

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2024**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, April 1, 2024, with Commissioner Peter Browning, Commissioner Lisa Janicki, and Commissioner Ron Wesen present.

II. AGENDA:

a) 1:30 p.m. Call to Order

Chair Browning called the proceedings to order at 1:30 p.m.

b) 1:30 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Browning led the audience in the salute to the flag.

c) 1:32 p.m. Approve Record of Proceedings for Tuesday, February 20, 2024.

A motion was made by Commissioner Janicki to approve the Record of Proceedings for Tuesday, February 20, 2024. Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

d) 1:34 p.m. Public Health Director Keith Higman Remarks

Public Health Director Keith Higman noted that April was National Minority Health Month, Alcohol Awareness Month and that April 1 through April 7 was National Public Health Week. He also mentioned that the Meals on Wheels Spaghetti & Bingo Night fundraising event was successful, and that there were several other fundraising events that took place during the March for Meals campaign to support Skagit County Meals on Wheels.

The Commissioners discussed volunteering to help deliver meals with the Meals on Wheels program.

e) 1:37 p.m. Public Health Emergency Preparedness Updates by Communicable Disease Manager Polly Dubbel

1. Incoming Coordinator and Core Team

Communicable Disease Manager Polly Dubbel said that Public Health had hired Carson Hansen as the new Coordinator of Public Health's Emergency Preparedness Division. Additional members of the Emergency Management Preparedness Division Community Health Worker Lurdes Ochoa-Chavez and Community Health Worker Mel Pedrosa were introduced.

2. Priorities for Public Health Plans

i. Base Plan update

Ms. Dubbel presented the March 2024 Emergency Response Base Plan. She mentioned that the Plan had been updated to incorporate the Incident Management Team and the Emergency Communications Plan.

ii. Emergency Communications Plan draft

Ms. Dubbel discussed the Emergency Communications Plan and noted that Public Health Officer Dr. Howard Leibrand had reviewed the Plan.

iii. Heat, cold weather, wildfire smoke plans update and drafts

Ms. Dubbel said that the Department's next priority was to complete the Heat, Cold Weather, Wildfire Plans. She also said that the Department's intent was to review the Plans either on an annual or biennial basis and update them when necessary.

A discussion ensued about working on the Continuity of Operations Plan.

iv. Medical Countermeasures Plan update

Ms. Dubbel provided information about the Medical Countermeasures Plan.

3. Training and Exercises

Ms. Pedrosa spoke about various emergency preparedness trainings and said that they were incorporating emergency preparedness procedures into the daily work routines to ensure that the team was continuously cultivating a culture of readiness and resilience.

f) 2:07 p.m. Communicable Disease 2023 Data and Trends by Communicable Disease Manager Polly Dubbel

1. Sexually Transmitted Infections

Epidemiologist for the Communicable Disease Division Amber Jordan provided information and treatment data for notifiable sexually transmitted diseases for chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis.

2. Respiratory Illnesses

Ms. Jordan also discussed respiratory illnesses including influenza, Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV), and COVID-19.

3. Vaccinations

Ms. Dubbel provided information about the vaccinations that Skagit County Public Health provided. She also explained the benefits of the mobile clinics, and vaccination data for school-aged children.

Link to meeting materials:
<https://www.skagitcounty.net/CountyCommissioners/Documents/AgendaPackets/04012024.zip>

g) 2:20 p.m. Dr. Howard Leibrand Health Officer Update

None provided.

h) 2:25 p.m. Public Comment

None provided.

III. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Browning adjourned the proceedings at 2:35 p.m. *Note, to obtain an audio or video recording of this meeting; please contact the Skagit County Commissioners' office.

**BOARD OF HEALTH
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Ron Wesen, Chair

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

Lisa Janicki, Commissioner

Dr. Connie Davis, At Large Board Member

Dr. Aaron Katz, At Large Board Member

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board