

**Okanogan County Board of Health Meeting
May 10, 2022**

Board Members Present: Chris Branch, Mariann Williams, Jim Wright, Andy Hover (Zoom)

Staff Present: Lauri Jones, Dave Hilton, Jill Gates, Michael Harr

Excused: Pat Stanton, Jim DeTro

Guests: See attached Register (*Exhibit A*) *Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the meeting was also held telephonically/Zoom.*

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 1:33 PM.

ADDITIONS/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chris made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; Jim Wright seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. (*Exhibit B*)

Public Comment

Vice-Chairman Mariann opened the meeting to public comment. With there being none, Vice- Chairman Mariann closed the public comment session.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS / ACTIONS

Board Minutes of April 12, 2022

Jill presented the draft minutes of the April 12, 2022 meeting. After review by the Board, Chris made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and for the Vice-Chairman to sign; Jim Wright seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. (*Exhibit C*)

April 2022 Financial Reports

April 2022 Treasurer's Reports and OCPH Cash on Hand Report

Jill presented the Treasurer's April 2022 Financial Report (*Exhibit D*) together with the April 2022 Cash on Hand report (*Exhibit E*) to show that the figures matched. Jill also showed that the Treasurer's report matches the Reserve accounts (#58 and #59). She reported the Emergency Operating Reserve account (#58) remains the same at \$200,000 and the balance in the Health Officer Account (#59) remains the same at \$15,000. The beginning fund balance for April 2022 was \$842,219.28; the ending balance was \$611,904.08.

April 2022 Vouchers and Payroll

Jill presented the April 2022 Voucher Report/Approval (*Exhibit F*). Andy made a motion to approve the vouchers and payroll for April 2022 (as listed below); Chris seconded and the motion carried with all in favor.

Accounts payable vouchers #E211273 - #E211278, #E211420 - #E211430, #E211662, #E211946 - #E211958 in the amount of \$340,478.70 and refunds/payments/transfers in the amount of \$6,720.00 as attached & received from the Treasurer's Financial Statement for April, 2022. Payroll warrants in the amount of \$105,303.58 for an aggregate total of \$452,502.28 for total issue for the month of **April, 2022** are approved this *Tuesday, May 10th, 2022.*

Consolidated Contract Amendment #4

Lauri explained that the amendment is for an increase of funds for various programs within Public Health. After some discussion, Chris made a motion to approve the Consolidated Contract Amendment #4; Andy seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. (*Exhibit G*)

Health Officer Update

Dr. Wallace reported that the county is seeing a lower load of COVID cases but they have started to slowly rise in the past 2 weeks. He stated that there are several new variants but they are similar to the Omicron variant. He is also encouraging that community members continue to report their home test results. There was discussion on the current recommendations for isolation if you do contract the virus. There was also discussion on mobile vaccine clinics in the county.

Community Health Update

Lauri reported that the COVID 19 test reporting online is HIPPA compliant and she also encourages community member to report their home test results. She stated that a good reason to do so can help with additional resources in helping manage care at home including groceries and lost time from work for example. She also reported that we have an online application form in both English and Spanish for the Board member position that is open. We are seeing an increase in sexually transmitted diseases within the County. Overdoses within the County are still being monitored. Lauri mentioned that she is keeping an eye on the progression of the Avian Bird Flu.


Environmental Health Update

Dave stated that things are really picking up but this is also just the start of his busy season. Dave and his staff are seeing an increase in complaints as well.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:09 PM.

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Jim DeTro, Chairman



Jill Gates, Executive Secretary/Fiscal Coordinator/HR