

**Snohomish County Board of Health
Board of Health Minutes
July 11, 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
Lisa George

Comings and Goings

Janet Anderberg arrived at 3:16 pm

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Board of Health was called to order using a hybrid setting at 3:00 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. Heather Logan to approve the agenda contents and order. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Ms. Lisa George and seconded by Ms. Logan to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 13, 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.

Briefings

Snohomish County Board of Health Code – Part 2 (SR 23-009B; R. Gray)

Ms. Ragina Gray updated the Board on the minor revisions of Titles 4 and 5 of the Board of Health code.

Public Health Fee Schedule (SR 23-012; R. Gray)

Ms. Gray provided a briefing on the background and concepts of the fee schedule.

Response to the Opioid Crisis (SR 23-013; J. Biermann)

Mr. Jason Biermann gave an update on the opioid crisis and the steps the County is taking to move forward with a holistic plan to address it.

Strengthening Public Health Policy (SR 23-014; J. Biermann)

Mr. Biermann gave a presentation on recommendations developed to strengthen public health during the first three years following the integration of the public health into Snohomish County government. Mr. Dennis Worsham also provided input on the processes on moving forward from here.

Health Officer's Report

Dr. James Lewis shared public health updates, including:

- Opioid epidemic
- COVID-19 update and long COVID
- Monkeypox rates
- Other communicable disease concerns, including an increase in STI cases, fungal meningitis outbreak in Mexico

Dr. Lewis also shared that the Community Health Assessment (CHA) has been completed with the following six health priorities identified by the data committee:

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

Information Items

Follow up on community questions

Ms. Gray was happy to inform the Board that the previous public comment had come to a resolution that both sides were content with. The Board will decide in the future the type of follow up needed after public comment.

Upcoming Meetings

Ms. Dunn noted the date of the next Board of Health meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Megan Dunn
Board of Health, Chair

Dennis Worsham, Director