

**KITSAP PUBLIC HEALTH BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
Regular Meeting  
February 2, 2020**

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair, Commissioner Charlotte Garrido at 12:31 p.m.

**REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA**

There were no changes to the agenda.

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Commissioner Ed Wolfe moved and Mayor Rob Putaansuu seconded the motion to approve the minutes for the January 5, 2021, regular meeting. The motion was approved unanimously, with one abstention, by Deputy Mayor Kirsten Hytopoulos, who was not present at the December meeting.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The February consent agenda included the following contracts:

- 1749 Amendment 19 (2138), *Washington State Department of Health, Consolidated Contract*

Mayor Putaansuu moved and Mayor Greg Wheeler seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda, including the Contracts Update and Warrant and Electronic Funds Transfer Registers. The motion was approved unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Keith Grellner, Administrator, read two email submissions: Kris and Mark Libby offered use of the Village Green complex in Kingston as a possible vaccination clinic site; and Ron Dysart of Port Orchard submitted questions about science and schools; Mr. Grellner said he would send responses to each email submittal.

Nancy Langwith of Kington asked three questions: With the vaccine allocation from the state decreasing, she wondered if Kitsap's allocation was being affected by the state's mass vaccination sites; she also asked if the county was holding back allocated vaccine to cover second doses; and lastly, she asked about extending the time before the second dose. Dr. Gib Morrow, Health Officer, responded to the questions in order and said they also would be covered in his regular presentation to the board. He agreed that the mass vaccination sites were having an impact on the county's vaccine allocation, at least in being able to administer first doses; he said the county's not holding back any vaccine for second doses, as they are supposed to arrive automatically. He said extending the time before second doses is "a hot topic," but that the county would stick to the national protocols of three weeks for the Pfizer vaccine, four weeks for the Moderna.

**HEALTH OFFICER/ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Legislative Update:

Mr. Grellner introduced Megan Moore, Healthy Communities Specialist, who volunteered to help monitor legislative matters, for an update regarding Kitsap Public Health District legislative priorities.

Ms. Moore updated the status of several bills currently of interest, including:

- **HB 1201 / SB 5149**, calling for funding foundational public health services. Kitsap Public Health signed in support.
- **SB 5371**, calling for a tax on sweetened beverages. The bill creates a health equity account, with 60 percent of revenue going to health equity projects, 40 percent to foundational public health services. Ms. Moore said Kitsap Public Health planned to sign in support.
- **HB 1110**, calling for local boards of health to be expanded to include four additional non-elected official members from the health care, public health, or community partner sections.
- **HB 1152 / SB 5173**, Gov. Inslee's proposal to dismantle the current local health structure and begin work to create regionalized models.
- **HB 1201 / SB 5149**, another Gov. Inslee proposal that would fund foundation public health services beginning in fiscal year 2023. Ms. Moore said it was Kitsap Public Health's hope that the two bills would be separated, and noted that local public health officials were not consulted.
- **HB 1258**, calling for the state Department of Health to begin a pilot program to allow for microenterprise home kitchen operations. Kitsap Public Health signed as opposed.
- **HB 1019**, which would allow marijuana home grows. Kitsap Public Health signed as opposed.
- **HB 1345 / SB 5266**, which would ban flavored tobacco products. Kitsap Public Health signed in support.
- **HB 1052**, which would allow stores smaller than 10,000 square feet to sell hard alcohol. Ms. Moore characterized Kitsap Public Health as generally opposed.

Commissioner Rob Gelder said the tying together of HB 1152 and HB 1201 seems disingenuous and heavy-handed, knowing we have been trying to get public health funded for years. Mayor Becky Erickson echoed Gelder's comments, saying it was presumptuous and destructive for the Legislature to move in this way.

Health Officer Update:

Dr. Morrow updated the Board with data showing consistently dropping case rates, from 256 per 100,000 on Jan. 8 to about 140 as of Feb. 1, and a 40 percent drop in new cases each day. He stressed that the numbers still are too high, 3-4 times what they were last October, and warned about new variants of the virus that already have been identified in King and Snohomish counties. He reported that the Health District has managed more than 150 outbreaks and pointed out that the county's death rate from COVID-19 was about one per day in January.

He said more Kitsap residents are being vaccinated. As of Jan. 25, more than 3,000 residents were fully vaccinated and nearly 20,000 had been administered their first dose. He added that those numbers were a little old and said that as of Jan. 30, nearly 28,000 had received their first dose. He said Kitsap is a little ahead of the state as a whole in vaccination percentage. He updated the board on vaccination rates around the state, and said he was proud that Kitsap Public Health had vaccinated more than 2,500 individuals in one week.

He told the board that the Health District's objectives as the vaccine rollout continues include quickly and efficiently vaccinating as many residents as possible, maximizing the vaccines available, work for equitable allocation and building a robust local system of vaccine for when supplies increase.

He noted that counties in two other regions of the state were advancing to Phase 2, but warned, "Just because you can do something doesn't mean you should."

