

**Snohomish County Board of Health
Board of Health Minutes
June 13, 2023**

The meeting was held in the auditorium of the Rucker Building and via Zoom conference call/video.

Members Present via Zoom

Janet Anderberg (Virtual)
Megan Dunn, County Councilmember (In Person)
Lisa George (Virtual)
Heather Logan, Councilmember, Arlington (Virtual)
Jared Mead, County Councilmember (Virtual)
Desmond Skubi (In Person)
Julie Smith-Hopkins (Virtual)

Members Absent

Joseph Hund, Councilmember, Sultan

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Board of Health was called to order using a hybrid setting at 3:03 p.m. by Ms. Megan Dunn.

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. Desmond Skubi and seconded by Ms. Lisa George to approve the agenda contents and order. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Ms. Heather Logan and seconded by Mr. Skubi to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 9, 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Chair Dunn opened the floor for public comment. No one from the public volunteered to speak and Chair Dunn closed public comment.

Action

2023 Board of Health Workplan (SR 23-004C; N. Thomsen)

Ms. Nicole Thomsen reviewed the proposed workplan. Board members discussed the possibility of adding items after the workplan is approved and also requested items that appear as public comment are followed up on and reported back to the Board in the future.

It was moved by Ms. Logan and seconded by Ms. Janet Anderberg to approve the 2023 Board of Health workplan. The motion passed unanimously.

Briefings

Snohomish County Code Update (SR 23-011; N. Thomsen)

Ms. Thomsen shared that updates to the County Code have been approved by the County Council and walked through the specific revisions that were approved.

Snohomish County Board of Health Code – Part 1 (SR 23-009; R. Gray)

Ms. Ragina Gray laid out the process for revising and implementing the Snohomish County Board of Health Code and shared the updates that have been made so far.

Community Health Assessment (SR 23-010; M. Blatt)

Ms. Miyuki Blatt, Epidemiologist, shared a presentation on the recently completed community health assessment. The top six priorities identified in that assessment are:

- Person experiencing homelessness
- Opioid overdoses
- Inadequate prenatal care
- Mental health access and provider ratios
- Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)
- Food security

Department Report

Mr. Dennis Worsham shared departmental updates that included:

- Board of Health code was adopted by the County Council
- The Community Health Assessment is complete
- The Community Equity Advisory Board and Public Health Advisory Council have been detached from the Board of Health and are now advisory groups to the Health Department
- The process to hire a manager for the Sound Foundation is moving along
- The Department is looking forward to strategic planning and forming new partnerships with community organizations
- The Department will be re-instating its STD clinical services
- The Department will also be moving forward with a Gold Standard Review

Information Items

National Associate of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH) Annual Conference

NALBOH will be hosting a conference in Tacoma at the end of July. Board Members that wish to attend may contact Ms. Thomsen or Ms. de Jong for more details.

Determine regular date of future meetings (no staff report; N. Thomsen)

Board members discussed potential dates for future meetings and the consensus was that the current meeting schedule works well.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Megan Dunn
Board of Health, Chair

Dennis Worsham, Director