

## **REPORT FOR THE BOARD OF HEALTH**

### Program Policy Committee Meeting

Regular meeting of February 20, 2020

**Committee members present:** Megan Dunn, John Joplin, Dan Rankin, Linda Redmon

**Committee members absent:** None

**Staff present:** Shawn Frederick, Heather Thomas, Nicole Thomsen, Nancy Furness, Bruce Straughn, Jeff Hutchison, Megan Engebretson, Kyle Wansing, Linda Carl

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The meeting was called to order at 3:07 p.m.

#### **Motions passed at this meeting:**

- Elected Ms. Redmon as chair and Mr. Rankin as vice chair of the committee for 2020
- Agreed to meet on the third Thursday of every month at 3 p.m.
- Approved the minutes of the special meeting of Nov. 13, 2019, and the regular meeting of December 13, 2019
- Adopted Res. 20-04 approving POL 100.001 Policy and Procedures Policy, and forward to the full Board on consent

#### **Briefings**

##### *Environmental Health division update – Nuisance Property Task Force (no staff report)*

The Drug and Gang Task Force has changed to the Nuisance Property Task Force; the lead is the Sheriff's office, with code enforcement and the Health District as partners. The team focuses on solid and hazardous waste complaints throughout the county. Megan Engebretson is a sanitarian who goes out with the task force about once a week; they see four to six properties in a day. They look for garbage, electronic waste, and sewage problems. There are currently 19 active cases. The partnership with the Sheriff's office helps minimize the need to take enforcement action to an attorney/judge, which helps them work through the enforcement process. The focus for the team is to get people help and to minimize roadblocks for regulatory cleanup.

##### *Change of ownership processes for food establishments (no staff report)*

When the Board adopted the revised fee schedule, a change was made to food permits to expire in 12 months instead of at the beginning of the year. Permits are now non-transferable to new owners. EH is considering if the permit date starts when a new owner takes over the business. We'll need Board action for guidance and clearer definition. The food program staff is working on the issue; we'll take the proposed changes to the PHAC and to the Food Advisory Committee, as well as to legal for review. This will come back to this committee in a few months.

##### *Naloxone distribution update (SR 20-013)*

The Board previously approved that cities that contribute per capita dollars will receive naloxone. Seven jurisdictions in the county don't provide per capita dollars; however, they can still contract with the Health District for naloxone, if wanted. So far, one city has declined the offer and the other six have not responded. The per capita ILA with the contributing cities includes naloxone wording. There is some discussion about applying for MAC dollars for non-per capita cities for their law enforcement; some cities in the county receive law enforcement through the Sheriff's office, although it's unclear if the

Sheriff's office is providing naloxone to their contracted cities. We continue to receive data from around the county and police departments regarding naloxone usage and when they will need more. Our AmeriCorps VISTA employee, Kyle Wansing, orders it, labels it, and takes it to the police departments. He also tracks doses they use. Each officer starts with two doses; we're notified with a dose is used. We continue to work with the police departments and Human Services to get accurate data on expiration dates of those doses already distributed. We're also developing a policy for naloxone distribution. Per capita dollars are also used for training, partnering with schools, and other services related to substance abuse.

*Climate change update (no staff report)*

At the committee's November meeting, this topic was sent to the PHAC. The PHAC received a briefing at their November meeting and asked for additional information. At their January meeting a four-person panel provided information on what's happening on this issue around the county and the region. The PHAC requested more information at their next meeting in March. All Board members are invited to attend.

*Review committee's purpose and scope of authority document (no staff report)*

The document was updated with minor changes. The committee will take action on it at their next meeting.

**Next Meeting Date:** Thursday, March 19, at 3 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.