

Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2021
Regular Meeting

The meeting was held via Zoom conference call.

Committee members present

Megan Dunn
Adrienne Fraley-Monillas – Vice Chair
Anji Jorstad
Kyoko Matsumoto Wright
Stephanie Wright – Chair

Committee members absent

None

Staff present

Shawn Frederick, Chris Spitters, Heather Thomas, Pam Aguilar, Tracey Kellogg, Ragina Gray, Katie Curtis, Carrie Parker, Nicole Thomsen, Sarah de Jong, Linda Carl, Nikki Thompson (legal counsel)

Call to Order

The special meeting of the Executive Committee was called to order by Chair Stephanie Wright at 12:01 p.m. via Zoom video conference.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken by Ms. Linda Carl who reported there was a quorum present.

Arrivals/Departures

Ms. Matsumoto Wright arrived at 12:43 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Ms. Adrienne Fraley-Monillas and seconded by Ms. Anji Jorstad to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of February 25, 2021. The motion passed with 4 yes votes, 0 no votes, 1 absent (Matsumoto Wright).

Action

Authorize the Administrative Officer to execute Amendment #19 to the Consolidated Contract, and forward to the full Board on consent (SR 21-021; K. Curtis)

FEMA funding has been rolled into COVID-19 funding in this amendment, totaling \$4.4M.

It was moved by Ms. Fraley-Monillas and seconded by Ms. Jorstad to authorize the Administrative Officer to execute Amendment #19 to the Consolidated Contract, and forward to the full Board on consent. The motion passed with 4 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 absent (Matsumoto Wright).

Authorize Environmental Health staff to submit proposal to Washington Department of Ecology for the Pollution Prevention Assistance Partnership funds, and forward to the full Board on consent (SR 21-023; R. Gray)

This funding has been received since 2007 and is included in the 2021 budget.

It was moved by Ms. Jorstad and seconded by Ms. Fraley-Monillas to authorize Environmental Health staff to submit proposal to Washington Department of Ecology for the Pollution Prevention Assistance

Partnership funds, and forward to the full Board on consent. The motion passed with 4 yes votes, 0 no votes, and 1 absent (Matsumoto Wright).

Authorize the Administrative Officer to approve out-of-state travel for Gabrielle Fraley and Miyuki Blatt to attend the CTSE Annual Conference using awarded scholarship funds (SR 21-022; C. Parker)

The conference will be June 13-17. If held in person, it will be in Pittsburg. The scholarship covers all costs except staff time.

It was moved by Ms. Jorstad and seconded by Ms. Megan Dunn to authorize the Administrative Officer to approve out-of-state travel for Gabrielle Fraley and Miyuki Blatt to attend the CTSE Annual Conference using awarded scholarship funds. The motion passed with 3 yes votes, 0 no votes, 1 absent (Matsumoto Wright), and 1 abstention (Fraley-Monillas).

Authorize the Administrative Officer to sign the interlocal agreement with The Angel of the Winds to be a mass vaccination site. [walk-on item]

Mr. Shawn Frederick noted that in the proposed ILA, the Health District will pay the AOTW \$37K per month (which will include 20 parking spaces, cleaning, and IT services) for use of the facility as a mass vaccination site operated by Seattle Visiting Nurses. Once the site is no longer needed, the Health District will be responsible for the cost of returning the site to its previous state, including thorough sanitization and removal of refrigeration units. The costs will be rolled into the FEMA funding in the next consolidated contract with the State. It will be a direct reimbursement to the Health District. The project has been preapproved and funds will be received in advance.

It was moved by Ms. Jorstad and seconded by Ms. Dunn to authorize the Administrative Officer to sign the interlocal agreement with The Angel of the Winds to be a mass vaccination site. The motion passed with 4 yes votes, 0 no votes, 1 absent (Matsumoto Wright).

Briefings

Rucker Building update (no staff report; S. Frederick)

Kiosks for vital statistics are going up in the lobby area. The architect will give a presentation at the March Board meeting and request Board feedback. They will give a final design presentation at the April Board meeting. Telework and fleet management policies will also be addressed as they relate to available lease space and modernization of the building. The leadership team is engaged in making these policies, which will be brought to the Board later this year.

Sound Foundation for Public Health update (SR 21-020; H. Thomas)

The Foundation board is finalizing documents, including the MOU, which will be brought forward at the next committee meeting. Upon approval of the MOU, a separate code for the Foundation will be created for staff billing. The Board has allocated \$50K through 2021 for in-kind support from the Health District. The Foundation is requesting in-kind support in the following ways: administrative/clerical support, grant support, management and technical oversight, marketing/media support, and office/meeting space. Staff recommend that initial Foundation grant and funding research be aligned with the CHP and CHA, and align with the Board's equity resolution. The Foundation's business plan may be developed by the end of the year, with a three- to five-year projection to be independent of the Health District. One Foundation member has stepped down and they're actively searching for a replacement.

2021 legislative update (no staff report; N. Thomsen, H. Thomas)

Several bills are now considered "dead" since they didn't meet the cutoff dates. HB 1152 regarding redistricting has passed out of appropriations and is on its way to the House floor. Substitute SB 5149 was voted out of the Healthcare Committee and is in Ways and Means. It reduces the proposed tax to \$1.54 per head per month, with \$3.04 max by 2026. HB 5371 imposing a tax on sugary beverages has a hearing on Monday. HB 1368 regarding federal funding for COVID-19 activities has been signed by the Governor.

At this point it's unclear what HB 1152 provides to LHJs or what that relationship will be. We would be assigned to a five-county Comprehensive Health District region but with an option to create our own district since the county is over 800K in population. Each Comprehensive Health District is required to have a board and health officer. If we decided to be a stand-alone Comprehensive Health District, we would need to maintain two boards and two health officers. Language regarding the board composition would still apply (i.e., less than 50% politicians). There is a "kill switch" in the substitute bill voted out of appropriations; however, it would exclude the Board of Health restructuring portion. WSALPHO is exploring the development of another iteration of the bill and has asked LHJs their "go, no-go" point and will solicit feedback at a meeting this Friday.

Health Officer briefing (no staff report; C. Spitters)

Dr. Chris Spitters reported that the number of overall cases, LTCF cases, hospitalizations, and deaths continue to go down. Previously we had 16 of the 17 county skilled nursing facilities in outbreak mode; we're now at two or three. Similarly, 60 of our LTCF were in outbreak mode; we now have 11. We're waiting for clarification on Phase 3 guidelines. About 95K of first doses have been allocated, with almost all administered. About 65K of second doses have been allocated and about 30K administered. This week 10K first doses and 30K second doses have been allocated.

Johnson & Johnson's single-dose vaccine has been cleared by the FDA and CDC and will soon be on the market. They're estimating 30M doses will be available by the end of March and 100M by the end of June. The efficacy in preventing symptomatic ("moderate to severe") COVID is 65%. While lower compared to Pfizer and Moderna (95%) in this aspect, but efficacy in preventing severe disease (85%), hospitalization after 14 days (90%) and hospitalization after 28 days (100%) are excellent. It performed well in areas with the variants.

Information Items

Next committee meeting date: Thursday, March 25, 12 p.m.

The April meeting will be moved to the fifth Thursday of the month (April 29) to fall after the Administration Committee meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:38 p.m.