Commissioner Garrido commented that it was difficult to find the latest information on vaccine availability and asked how the board could help. Dr. Morrow responded by listing different sources of information, both from the Health District and the state, available to the Washington residents. He said the Health District has been asked not to list providers, because they are being besieged with calls. Though, he added that he feels this information should be made public. Mayor Erickson commented that there also should be information about health care organizations who are capable of hosting clinics but are not.

#### Administrator Update:

Mr. Grellner gave a report on the community vaccination clinic Jan. 21-29 at St. Michael Medical Center (formerly Harrison Hospital), saying he believed it to be the first government private volunteer partnership event in the state. He said the clinic started Jan. 21-22 with 430 Phase 1a individuals being vaccinated, and continued Jan. 26-29 with 2,070 vaccinations of Phase 1b, Tier 1 individuals.

He said people were vaccinated at a rate of about 60 every half hour. More than 100 individuals who arrived without appointments had to be turned away. He said appointments are required. Mr. Grellner walked the board through a virtual tour of the clinic, including photographs of the various stages of the process and the precautions that were taken to make sure everyone was safe and comfortable throughout. He said the clinic received generally good reviews and set the template for future clinics.

Commissioner Garrido suggested talking with Kitsap Transit about future clinics. Mr. Grellner said Kitsap Transit has been a huge help with local needs during this pandemic and the Health District is working with them on planning future activities.

Mayor Erickson asked about how vaccines are allocated, and Mr. Grellner responded that the state Department of Health determines which agencies get vaccines and noted there is still a national vaccine shortage.

Mayor Erickson asked why there's not more available locally if Pfizer is producing 200 million vaccines. Mr. Grellner responded that the Pfizer vaccine is distributed around the world, not just in the U.S. Dr. Morrow added that there are no bottlenecks in Kitsap County, the bottleneck is getting the vaccines to the county.

Commissioner Wolfe commented that with all the negative news about COVID-19, he has never seen the community come together like it has behind the vaccination effort. He said he is proud of our community.

Commissioner Garrido asked how vaccine administrators are able to get extra doses from each vial. Dr. Morrow responded that they are using the needles that are sent along with the product, and that, more often than not, they are able to get an extra dose.

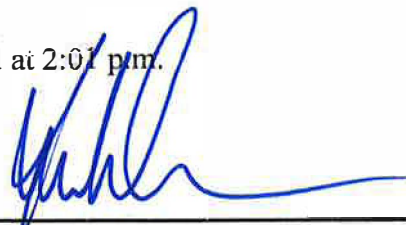
Mr. Grellner gave a report on the Healthy Washington: Roadmap to Recovery metrics released by Gov. Inslee's office, explaining the metrics that needed to be met and maintained for the state's various regions to advance to and stay in Phase 2. He said Kitsap County is in a region with Jefferson, Clallam, and Mason counties, and that they were only meeting two of the four metrics needed to advance. He explained the difference between "rates" and "trends," which allowed larger regions with more cases to advance while other regions remained in Phase 1. He concluded by saying it was important to continue masking, distancing, symptom watching, testing, and getting vaccinated as soon as possible. He reminded the public to not let their guard down. He said Kitsap Public Health cannot lobby the Governor to adjust the metrics, but encouraged the board and the Kitsap residents to.

## ADJOURN

There was no further business; the meeting adjourned at 2:01 p.m.



**Charlotte Garrido**  
Kitsap Public Health Board



**Keith Grellner**  
Administrator

**Board Members Present:** *Deputy Mayor Kirsten Hytopoulos; Mayor Becky Erickson; Commissioner Charlotte Garrido; Commissioner Robert Gelder; Mayor Robert Putaansuu; Mayor Greg Wheeler; Commissioner Ed Wolfe.*

**Board Members Absent:** *None.*

**Community Members Present:** *Attached.*

**Staff Present:** *Amy Anderson, Public Health Educator, Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response; Sarah Beers, COVID Emergency Operations Coordinator, Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response; Dana Bierman, Program Manager, Chronic Disease Prevention; Holly Bolstad, COVID Community Outreach Specialist, Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response; Stephanie Byrd, Confidential Secretary, COVID-19; Elizabeth Davis, COVID Vaccine Public Health Nurse, COVID-19 Program; April Fisk, Program Coordinator 2, Communicable Disease; Yolanda Fong, Director, Community Health Division; Keith Grellner, Administrator; Karen Holt, Program Manager, Human Resources; Melissa Laird, Manager, Accounting and Finance; Andrew Lau, Epidemiologist, Assessment and Epidemiology; Megan Moore, Community Liaison, Chronic Disease Prevention; Michael Moore, Disease Investigation Specialist, COVID-19 Program; Dr. Gib Morrow, Health Officer; Carin Onarheim, Disease Intervention Specialist, Communicable Disease; Beth Phipps, Public Health Nurse Supervisor, Communicable Disease; Debbie Rassa, Public Health Nurse, Communicable Disease; Amanda Rodgers, Secretary/Clerk 2, Support Services.*

## Kitsap Public Health Board Meeting (Virtual Attendance)

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