



MINUTES

Jefferson County Board of Health

Regular Meeting, March 18, 2021, 2:30 p.m.

Jefferson County Public Health, 615 Sheridan Street, Port Townsend WA 98368

Virtual Meeting

Board Members

Pamela Adams, Port Townsend City Council
Greg Brotherton, County Commissioner, District #3
Kate Dean, Chair, County Commissioner District #1
Kees Kolff, Public Hospital District #2 Commissioner
Denis Stearns, Vice Chair, Citizen at large
Heidi Eisenhour, County Commissioner, District #2
Sheila Westerman, Citizen at large

Staff Members

Michael Dawson, Water Quality Manager
Alisa Hasbrouck, Environmental Health Manager
Vicki Kirkpatrick, Public Health Director
Thomas Locke, Health Officer
Apple Martine, Community Health Director
Pinky Mingo, Environmental Public Health Director
Veronica Shaw, Public Health Deputy Director

Chair Dean called the March 18, 2021 virtual meeting of the Jefferson County Board of Health to order at 2:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

Members Present: Chair Kate Dean, Vice-Chair Denis Stearns, Commissioner Greg Brotherton, Member Sheila Westerman, Member Kees Kolff, and Member Pamela Adams.

Staff Present: Public Health Officer Dr. Thomas Locke, Community Health Director Apple Martine, Environmental Public Health & Water Quality Director Pinky Mingo, Water Quality Manager Michael Dawson, and Environmental Health Manager Alisa Hasbrouck.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Dean requested a motion to approve the agenda for March 18, 2021.

Member Kolff moved to approve the agenda. Member Brotherton seconded the motion, which carried by a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Dean requested approval of the minutes for the February 18, 2021 Regular Meeting.

MOTION: Member Kolff moved to approve the minutes as presented. Member Adams seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Dean called for public comment of which there were none, but acknowledged other comments submitted by individuals via email which reflect their personal opinions and which were reviewed by the Board of Health members.

OLD BUSINESS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Jefferson Healthcare Update

Member Kolff provided the Jefferson Healthcare Report. He discussed COVID-19 vaccination efforts, health equity and gave an anti-racism plan update. Discussion followed.

2. Jefferson County Public Health Program Reports

Staff Member Kirkpatrick provided the Jefferson County Public Health Program Report. She discussed new staffing for the department, pollution prevention assistance in collaboration with Clallam County, Title 19 Amnesty Program with Code Enforcement, EnerGov, School Based Health Clinics and the successful orientation of Melinda Bower our sexual and reproductive health provider, Anti-racism efforts and training, vaccination efforts, and social media posts. Discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Proposed Regionalization of Local Public Health in Washington State – E2SHB 1152 Update, Regional Letter and Next Steps.

Dr. Locke, Staff Member Kirkpatrick and Chair Dean provided the E2SHB 1152, regional letter and next steps update. Discussion followed.

2. Roadmap to Recovery

Dr. Locke provided the Roadmap to Recovery update. Discussion followed.

3. COVID Vaccine Update – New Priority Groups and Mass Vaccination Update

Dr. Locke provided the COVID-19 vaccine update. Discussion followed.

4. SARS-CoV-2 Variant Update

Dr. Locke reported on SARS-CoV-2 variants. Discussion followed.

ACTIVITY UPDATE

Staff Member Martine reported on a recent graduation Community Health celebrated for their collaborative efforts with Upstream USA for providing Lean support and consultation for inventory, coding and ensuring all reproductive health clinics have all forms of birth control on hand, at all times, for all people.

Chair Dean thanked Dr. Locke for all his work helping parent and school groups plan for a safe graduation this year.

AGENDA PLANNING CALENDAR

Member Brotherton reported that he will submit an agenda request to discuss pit privies at the next meeting.

The next Board of Health meeting will be held online as a virtual meeting on Thursday, April 15, 2021 from 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Dean adjourned the March 18, 2021 Jefferson County Board of Health meeting at 4:20 p.m. until the next Regular Meeting or Special Meeting as properly noticed.

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Chair Dean, Chair

Karen Abbott, Clerk of the Board