

REPORT FOR THE BOARD OF HEALTH
Public Health Advisory Council Meeting

Regular meeting of March 27, 2019

Committee members present:

Jeff Clarke, Alderwood Water and Wastewater District
Amy Beth Cook, Lake Stevens School District
Lisa George, PRMCE
Patricia Love, City of Stanwood
Korey MacKenzie, Diamond Knot Alehouse (Vice Chair)
Sid Roberts, The Roberts Group (Chair)
Jim Welsh, ChildStrive
Robert Goetz, Snoh. Regional Drug Task Force
Brent Hackney, Brent Hackney Designs
Lark Kesterke, United Way

Guest: Alicia McQuen, Tulalip Tribes

Staff present: Jeff Ketchel, Mark Beatty, Heather Thomas, Nicole Thomsen, Linda Carl

The meeting was called to order at 7:48 a.m. Chair Sid Roberts welcomed the PHAC's newest member, Lark Kesterke, representing the United Way sector. With Jenna Bowman's departure, Alicia McQuen will represent the Tribes sector once confirmed by the Board of Health.

Motions passed at this meeting:

- Approved minutes of the regular meeting of Jan. 23.

Updates

Update on PHAC governance/bylaws

The bylaws were approved by the Board at the March meeting and are now posted on the Health District's website. Chair Roberts thanked Ms. George, Mr. Welsh, and Ms. Thomsen for their work in developing the bylaws.

Washington State legislative session

Ms. Heather Thomas reported that \$22M of ongoing funding per biennium was included in the House budget for FPHS. The Senate budget comes out Friday and likely provides less for FPHS as the Senate has \$3B less in revenue expected. Tobacco 21 was passed out of the House and is in Rules before going to the Senate. The District has two capital requests: 1) With the City of Everett regarding education and outreach related to the Asarco site, and 2) The Mariner Community Campus spearheaded by Sen. Liias. There are two bills related to tax on vaping products, parts of which would help fund FPHS. The Health District is not in favor of a ban on plastic straws because it's an unfunded mandate and would require the District to enforce it.

Health Champion Awards and 60th anniversary open house

The health champion awards will be presented at the 60th anniversary open house on April 6. A press release announcing the award winners will go out soon. The event is open to the public; there will be giveaways, activities, and refreshments.

Briefings*Report on reducing vaccine exemptions allowed for students entering school (PHAC SR 19-041)*

Mr. Jeff Ketchel stated that Clark County is in the midst of a measles outbreak similar to the one in Snohomish County last year. Our cases, however, were contained; Clark County now has more than 70 cases. There is a bill in the legislature to eliminate the personal exemption from vaccinations. A resolution was brought to the Board of Health that supports eliminating the personal exemption. An alternate resolution was brought forward by a Board member. The Board postponed action to the April meeting.

Dr. Beatty gave a PowerPoint presentation on childhood vaccines. The WAC requires vaccines for children attending school, preschool, or childcare in Washington; the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices sets the national guidelines. Dr. Beatty reviewed required and recommended vaccines, as well as the exemptions: medical, philosophical/personal, religious, and religious membership.

The Council discussed the topic of eliminating the personal exemption with varied opinions. The Council agreed that at this time they don't have a universal voice on the matter. They'd like to take each sector's feedback into consideration and bring the topic back for discussion at a later date.

Information items

Mr. Jim Welsh invited everyone to attend a Bridges to Resilience event on Thursday, May 2, at the Lynnwood Convention Center.

Upcoming meetings

The next meeting of the PHAC is May 22.

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 a.m.