

## **REPORT FOR THE BOARD OF HEALTH**

### Program Policy Committee Meeting

Special meeting of March 1, 2019

**Committee members present:** Scott Bader, Sam Low, Kyoko Matsumoto Wright, Liam Olsen

**Committee members absent:** Nate Nehring

**Guest:** Sid Roberts, Chair, Public Health Advisory Council

**Staff present:** Jeff Ketchel, Mark Beatty, Shawn Frederick, Heather Thomas, Pam Aguilar, Linda Carl

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The meeting was called to order at 1:31 p.m.

#### **Motions passed at this meeting:**

- Approved minutes of the regular meeting of Dec. 14, 2018.
- Adopted Res. 19-04 approving the Public Health Advisory Council bylaws and adding a new sector for the Community Health Improvement Plans, and forwarded to the full Board on consent.

#### **Special Business**

The committee voted unanimously to elect Ms. Shirley Sutton as chair and Mr. Dan Rankin as vice chair of the committee for 2019.

#### **Briefings**

##### *Donated Food Distributing Organizations (SR 19-013)*

At a recent Board meeting, a Board member asked how the Health District handles organizations that provide food to the needy. DFDOs are defined as charitable nonprofit organizations that distribute food free of charge to the needy. DFDOs are exempt from local health jurisdiction permitting but are not exempt from compliance with the food code. Food Supervisor Chris Stringer gave a presentation on how the Health District handles DFDOs. Currently there are 32 soup kitchens and 25 food pantries/food banks operating in the county. About 7.3% of the population is under the poverty level; the VOA reports that local food banks serve about 35,000 people a month.

##### *Refill Snohomish County (no staff report)*

This topic was deferred from the last meeting. Mr. Jeff Ketchel shared the potential project scope and the expression of interest letter provided by Refill UK. He requested the committee's input on creating a coalition of community partners; stakeholders would likely include Snohomish County, EASC, and Alderwood Water & Wastewater. Others that have expressed an interest are Zero Waste Washington, Snohomish County Tourism, and the Aqua Sox. Initial cost of the program would be appx. \$2,500 upfront and \$50/month for website development and maintenance, plus any materials, window clings, water bottles, etc. used to market the program. Dr. Beatty expressed disagreement with pursuing the program due to competing agency priorities and recent budget reductions. The committee expressed support for moving forward with forming a coalition of partners.

*Adopt Res. 19-07 requesting the Washington State Legislature to reduce the number of vaccine preventable disease exemptions, and forward to the full Board for action (no staff report) [item added to the meeting agenda]*

At the last Board meeting, Mr. Kurt Hilt suggested the Board consider a resolution similar to the State Board of Health resolution encouraging fewer vaccine exemptions for personal reasons. The draft resolution was provided to the Executive Committee today, and Mr. Hilt asked all committees to review it before the next Board meeting. Ms. Redmon stated she's comfortable with a resolution that focusses on the MMR vaccine; however, the legislature is addressing all vaccines, which she wouldn't be comfortable with. Ms. Nicole Thomsen noted that Res. 19-07 mentions vaccines required for entry into school. However, the wording in the resolution could be limited to only the MMR vaccine, if the Board chooses. The committee expressed support of the resolution going to the full Board.

**Next Meeting Date**

The next regularly scheduled meeting date is Friday, April 12, at 3 p.m. Chair Sutton asked Ms. Carl to poll the committee to see who can attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.