

REPORT FOR THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Program Policy Committee Meeting

Special meeting of Nov. 20, 2018

Committee members attending: Chris Cook, Nate Nehring, Dan Rankin, Shirley Sutton

Committee members absent: Jeff Vaughan

Staff present: Jeff Ketchel, Mark Beatty, Shawn Frederick, Heather Thomas, Nicole Thomsen, Nancy Furness, Linda Carl

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m.

Motions passed at this meeting:

- Approved the minutes of the October 30 special meeting.
- Forwarded draft Res. 18-24 to the full Board for action with suggested wording changes.
- Forwarded the recommendation to become the backbone agency of the Health Leadership Coalition to the full Board for action, including the recommendation of a three-year commitment with a review at the end of each year.

Briefings

Draft Res. 18-24 urging the Washington State legislature to take meaningful action to address kratom (SR 18-063)

Dr. Mark Beatty and Ms. Nicole Thomsen provided a brief update from the last committee meeting. Kratom is available in local vape shops; customers must be 18 or older to enter a vape shop in Washington. However, internet sales may not have age requirements. The FDA currently doesn't track quality of kratom products. The committee discussed the draft resolution brought forward by staff that urges the legislature to take meaningful action to address kratom. The committee recommended to add wording about potentially banning the active ingredients. They also recommended wording changes in the staff report before it's forwarded to the full Board. The committee decided to move the draft Res. 18-24 to the full Board for action with suggested wording changes.

Snohomish County Health Leadership Coalition (SR 18-060)

At the last meeting, the committee requested this subject be brought back for further discussion, including budget implications if the Health District took on the role of being the backbone agency for the coalition. The coalition's 2019 proposed budget is \$110,600. Currently the coalition has \$50,000 on hand with \$65,000 in pledges for next year; fundraising is on track to raise \$35,000 more than targeted. Mr. Jeff Ketchel noted that if brought under SHD, there would be cost-savings realized from existing SHD staff providing the same and similar work. The coalition began in 2013; the backbone agency at that time was Premera. From 2015 to now, the backbone agency has been Providence. Mr. Ketchel suggested, should SHD take this on, that the partnership is reevaluated every year. The committee as a whole provided a positive recommendation for SHD to be the backbone agency of the coalition for a three-year commitment with annual reviews. The committee decided to move this to the full Board for action, including the recommendation of a three-year commitment as the backbone agency with a review at the end of each year.

Water bottle filling stations (no staff report)

While on vacation in the U.K., Mr. Ketchel saw a movement to get people to drink more tap water and use less plastic bottles. Businesses that participate get a sticker on their door stating they provide free refills of water; Starbucks is a big supporter. There's also an app available showing the locations of refill stations. Mr. Ketchel discussed this idea with the County's sustainability coordinator who expressed interest. Mr. Ketchel requested support from the committee to move forward with a proposal for SHD to develop a refill program in the county. The program would include recruiting businesses and organizations to join, creating a campaign with stickers, and maybe partnering with the County. Mr. Ketchel will bring forward a more formal proposal at the next meeting.

Next meeting: Friday, Dec. 14, at 3 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 1:14 p.m.