

**Meeting Minutes
June 23, 2022**

The meeting was held at Snohomish Health District, 3020 Rucker Ave., auditorium and via Zoom conference call.

Committee members present

Anji Jorstad
Stephanie Vignal

Staff members absent

Megan Dunn
Kyoko Matsumoto Wright
Stephanie Wright

Staff present

Chris Spitters, Pam Aguilar, Shawn Frederick, Tony Colinas, JR Myers, Ragina Gray, Carrie Parker, Jennifer Egger, Pia Sampaga-Khim, Stephanie Fuller, Grant Weed, Sarah de Jong

Call to Order

The special meeting of the Executive Committee was called to order by Ms. Anji Jorstad at 12:04 p.m. via Zoom video conference.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken by Ms. Sarah de Jong who reported there was not a quorum present.

Due to the failure to achieve quorum, all action items were removed from the agenda.

Public Comment

There were no volunteers to speak during public comment. Public comment was closed.

Briefings*Permanent plumbing for food establishments (SR 22-044; T. Colinas)*

Mr. Tony Colinas updated the Committee that the Department of Health (DOH) received a lot of feedback regarding the requirement that removed the exemption for permanent plumbing for certain food establishments. Earlier this week, DOH released a statement that clarified that their intent is not to remove these buildings from operation or to require major modifications. Health District staff emailed all operators in the county that would be potentially affected by this change to let them know that we are no longer discussing changes to this process and will continuing with our current practices. If there are any significant changes, staff will share them with the Board.

Lead testing machine purchase (SR 22-054; K. Curtis)

The Prevention Services division is the recipient of a grant from Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to address high childhood blood lead levels. Staff had previously been borrowing a machine from DOH that tests various objects, such as paint, makeup, and other household products, for their lead content. Due to licensing restrictions, the District is no longer able to borrow that machine. Staff are now researching how much it would cost to purchase a machine for this purpose and have reached out to the CDC to see if funds from the grant could be used to pay for this purchase. Staff have received two bids for this purchase and the cost is between \$30,000 – \$40,000, which could bump the total amount

after taxes, fees, etc. against the administrative officer's signing authority, which is why this item is being presented as a briefing.

Communications marketing plan (SR 22-051; N. Thomsen)

Mr. Frederick briefed Committee members that the communications staff are working on a robust advertising campaign that raises awareness of public health issues. Many of the agreements are below the threshold for Board approval; however, the combined total is well over that threshold at around \$800,000. Contracts that require Board approval will be presented to the Board at meetings later in the year as they come to fruition.

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

Dr. Chris Spitters shared that there have been no new updates since the last Board of Health meeting. There are between 60-80 new hospitalizations per week. Eliminating COVID is no longer in our sights and instead the focus is on preventing severe disease and hospital capacity. The health care system remains very stressed due to staffing issues and supply chain issues.

Information Items

Upcoming meetings were announced.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:22 p.m.