

**Okanogan County Board of Health Meeting  
July 11, 2023**

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

Staff Present: Lauri Jones, Jill Gates, Michael Harr, Jennifer Richardson, Dr. Wallace, Chuck Zimmerman

Guests: See attached Register (*Exhibit A*) *The meeting was also held telephonically/Zoom.*

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**CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 1:32 PM by Chairman Andy Hover.

**ADDITIONS/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Jill presented the agenda for July 11, 2023. Jon made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; Jim seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. (*Exhibit B*)

**Public Comment**

Chairman Andy Hover opened the meeting to public comment. With there being none; Chairman Hover closed public comment.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS / ACTIONS**

**Board Minutes of June 13, 2023**

Jill presented the draft minutes of the June 13, 2023 meeting. After review by the Board, Jon made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and for the Chair to sign; Jim seconded and the motion carried with the majority in favor. (*Exhibit C*) Chris abstained stating that he was not present in the June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**June 2023 Financial Reports**

**June 2023 Treasurer's Reports and OCPH Cash on Hand Report**

Jill presented the Treasurer's June 2023 Financial Report (*Exhibit D*) together with the June 2023 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). Jill reported the Emergency Operating Reserve account (#58) remains the same with a balance of \$300,000 and the balance in the Health Officer Account (#59) remains the same at \$15,000. The beginning general fund balance for June 2023 was \$1,229,258.27; the ending balance was \$893,234.05.

**June 2023 Vouchers and Payroll**

Jill also presented the June 2023 Voucher Report/Approval (*Exhibit F*). After some discussion, Chris made a motion to approve all financials for June 2023; Jon seconded and the motion carried with all in favor.

Accounts payable vouchers #E2223609 - #E222371, #E222706 - #E222714, #E222909 - #E222928, #E223087 - #E223090 in the amount of \$358,494.27 and refunds/payments/transfers in the amount of \$3,390.16 as attached & received from the Treasurer's Financial Statement for June 2023. Payroll warrants in the amount of \$119,852.42 for an aggregate total of \$260,794.76 for total issue for the month of **June, 2023** are approved this *Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023*.

**Consolidated Contract Amendment #15**

Lauri stated that the amendment is for Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS) and the Office of Drinking Water Group A Program. After some discussion Jon made a motion to approve Amendment #15 and for the Chairman to sign; Jim seconded and the motion carried with all in favor. (*Exhibit G*)

**Health Officer Update** ~ Dr. Wallace talked about various issues such as:

- COVID – cases are low in the County now
- Opioid overdoses in the County – various entities are doing outreach to help community members. Andy stated the County is receiving Opioid Abatement Funds from the State and Dr. Wallace suggested a committee to assist with how to spend these funds.
- Wildfire smoke – He stated that emergency management is ready for the upcoming inevitable wildfire smoke.
- Community Assessment – this is still an ongoing project.

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- Series of Behavioral Health Staff workshops with Dr. Kira Mauseth – Dr. Wallace stated that the first session made him excited for the remaining sessions because he and the staff have been through a lot in the past few years and he thinks this will be beneficial for all.

**Administrator Health Update**

Lauri talked about the staff workshops with Dr. Kira Mauseth and the craziness she and her staff have gone through in the past three years and how beneficial she thinks these will be. Lauri stated that dispatch has received 11 calls to 911 in June for overdose. Lauri presented a slide show giving an update on what Public Health has been accomplishing so far this year.

**Environmental Health Update**

Michael reported that Environmental Health has been busy with the septic and food programs. He just received confirmation from Department of Ecology that the Solid Waste Grant was approved for the next contract period. They are receiving a lot of complaints for solid waste. Andy asked about the coordination between Public Health and the County departments and Michael said there are some things to work out. Andy has asked Michael to meet with them again to continue working together.

**Executive Session RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)**

The Board went into executive session at 2:32 with Lauri, Michael and Chuck Zimmerman in attendance. The Board returned to regular session at 2:47 with no decisions being made.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:48 PM.

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Andy Hoyer, Chairman

  
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Jill Gates, Executive Secretary/Fiscal Coordinator/HR