Member Jackson moved and Commissioner Christine Rolfes seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2024-01, approving the 2025 Health District budget. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no further comment.

APPROVING 2025 MEETING SCHEDULE FOR KITSAP PUBLIC HEALTH BOARD

Ms. Fong notified the Board that their packet contains a proposed meeting schedule for 2025. The proposed schedule moves Kitsap Public Health Board meetings to 8:30 a.m. and extends the meeting time to 90 minutes. These adjustments accommodate the Kitsap 911 board and resolves a scheduling gap for other board members.

Board members discussed the proposal.

Mayor Erickson moved and Mayor Greg Wheeler seconded the motion to approve the 2025 meeting schedule for the Kitsap Public Health Board. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no further comment.

KITSAP COMMUNITY HEALTH PRIORITIES UPDATE

Adrienne Hampton, Policy, Planning, and Innovation Analyst, shared updates around Kitsap Community Health Priorities (KCHP). During the presentation, Ms. Hampton shared:

- The history and purpose of the KCHP process.
- Use of the national framework called Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP).
- The three KCHP initiatives include health care, mental and behavioral health, and housing and homelessness.
- The status of each KCHP initiative.
- Strategy development and action planning for the healthcare systems workgroup.
- Upcoming activities and events related to the KCHP initiatives.

Board members discussed the presentation and asked clarifying questions.

There was no further comment.

KITSAP PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT 2025 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Ms. Hampton shared Health District's state legislative priorities for 2025. During the presentation, Ms. Hampton noted:

- Health District priorities are aligned with those of the Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials (WSALPHO) and the Washington State Public Health Association (WSPHA).
- The state legislative session begins January 13, 2025, and is expected to conclude around April 27, 2025.
- The policy map separates priorities into two categories: priorities vital to public health and those vital to KCHP. Priorities vital to public health include public health funding, early childhood support, and community-centered prevention programs. The priorities vital to KCHP include healthcare system and workforce, mental and behavioral health, and affordable housing and homelessness response.
- Board approval of the Health District's 2025 state legislative priorities will allow the Health District to engage in activities related to the legislative areas.

Board members discussed the presentation and asked clarifying questions.

Member Kutz moved and Member Dr. Michael Watson seconded the motion to approve the 2025 state legislative priorities for the Health District. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no further comment.

NEW WEBSITE FEATURES

Tad Sooter, Communications Program Manager, introduced the Health District's new website, developed internally by Health District staff. Mr. Sooter emphasized features related to the Board and their work. Key points include:

- Main Board Webpage:
 - Access to meeting schedules, materials, presentations, and video highlights.
 - Information on Board membership, officer assignments, and committee roles.
 - Resources specifically for Board members.
- About Us Page:
 - Information on the Health District's vision, mission, guiding principles, organizational structure, strategic plan, and budget documents.
- Health District Blog provides regular updates and announcements.
- Public Information Page: Educational materials, a calendar of outreach events, and an outreach request form.

Board members discussed the presentation and asked clarifying questions.


There was no further comment.

ADJOURN

There was no further business; the meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.



Dr. Tara Sell
Kitsap Public Health Board



Yolanda Fong
Administrator

Board Members Present: *Mayor Becky Erickson; Member Drayton Jackson; Member Stephen Kutz; Deputy Mayor Ashley Mathews; Commissioner Christine Rolfes; Member Dr. Tara Sell; Member Dr. Michael Watson; Mayor Greg Wheeler.*

Board Members Absent: *Mayor Rob Putaansuu; Member Jolene Sullivan.*

Community Members Present: *Jeff Riggins, Suquamish Community Health.*

Scribe: *Margo Chang, Management Analyst, Kitsap Public Health District.*

Staff Present: *Amy Anderson, Community Liaison, Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response; Angie Berger, Management Analyst, Equity & Performance Management; Dana Bierman, Program Manager, Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention; Yolanda Fong,*

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Administrator, Administration; Adrienne Hampton, Policy, Planning, and Innovation Analyst, Administration; Karen Holt, Program Manager, Human Resources; Siri Kushner, Director, Public Health Infrastructure Division; Naomi Levine, Community Liaison, Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention; Dr. Gib Morrow, Health Officer, Administration; Tad Sooter, Public Information Officer; Orpa Taveras, Environmental Health Specialist, Food and Living Environment.