

Board of Health Record Of the Proceedings – Skagit County, Washington

Date: May 9, 2023

The Skagit County Board of Health met in regular session on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, with Chair Peter Browning and Commissioner Ron Wesen present. Commissioner Lisa Janicki was excused.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Browning called the proceedings to order at 10:05 a.m. and excused Commissioner Janicki.

II. AGENDA:

Chair Browning introduced Public Health Director Keith Higman.

a) Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Higman introduced the first agenda item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve the record of the proceedings for the Board of Health from March 21, 2023. Chair Browning seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously. Commissioner Lisa Janicki's absence was excused.

1. Board of Health Record of the Proceedings for March 21, 2023 **(Approved)**

b) Public Health Director Remarks

Mr. Higman discussed a regional public health meeting he had attended and shared details on statewide public health collaboration, legislation and backup Health Officer support efforts.

c) Communicable Disease Update

Mr. Higman introduced Communicable Disease Manager Polly Dubbel to provide an update about the Federal COVID-19 Public Health Emergency expiration date of May 11, 2023, COVID-19 vaccination status, statewide reporting and COVID-19 resources available.

Discussion was held regarding COVID-19 vaccination boosters, vaccine requirements, wastewater reporting and COVID-19 funding.

For more COVID-19 information

visit: <https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/HealthDiseases/coronavirus.htm#> or call Skagit County Public Health at (360) 416-1500.

d) Nomination and Appointment of Dan Berard, MVSD to the Population Health Trust

Mr. Higman introduced Public Health Analyst Kristen Ekstran.

Ms. Ekstran provided an update on the Population Health Trust Community Health Advisory Board and shared that a nomination had been made for Mount Vernon School District's Dan Berard to serve as a member.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve a Resolution to confirm a community member to serve on the Population Health Trust Community Health Advisory Board. **(Resolution No. R20230093)** Chair Browning seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously. Commissioner Lisa Janicki's absence was excused.

e) Population Health Trust Quarterly Report:

Ms. Ekstran and Maureen Pettitt provided information about the Population Health Trust Quarterly Report.

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1. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Report

Ms. Pettitt shared that their main goals included business outreach and the collection of information through panels. She said that the depth of information received would help to develop training opportunities and shared recommendations based on the assessment performed by the Population Health Trust Advisory Board.

2. Food Security Update

Ms. Ekstran provided a brief status update regarding a food security survey and shared that an update would be provided at a later date regarding ARPA projects and other recovery plan work.

3. ARPA Project Updates

An update will be provided at a future meeting.

4. Other Recovery Plan Work

An update will be provided at a future meeting.

f) Health Officer Update

Mr. Higman excused Dr. Leibrand from providing an update to the Board of Health.

g) Public Comment

No one provided public comment.

III. [ADJOURNMENT:](#)

Chair Browning adjourned the proceedings at 11:02 a.m.

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**BOARD OF HEALTH
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Peter Browning, Chair

Ron Wesen, Commissioner

Lisa Janicki, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board