Minutes
Board of Health
Chelan-Douglas Health District
December 18, 2017

Keith Goehner, Chelan County Commissioner and Board of Health Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Keith Goehner, Chelan County Commissioner
Doug England, Chelan County Commissioner
Steve Jenkins, Douglas County Commissioner
Dan Sutton, Douglas County Commissioner
Jill Thompson, Waterville Town Council
John Sterk, East Wenatchee City Council
John Alt, Entiat City Council
Keith Huffaker, Wenatchee City Council

Administrative Staff Present:

Barry Kling, Administrator and Environmental Health Director
Kandis Boersema, Associate Administrator, Fiscal and Support Services
Carol McCormick, Associate Administrator, Personal Health Services
Jackie Dawson, PhD, Region 7 PH Epidemiologist/RERC
Veronica Farias, Health Communications Coordinator
Connie Dorner, Administrative Associate, Board of Health Secretary
Francis Collins, M.D., DDS, Health Officer

Public Present:

Sharon Waters, Leavenworth City Council

Consent Agenda

Doug England, Chelan County Commissioner, made a motion to approve the consent agenda that includes the November 16, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes, November Payroll in the amount of $202,392.49, November Benefits in the amount of $71,049.52, approval of payment of 2017 Vouchers No. 2017-0635 to 2017-0691 in the amount of $34,985.09, and Consolidated Contract Amendment #15 Drinking Water Group A – SS State. Dan Sutton, Douglas County Commissioner, seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
Program Update

Jackie Dawson, PhD, Region 7 Public Health Epidemiologist/RERC (Regional Emergency Response Coordinator) brought information to the meeting on the train that derailed going 80 miles an hour onto I-5 in DuPont, Washington before 8:00 a.m. today. Out of 78 passengers, 3 died and many were injured. This was an eye opening example of the type of incident they prepare to handle in the Emergency Preparedness program. It took help from Washington State Patrol, WSDOT, Amtrak, Sound Transit, Pierce County Sheriff and EMA, City of DuPont, Red Cross, and many of the various first responders to get the passengers off the train and transport the injured from the train, as well as the people from the 5 cars and 2 semis that the train cars landed on, to 5-6 different hospitals.

The Epidemiologist gave a program update regarding the meningitis outbreak at Oregon State University (OSU) in Corvallis and the risk to Washington residents as students return home for the holidays. Early symptoms may include: sudden onset of fever, intense headache, nausea, vomiting, often a stiff neck and frequently a petechial rash or other rashes. Altered mental state, delirium, coma and pain in the eyes due to light exposure may appear. Strain B is not covered by a routine meningitis vaccine. Meningococcal disease (meningitis) is a serious, potentially fatal infection leading to inflammation of the tissue around the brain and spinal cord, often rapidly progressing to sepsis (meningococcemia). It is caused by Neisseria meningitides bacteria. Two serogroup B meningococcal vaccines - Bexsero® and Trumenba® - have been licensed by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). For best protection, more than 1 dose of either vaccine is needed. The same vaccine must be used for all doses, recommended routinely for people 10 years or older.

The Epidemiologist also reported on the pre-cut fruit (watermelon, cantaloupe, or fruit mixes containing both) linked to a Salmonella outbreak in Washington and Oregon reported on December 11, 2017. People who purchased these products on or about October 25th to December 1, 2017 from QFC, Fred Meyer, Rosauers, and Central Market in Washington and Oregon are urged not to eat the fruit and directed to throw it away. DOH is working with state and federal partners to determine the source of the fruit, including where it was cut and packaged. The symptoms include fever, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, and abdominal pain. Lab results identified Salmonella Newport as the cause. Infants, young children, the elderly, pregnant women, and those with a weakened immune system are at greatest risk.
Board Discussion

None

Public Comment

None

New Business

None

Unfinished Business

Barry Kling, Administrator, presented the 2018 Budget and Fees for approval. John Sterk, East Wenatchee City Council, made a motion to approve the 2018 Budget and Fees. Dan Sutton, Douglas County Commissioner, seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Reports

Kandis Boersema, Associate Administrator, Fiscal and Support Services, reported that through November 2017, 92% of the year completed, the revenue was 93% of budget and expenses were 90% of budget.

Carol McCormick, Associate Administrator, Personal Health Services, reported that the TB and CSHCN (Children with Special Health Care Needs) nurse position remains open. Recruitment has been ongoing, as well as interviews. We are hopeful to have it filled by the end of December. The immunization program is looking at a state proposal for a regional immunization position that would change the face of the current program. An informational telephone session will be held by the state in early January. WIC is looking to open a one-two day per month WIC clinic in Leavenworth. Although a location in Leavenworth is still needed to be decided on by WIC, there are options. The 1422 grant has been decreased due to lack of personnel to complete tasks. Personal Health is focusing on community health worker development and helping agencies that primarily offer food to seniors’ guidelines on how to reduce sodium in food offerings.

Veronica Farias, Health Communications Coordinator, reported on the progress on the new website for the Health District. The launch date for the
English version of the new website is December 29, 2017. The Spanish version won’t be ready until January 2018.

**Jackie Dawson**, Region 7 PH Epidemiologist and RERC, attended **FEMA Mass Fatality Planning and Response for Rural Communities** training in Wenatchee. It is the level of preparation we need to be able to respond to a train derailment such as experienced in Pierce County today. She shared a copy of Snapshot Report #4 giving a situation update of the train derailment status of this morning’s accident. Multiple fatalities have been reported and 74 patients have been placed at St. Joseph’s, Good Samaritan, Allenmore, Capital Medical Center, Tacoma General, Providence St. Peter, Madigan, and Harborview medical facilities. Amtrak and National Transportation Safety Board will be coordinating family reunification and the Network has sent a liaison to Amtrak to assist. Hospitals are encouraged to keep checking WATrac and input patients into the system. The Network has received calls from foreign government consulates requesting their contact information to be passed onto affected hospitals and will be sending an email shortly.

Emergency Operation Plans - CEMP to sync with CDHD Emergency Operations Plan ESF #8. Kent Sisson, CCSO provided Chelan plan. Jackie asked Douglas County Commissioners if cities were covered under the CEMP or had their own plans. Commissioners Jenkins and Sutton believed the cities were covered in the DCSO CEMP but directed Jackie to contact Steve Groseclose for a copy of the plan and coverage verification.

Flu Surge: CDHD is participating in Flu surge planning with WSDOH. During the 2016-17 seasons the West Side experienced a dramatic increase in the number of patients reporting to medical facilities. Some people did not receive their flu vaccine during the early part of the flu season and when many cases appeared in the elderly they became concerned and flooded to healthcare clinics/hospitals. Some people did not have influenza, but rather another respiratory illness. At one West Side hospital 16 ambulances were lined up to drop off patients. While we did not experience such a dramatic flood on our healthcare facilities, we are working to get the word out early about what is circulating in our communities (parainfluenza and common cold viruses- rhinoviruses), GET YOUR FLU SHOT NOW, wash your hands/cover your cough and other prevention tips.
Barry Kling, Administrator, reported on the Land Use Applications and Food Inspections for November.

Dan Sutton, Douglas County Commissioner, made a motion to go into executive session, for 15 minutes, at 3:48 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter under RCW 42.30.140(4). Jill Thompson, Waterville Town Council, seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. At 4:03 p.m. the Chair extended the executive session for an additional 10 minutes.

The regular meeting reconvened at 4:13 p.m.

Jill Thompson, Waterville Town Council, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:14 p.m. Keith Huffaker, Wenatchee City Council, seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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Keith Goehner, Chair