

**Meeting Minutes**  
**December 16, 2021**  
**Regular Meeting**

The meeting was held via Zoom conference call/video.

**Committee members present via Zoom**

Elisabeth Crawford  
Dan Rankin  
Linda Redmon

**Committee members absent**

Jared Mead  
Jeff Vaughan

**Staff present**

Shawn Frederick, Chris Spitters, Ragina Gray, Nicole Thomsen, Katie Curtis, Pam Aguilar, Sara Centanni, Sarah de Jong

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**Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Program Policy Committee was called to order by Committee Chair Ms. Linda Redmon at 3:30 p.m. via Zoom video conference.

**Roll Call**

Roll call was taken by Ms. Sarah de Jong who reported there was a quorum present.

**Approval of Minutes**

It was moved by Ms. Elisabeth Crawford and seconded by Mr. Dan Rankin to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 18, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

**Action Items**

*Authorize the Administrative Officer to sign the consolidated contract with the Washington State Department of Health for the period of January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2024, and forward to the full Board for action (SR 21-122; K. Curtis)*

Ms. Katie Curtis reviewed the new consolidated contract.

It was moved by Ms. Crawford and seconded by Mr. Rankin to authorize the Administrative Officer to sign the consolidated contract with the Washington State Department of Health for the period of January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2024, and forward to the full Board for action. The motion passed unanimously.

*Authorize the Administrative Officer to sign an interlocal agreement with Snohomish County for fleet maintenance services, and forward to the full Board for action (SR 21-113; S. Frederick)*

Mr. Shawn Frederick reported that Snohomish County has been providing this service for the Health District's fleet for nearly as long as the Health District has had a fleet. It has been a good service with strong pricing compared to the open market and they're familiar with our fleet of vehicles.

It was moved by Ms. Crawford and seconded by Mr. Rankin to authorize the Administrative Officer to sign an interlocal agreement with Snohomish County for fleet maintenance services, and forward to the full Board for action. The motion passed unanimously.

*Authorize the Administrative Officer to extend an existing agreement with Universal Language Service to provide translation and interpreter services. The one-year extension would be from Feb. 1, 2022, through Jan. 31, 2023, and forward to the full Board for action (SR 21-119; K. Curtis)*

This would extend the agreement one additional year, at which point the Health District would solicit bids for this service again.

It was moved by Ms. Linda Redmon and seconded by Ms. Crawford to authorize the Administrative Officer to extend an existing agreement with Universal Language Service to provide translation and interpreter services. The one-year extension would be from Feb. 1, 2022, through Jan. 31, 2023, and forward to the full Board for action. The motion passed unanimously.

*Authorize the Administrative Officer to extend an existing agreement with Refugee and Immigrant Services Northwest to provide translation and interpreter services. The one-year extension would be from Feb. 1, 2022, through Jan. 31, 2023, and forward to the full Board for action (SR 21-1220; K. Curtis)*

It was moved by Ms. Redmon and seconded by Mr. Rankin to authorize the Administrative Officer to extend an existing agreement with Buenavista Service, Inc. to provide janitorial services at the Rucker Building from Jan 1. To Dec. 31, 2022, and forward to the full Board on consent. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Briefings**

*Notice of Narcan Award from the Department of Health (SR 21-121; C. Parker)*

Ms. Katie Curtis gave a briefing on this award that the Health District received. It allows the District to purchase Narcan and train community partners on how to use it.

*Assuming responsibility for the Savvy Septic program (SR 21-124; R. Gray)*

Ms. Ragina Gray briefed Committee members on the Savvy Septic program and plans to present to the next round of Committees for action if no objection was presented by Board members.

*Health Officer update (no staff report; C. Spitters)*

Case counts peaked back in August with all age groups except school-aged kids, 0-14. That age group continued to climb through the start of back-to-school season and only recently appears to be declining.

The Johnson & Johnson (J&J) single dose vaccine has been associated with some concern for a clotting syndrome called TTP (thrombotic thrombocytopenic syndrome). The CDC called together a meeting of their advisory committee today regarding this side effect and have issued an updated recommendation stating that while having the J&J vaccine is still preferred over not being vaccinated at all, the MRNA vaccines (Pfizer and Moderna) are now preferred over the J&J vaccine for the prevention of COVID-19 for those over 18 years of age.

An outbreak involving four key high school wrestling events has been identified. This outbreak spans multiple counties in Washington State, with at least eight counties confirming associated cases and over 100 cases total. There is also a Snohomish County basketball team that now has an outbreak and other counties are also experiencing outbreaks with their winter sports teams as well. The Department of Health remains the lead on these investigations and the Health District acts as a local partner and in

the end is responsible for control efforts in Snohomish County. We would offer or impose any recommendations or restrictions that are deemed necessary and extend beyond what the state is putting forth in Snohomish County. As of midday today, the county has 40 total confirmed cases associated with high school wrestling, with most being athletes. The Health District has reached out and met with school superintendents yesterday. The basic recommendation given was for affected teams to pause team activities and get everyone tested. Those that are vaccinated and test negative are allowed to resume activity and those that aren't vaccinated and test negative would need to quarantine. These recommendations may change or be modified over time as we learn more. Health officials continue to recommend booster shots. The demand for boosters, however, currently far exceeds supply of appointments and many people are reporting difficulty or delays in getting appointments.

### **Informational Items**

Ms. Redmon reviewed the upcoming meetings.

### **Next Meeting Date**

Full Board of Health: Tuesday, January 18, at 3:00 p.m. (third Tuesday)

Program Policy Committee: Thursday, January 20, at 3:30 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:33 p.m.