

REPORT FOR THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Executive Committee Meeting

Regular meeting of October 23, 2019

Committee members attending: Chris Cook, Adrienne Fraley-Monillas

Committee members absent: Kurt Hilt, Brian Sullivan, Stephanie Wright

Staff present: Shawn Frederick, Heather Thomas, Pam Aguilar, Nicole Thomsen, Nancy Furness, Carrie Parker, Grant Weed (legal counsel), Sarah de Jong

The meeting was called to order at 11:36 a.m.

Motions passed at this meeting:

- None.
- Two action items on the agenda were sent to the Board for action. They are:
 - Confirm the appointment Karri Matau to fill an unexpired term on the Public Health Advisory Council through June 2021.
 - Adopt Res. 19-25 regarding intent to take on the responsibility for naloxone distribution and tracking in the county, and tying the program to per capita contributions and direct invoicing with the cities while actively seeking additional funding opportunities to help defray expenses.

Additional direction to staff:

- Present budget to the full Board by December
- Brief the Board on the public health foundation
- Revise legislative agenda to include fentanyl/opioid overdose prevention as a priority and to reframe for dual purpose of state and federal
- Brief the Board on the health officer and administrative officer recruitment

Briefings

2020 Budget briefing (no staff report)

Mr. Shawn Frederick reported the budget is currently at a deficit of approximately \$840K. There is a placeholder of \$95K to add a grant-writing position, a skillset and workload capacity much needed within the Health District. There are three programs that are not legally mandated for public health, and those three are consistently operating with a large deficit. The budget draft includes funding for these programs through September 2020, while other community partners are identified as the programs are transitioned. There are currently conversations taking place with the Department of Health regarding supplemental money to aid with the transition of these programs. A proposal for the full board will be presented at the November meeting.

Public health foundation update (SR 19-105)

Ms. Heather Thomas presented her findings regarding the creation of a 501(c)3 foundation to diversify public health funding. Information was gathered from a variety of public health foundations around the country regarding how their foundations were set up and managed. The research was brought to the PHAC on September 27, the Program Policy Committee on October 11, and scheduled to be discussed with the Admin Committee later in the day on October 23. Mr. Grant Weed mentioned that he has

already been asked to begin looking into any legal restrictions and also suggests the creation of a committee. The Executive Committee expressed interest and would like this presented at an upcoming Board of Health meeting.

Health District 2020 legislative priorities (SR 19-109)

In the past, the Health District has informally followed the WSALPHO legislative agenda. With the 2020 Washington State legislative session beginning soon, there's an opportunity to approve a legislative agenda in alignment with the Health District's own values and priorities. The current draft is a culmination of items of importance to the Health District, WSALPHO, and the Department of Health. There are other agencies that have expressed interest in knowing what the Health District's priorities are. Ms. Fraley-Monillas requested that staff add a section for opioid/fentanyl overdose and reframe the document for dual purpose of state and federal requests. The committee gave consent to add the legislative agenda as an action item at the next full Board meeting in November, providing it is revised with the changes suggested by Ms. Fraley-Monillas.

Tap App – formerly Refill Snohomish County (SR 19-111)

Tap App is an app for mobile devices that allows users to find locations that offer free water bottle fill-ups. This is beneficial because it encourages people to drink water and not sugary sodas, provides exposure for local businesses, and reduces waste of plastic water bottles. The effort is being led by Mr. Nate Nehring. Originally, the app Refill UK was going to be used, but it was later changed to Tap App because of global popularity; additionally, it will provide continuity along the I-5 corridor since it's already being used by King County and will soon be used by Skagit County. The project is in partnership with Zero Waste Washington, WSU Extension, and the Health District. Zero Waste Washington has provided the startup costs required and will also provide follow-up data collection annually from participating businesses. The only financial output by the Health District is for staff time. There may be fundraising opportunities in the future, such as ad placement on water fountains and the sale of branded water bottles.

Mariner Community Campus update (no staff report)

Mr. Frederick and Ms. Thomas attended a meeting with Chair Stephanie Wright, Senator Marko Liias and Sno-Isle Libraries on Oct. 18. Sno-Isle is now in a position to move forward as the lead on the project and reframing it as a library campus. The Health District will stay as a partner at the table. It will go to the next legislative session for modifications to transfer the money from the Health District to Sno-Isle Libraries for the capital appropriation.

Health Officer and Administrative Officer Recruitment (no staff report)

Ms. Pam Aguilar reported the health officer position was posted October 11 and had four applications within the first weekend. Ms. Aguilar has asked a follow-up question to the applicants regarding their experience as a tuberculosis control officer, which is of importance as it has a potential savings of \$80,000 a year. The salary range posted has the maximum amount at the rate currently budgeted. The next action to be taken is to schedule the dates for the interviews. Regarding the administrative officer position, the committee is in favor of having the District's HR team handle recruitment, and if the applicant pool is not acceptable, to consider using an outside consultant. The committee requested to have this presented at the next Board of Health meeting as a briefing.

Next meeting date: Wednesday, Nov. 27, 11:30 a.m. The December meeting has been moved to Dec. 18 at 11:30 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 12:43 p.m.