

Meeting Minutes Special Meeting August 9, 2022

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

Committee members present

Julieta Altamirano-Crosby Anji Jorstad Stephanie Vignal Kyoko Matsumoto Wright Stephanie Wright

Staff present

Shawn Frederick, Katie Curtis, Nicole Thomsen, Carrie Parker, Ragina Gray, Sarah de Jong

Call to Order

The meeting of the Executive Committee was called to order by Dr. Julieta Altamirano-Crosby at 3:00 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 Agenda Contents and Order

It was moved by Ms. Anji Jorstad and seconded by Ms. Kyoko Matsumoto Wright to approve the agenda contents and order. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

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

Action Items

Authorizing the Administrative Officer to hire additional staffing to support monkeypox-response efforts (SR 22-073; K. Curtis)

Ms. Katie Curtis shared that while Snohomish County has not seen a high number of monkeypox cases, staff are interested in getting prepositioned to respond to the inevitable increase in cases. Therefore, staff are proposing to bring on additional staffing support through temp-staffing agencies for positions to support work in combatting monkeypox. Staff would like to hire these positions immediately and expect to have them through the end of the year. The maximum amount expected to be spent on this would be around \$60,000.

It was moved by Ms. Jorstad and seconded by Ms. Matsumoto Wright to authorize the Administrative Officer to hire additional staffing to support monkeypox-response efforts. The motion passed unanimously.

Authorizing the Administrative Officer to hire additional staffing to support the tuberculosis control program (SR 22-074; K. Curtis)

The Health District has multiple vacancies and is currently recruiting for two nurses in its tuberculosis program. There is one recent hire that will start at the beginning of September but more augmenting of staffing is needed due to the current caseload. Staff have reached out to other local health jurisdictions

to see if they could lend any temporary staffing support but most do not have enough staff to lend. Therefore, staff are looking at contracting through a temporary staffing agency to fill these positions while continuing to recruit for them permanently.

It was moved by Ms. Jorstad and seconded by Ms. Matsumoto Wright to authorize the Administrative Officer to hire additional staffing to support the tuberculosis control program. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:09 p.m.