

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

Date: July 22, 2024

The Skagit County Board of Health met in regular session on Monday, July 22, 2024, with Chair Peter Browning, Commissioner Lisa Janicki and Commissioner Ron Wesen present.

I. [AGENDA:](#)

a) [2:30 p.m. Call to Order](#)

Chair Browning called the proceedings to order at 2:30 p.m.

[2:32 p.m. Approve Record of Proceedings for Monday, April 1, 2024.](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Lisa Janicki to approve the Record of the Proceedings for Monday, April 1, 2024. Commissioner Ron Wesen seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

c) [2:33 p.m. Public Health Director Keith Higman Remarks](#)

Public Health Director Keith Higman discussed a recent survey and information released by the CDC regarding datasets, self-reported disabilities, and long-term implications of long COVID.

d) [2:35 p.m. Public Health Emergency Preparedness Planning: Updated Emergency Plans \(Extreme Weather and Wildfire Smoke Emergency Response Plans\) by Karsyn Hanson](#)

Emergency Preparedness and Response Coordinator Karsyn Hanson shared a PowerPoint presentation and gave an overview of updated emergency plans related to extreme weather and wildfire smoke emergency response plans. She discussed the importance of communications and the ability to provide public education and sharing resources.

Questions, answers, and discussion was held regarding volunteers and non-profit organization capabilities, coordination efforts, and plan implementation.

e) [2:50 p.m. COVID Recovery Plan Progress Report by Kristen Ekstran and Population Health Trust Members](#)

Senior Public Health Analyst Kristen Ekstran shared a PowerPoint presentation and provided an overview of the COVID Recovery Plan Progress Report.

Population Health Trust members Thomas Boucher and Aaron Weinberg were present and discussed childcare efforts in Skagit County.

Prevention and Community Health Manager Jennifer Sass-Walton discussed Childcare Retention and Expansion progress.

Population Health Trust member Dean Snider discussed policy level solutions, livable wages, and benefits of early education.

Ms. Ekstran shared recommendations from the Population Health Trust that included to work with other counties/Skagit, Whatcom, Island, Snohomish and Skagit Counties (SWISS) to collectively support the Early Care and Education (ECE) Access and Living Wage Proviso.

Discussion was held regarding resource coordination and legislative requests.

f) [3:20 p.m. Dr. Howard Leibrand Health Officer Update](#)

Health Officer Dr. Howard Leibrand was unavailable to provide an update.

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g) 3:25 p.m. Public Comment

None provided.

II. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Browning adjourned the proceedings at 3:36 p.m.

Link to meeting materials:

<https://www.skagitcounty.net/CountyCommissioners/Documents/AgendaPackets/07222024.zip>

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Peter Browning, Chair

ATTEST:

Lisa Janicki, Commissioner

Clerk of the Board
Skagit County Board of Health

Ron Wesen, Commissioner