

**KITSAP PUBLIC HEALTH BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Regular Meeting
July 2, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dr. Tara Sell at 10:30 a.m.

Each Board member present provided a brief introduction.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Drayton Jackson moved and Mayor Becky Erickson seconded the motion to approve the minutes for the June 4, 2024, regular meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

The June consent agenda included the following contracts:

- 2203, Amendment 19, *Washington State Department of Health, Consolidated Contract*
- 2262, Amendment 3, *Jefferson County Public Health, Youth Cannabis & Commercial Tobacco Prevention Program (YCCTPP)*
- 2263, Amendment 2, *Kitsap County, YCCTPP*
- 2397, *Washington State Department of Health, Interlocal Agreement*
- 2421, *Catalyst Workplace Activation, 4th Floor Office Space*

Member Dr. Michael Watson moved and Member Jackson 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 Update:

Yolanda Fong, Administrator, shared three updates:

- The 2023 fiscal audit entrance conference with the State Auditor's Office (SAO) was held in June. The audit is expected to be completed in September, followed by an exit conference with the SAO. Board members will receive an invitation upon the scheduling of the conference and those interested in participating should notify Ms. Fong.
- As part of the reaccreditation process, the Health District is working with the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) to schedule a virtual site visit for October. PHAB has requested to meet with one to three Board members for 30 minutes. More information will be shared as it becomes available.
- Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials (WSALPHO) coordinates a local board of health training each year. For 2024, the training will focus on public health law and governance and will take place October 1 through October 3, 2024, in

Leavenworth, Washington. Ms. Fong will send the agenda to the Board and asked Board members who are interested to contact her.

There was no further comment.

Health Officer Update:

Dr. Gib Morrow, Health Officer, provided the Board with several updates:

- The United States Navy hosted a radiation response exercise, attended by the Health District. Dr. Morrow, the Public Health Emergency Response and Preparedness (PHEPR) team, and Communications team each presented at the event.
- The Health District participated in an avian influenza response logistics training hosted by the Department of Health and their federal partners. To date, avian influenza has not posed a significant risk to humans. It has been found in poultry, wild birds, and dairy.
- A tuberculosis (TB) educational symposium for healthcare professionals was hosted by the Health District on June 13th. The event aimed to highlight the ongoing risk from TB, as well as the healthcare best practices for TB testing, diagnosis, and treatment.
- Upcoming Health District events include the convening of a healthcare access workgroup in July and a symposium on loneliness and isolation in September.
- There has been a marginal increase in COVID-19 case rates. Vaccines are expected to be released this fall and will be available to those ages six months and older. Dr. Morrow recommended that the public stay current on their vaccinations, stay home when sick, and use face masks. These actions can help protect high-risk populations. Researchers are still learning about long COVID, a chronic condition that can occur after a COVID-19 infection.
- Hospital capacity across the state remains high. Dr. Morrow urged the public to stay safe during the summer months.
- The Surgeon General issued an advisory last week declaring firearm violence a public health crisis and recommended investments in research, education prevention strategies, and mental health access and support. The Health District's Child Death Review (CDR) panel aims to address gun violence and other serious issues.
- The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recently released the Heat and Health Tracker, a tool that tracks heat-related illnesses across the nation. The Heat and Health Tracker indicated heat-related community impacts on hospital and emergency department volumes.

There was no further comment.

HEAT AND SMOKE PREPAREDNESS

Brian Nielson, PHEPR Program Manager, and Nathan Anderson, PHEPR Public Health Educator, provided the Board with a presentation around heat and smoke preparedness. The presentation outlined:

- Medical conditions that can result from heat and wildfire smoke exposure.
- Summer climate and wildfire outlooks for Washington and the United States.
- Health District efforts to educate the public on heat and smoke exposure risks.
- Recommended public health actions for each type of heat and air quality condition.
- Partner efforts with the Kitsap County Department of Emergency Management.
- Resources the PHEPR team can provide to reduce risks associated with heat and wildfire smoke.

The Board discussed the presentation and asked clarifying questions.

There was no further comment.

ADJOURN

There was no further business; the meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m. Chair Sell noted that the Board would be moving into a closed session to discuss collective bargaining, pursuant to RCW 42.30.140.



Dr. Tara Sell
Kitsap Public Health Board



Yolanda Fong
Administrator

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

Board Members Absent: *Member* Stephen Kutz; *Member* Jolene Sullivan.

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

Staff Present: Amy Anderson, *Community Liaison, Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response*; Nathan Anderson, *Public Health Educator, Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response*; Angie Berger, *Management Analyst, Equity & Performance Management*; Rebekah Crail, *Social Worker, HIV Case Management*; Jessica Guidry, *Assistant Director, Community Health Division*; Adrienne Hampton, *Policy, Planning, and Innovation Analyst, Administration*; Joaquin Hubert, *Social Worker, HIV Case Management*; Sarah Kinnear, *Community Liaison, Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention*; Siri Kushner, *Director, Public Health Infrastructure Division*; Naomi Levine, *Community Liaison, Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention*; Mirta Maravilla, *Intern, Public Health Infrastructure Division*; Dr. Gib Morrow, *Health Officer, Administration*; Brian Nielson, *Program Manager, Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response*; Lynn Pittsinger, *Director, Community Health Division*; Quynh Sample, *Community Liaison, Public Health Emergency Response and Preparedness*; Erica Whares, *Program Coordinator, Equity & Performance Management.*