

Board of Health
Public Health Program Policy Committee

Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2022
Regular Meeting

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

Committee members present

Megan Dunn
Heather Logan (Chair) (Virtual)
Ben Zarlingo (Virtual)

Committee members absent

Elisabeth Crawford, Vice Chair
Jared Mead

Staff present

Pamela Aguilar, James Lewis, Katie Curtis, Ragina Gray, JR Myers, Tony Colinas, Carrie Parker, Pia Sampaga-Khim, Nicole Thomsen, Tracey Kellogg, Sarah de Jong

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Program Policy Committee was called to order by Ms. Heather Logan at 3:32 p.m. in the auditorium at the Snohomish Health District and 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 Mr. Ben Zarlingo and seconded by Ms. Megan Dunn to approve the agenda contents and order. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Mr. Zarlingo and seconded by Ms. Dunn to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 21, 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Ms. Logan noted that no public comment was received and no member of the public requested to speak.

Action Items

Adopt Res. 22-24 rescinding Res. 20-25 and authorizing Mr. Shawn Frederick, Ms. Ragina Gray, Ms. Katie Curtis, and Ms. Pamela Aguilar as authorized signers on bank and investment accounts (SR 22-079; T. Kellogg)

Ms. Tracey Kellogg shared that this resolution adds Pam Aguilar as an authorized signer on the bank accounts and is needed for the District's bank to update the signature cards.

It was moved by Dunn and seconded by Mr. Zarlingo to adopt Res. 22-24 rescinding Res. 20-25 and authorizing Mr. Shawn Frederick, Ms. Ragina Gray, Ms. Katie Curtis, and Ms. Pamela Aguilar as

authorized signers on bank and investment accounts, and forward to the full Board on consent. The motion passed unanimously.

Authorize the Administrative Officer to sign amendment #7 to the consolidated contract with the Washington State Department of Health (SR 22-077; K. Curtis)

Ms. Katie Curtis briefed Committee members on the updates included in this amendment, which can also be found in the packet.

It was moved by Mr. Zarlingo and seconded by Ms. Dunn authorize the Administrative Officer to sign amendment #7 to the consolidated contract with the Washington State Department of Health, and forward to the full Board on consent. The motion passed unanimously.

Position reclassification for Healthy Community Educator to Healthy Community Specialist (SR 22-075; K. Curtis)

Ms. Curtis shared that this reclassification would cost about three thousand dollars for a full year and is completely covered by the current grant funding. This reclassification allows for a higher level of work than the health educator position.

It was moved by Mr. Zarlingo and seconded by Ms. Dunn to authorize the Administrative Officer to reclassify Health Educator position to a Healthy Community Specialist, and forward to the full Board on consent. The motion passed unanimously.

Authorize the Administrative Officer to sign the revised agreement with Swedish Medical Center to provide surveillance activities for non-fatal overdose emergency room visits (SR 22-081; P. Sampaga-Khim)

This agreement was previously approved by the Board in July. However, the county has seen a significant increase in overdoses which has resulted in an increase in emergency room visits. Staff are requesting the Board approve an increase of \$5,000 over the originally approved contract amount to cover the rise in emergency room overdose visits.

It was moved by Mr. Zarlingo and seconded by Ms. Dunn to authorize the Administrative Officer to sign the revised agreement with Swedish Medical Center to provide surveillance activities for non-fatal overdose emergency room visits, and forward to the full Board on consent. The motion passed unanimously.

Briefings

Contract with Ideal Option for the MAT Expansion Project for Rural Snohomish County under the HRSA grant (SR 22-084; P. Sampaga-Khim)

This item was brought through all Committees in July. Ms. Pia Sampaga-Khim reviewed and answered questions from the July Committee meetings, and presented the two most viable options for moving forward – leasing a vehicle or an Uber/Lyft voucher program. Committee members and staff discussed the following:

- Ideal Option's preference is to lease the vehicle
 - Ideal Option's staff would be covered by company's HIPAA so lower risk of violation
 - Easier to coordinate pick up time / set schedule
 - Leasing makes sense as it's a pilot project and could be expanded to the purchase of a vehicle for this work in the future

2023 Legislative Priorities (SR 22-082; N. Thomsen)

Ms. Nicole Thomsen reviewed a draft of the proposed 2023 legislative priorities. The draft is largely based off last year's approved legislative agenda. Committee members discussed focusing on the following priorities:

- Housing and health are important to recognize as a priority, however with the passing of the Apple Health Bill, this is a conversation that is probably going to be de-emphasized.
- Untreated human waste from failed septic systems polluting the water in the Tulalip area
- Long-term care staffing turnover and retention.
- Data aggregation and protected health information.
- Substance abuse and whether that falls under mental health or its own category.
 - Fentanyl is an increasing problem.
 - Youth detox facilities

Health Officer's Report

Dr. James Lewis gave an update on the COVID levels in the community and monkeypox.

Informational Items

Ms. de Jong announced the upcoming meetings.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:27 p.m.