

**BOARD OF HEALTH  
MEETING MINUTES**

**April 20, 2011**

**Call to Order**

Chairman James Beaver called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Present: Chairman James Beaver, Board Members Shon Small, Leo Bowman, Bob Koch, Rick Miller, Brad Peck and Executive Secretary Larry Jecha.

Staff Present: Cody Lewis, IT Manager; Amy Serven, Administrative Services; Sandy Owen, Preventive Health Director; Bonnie Hall, Client Services Manager; Amy Wills, Clerical Supervisor; Carla Prock, Annie Goodwin and Shelley Little, Preventive Health Supervisors; Lisa Wight, Human Resources Manager; Becky Mellinger, Finance; Bruce Perkins, Environmental Health Director; Rick Dawson and Susan Shelton, Environmental Health Supervisors; Robin Albrandt, Emergency Preparedness; Rebecca Sutherland, Assessment Coordinator

Visitors: Fred Bowen, Franklin County Administrator; Carol Moser, Health Alliance; Michelle Dupler, Tri City Herald

**Approval of Agenda**

Commissioner Bowman moved, seconded by Commissioner Peck to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of January 19, February 23, and March 23, 2011 Minutes**

Commissioner Koch moved, seconded by Commissioner Peck to approve the minutes of the meetings on January 19, February 23 and March 23, 2011. The motion carried unanimously.

**Presentation: Strengthening Lifelong Health**

Sandy Owen gave a presentation accompanied by a video from Harvard on the very beginnings of lifelong health. The video is based on new research and science being done about brain development and the effects of stress on the body and how it contributes to chronic disease later in life. Sandy stated that we have lost many services that benefit children in the first three years of their lives.

**Unfinished Business**

**A. Surplus Personal Property Policy.**

Dr. Jecha stated that based on Commissioner Peck's suggestion to change the monetary value of our surplus policy, we gave the policy to our lawyer for review. Becky Mellinger stated that our lawyer asked that we add a statement prohibiting people involved in surplus sales be excluded from bidding to avoid conflict of interest and that we lower our threshold from \$5000 to \$2500. Commissioner Bowman moved, seconded by Commissioner Koch to approve the Surplus Personal Property Policy as presented. The Motion carried unanimously.

**B. Health District Administrator Update**

Dr. Jecha announced that Jason Zaccaria will start on May 23<sup>rd</sup> as our new administrator. Commissioner Peck asked how the negotiations worked out and what terms we settled on. Lisa Wight stated that we settled on the recommendations of the Board.

**C. Canal Building Sale**

Dr. Jecha stated that the Canal building has been tried to be put up for sale several times unsuccessfully. He feels that the real estate market is not going to improve so he asked that unless the county has a need for the building, we would like to proceed with putting the building back on the market using the realtor previously recommended by the Board. Commissioner Bowman moved, seconded by Commissioner Peck to approve staff to provide a known real estate professional to sell the Canal Street building. Commissioner Peck wanted to discuss what the Board is willing to accept for the building in executive session as opposed to just handing it over to a realtor. Dr. Jecha asked if the Board wanted staff to find out what the realtor thinks he can get for the building and bring it back to the Board as the two appraisals we previously obtained are old. Commissioner Peck amended the motion, seconded by Commissioner Small, that Dr. Jecha and staff work to get a value assessment from a competent real estate professional, report back to the chair and the Board authorize the chair to exercise judgment in setting a minimum sale price. Motion carried unanimously.

**New Business**

**A. Legislative Update**

Sandy reported that we are asking the Senate to concur with the House version of a bill which would require parents to be counseled by a physician or other medical provider on not having their children immunized for school instead of just being able to have a notary sign a document that they opt out of the immunizations.

Sandy reported that there are two bills pending; one regarding cigar lounges and the other that addresses cottage food operations, which is people who have little businesses in their homes and what kind of regulations they need to be under healthwise.

As far as the budget, Sandy reported that WSALPHO is working with WSAC to encourage adoption of either the house or the Governor's budget, whichever is the least harmful to public health. The Senate's budget is set to cut public health quite a bit. Commissioner Bowman questioned how the use of medical marijuana through prescriptions would impact the Health District. Dr. Jecha stated he did not feel this would impact the Health District because it falls under the jurisdiction of Quality Assurance at the state level.

**B. Colorectal Cancer Awareness Campaign**

Dr. Jecha gave a slide presentation on the new campaign by the Yakima County Health District titled "What's Up Your Butt?". This is a slogan that will be found on billboards to raise awareness on the importance of getting tested for colorectal cancer. The billboards will be paid for by federal grant money. If we give our approval of the billboards, they will have the Benton Franklin Health District logo on them. If we don't give our approval, they will have the Yakima Health District logo on them. Commissioner Bowman moved, seconded by Commissioner Koch to approve the use of the Benton Franklin Health District logo on the billboards. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Announcements**

Sandy announced that in the past six weeks, BFHD has had three infant referrals of shaken baby syndrome.

Bruce announced that the temporary permitting process in the Environmental Health food service program is going strong. We have already issued 300 temporary permits in 2011. He stated that we have two staff inspecting the Pasco Flea Market every Sunday. He stated that the facilities at the flea market are less than ideal with overcrowding and poor restroom facilities. He estimates there to be approximately 5000 people at the flea market each week. Commissioner Peck stated that he feels that we should send a letter to the City of Pasco stating our concerns.

Dr. Jecha stated our Region 8 Emergency Preparedness staff has participated in many exercises in the last couple of months.

Dr. Jecha announced that John Erickson from the Department of Health will be here visiting next month.

Dr. Jecha stated that there have been many questions by the public about KI and radiation poisoning.

Dr. Jecha announced that Public Health Week was a success.

Dr. Jecha announced that our standards review was this morning. He stated that the results will be available May 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Approval of Vouchers**

Commissioner Bowman moved, seconded by Commissioner Miller to approve vouchers numbered 112 to 124 for January, February, March and April in the amount of \$1,725,114.96. The motion carried unanimously.

The Date of the next meeting will be May 18, 2011.

Meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

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