



Grays Harbor County
Board of Health
PEARSALL BUILDING
2109 SUMNER AVENUE, ABERDEEN, WA 98520
July 27, 2023
Board of Health Meeting

Board of Health Chair Jill Warne was not in attendance at the time of the start of the meeting. Board Member Vickie Raines became the chair for this meeting.

Board of Health Chair Raines called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. Board Members Kevin Pine, Char Hood, Jason Halstead, Chris Olive were also present. Board Member Jill Warne arrived at 8:36 a.m. Dr. Kenneth Dietrich and Environmental Health Director Jeff Nelson were not present. This meeting was held both in person at the Pearsall Building and electronically through Zoom to allow for social distancing.

Also in Attendance: Mike McNickle, Public Health Director; Katherine Shulock, Board of Health Regional Liaison for Region 4; Dr. John Bausher, Health Officer; Jon Beltran, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor; George Kelley, Grays Harbor County Coroner; Erin Schreiber, Public Health Manager; Cassie Lentz, Public Health Manager; April Bachtell, Public Health Manager; and Mary Ellis, Secretary. Members of the public and Grays Harbor Public Health Department were also present.

Motion: Board Member Pine moved to approve the January 26, 2023, quarterly and April 27, 2023, quarterly Board of Health meeting minutes.

Second: Board of Health Member Hood seconded the motion.

Approval: The minutes of January 26, 2023, quarterly and April 27, 2023, quarterly Board of Health meeting were approved unanimously.

Motion: Board Member Raines moved to approve the renewal of a 3-year term for Chris Olive as Community Stake Holder.

Second: Board Member Pine seconded the motion.

Approval: The renewal of a 3-year term for Chris Olive as Community Stake Holder was approved unanimously.

Newly appointed Tribal Representative, Jason Halstad provided an introduction of himself, as well as a brief explanation of his current role with the Quinault Wellness Center.

Katherine Shulock also provided an introduction along with a brief explanation of her role as BOH Regional Liaison for Region 4. She is hoping to be another avenue for communication and information. Her role is more on the supportive side, rather than the regulatory side. Katherine would like to meet quarterly when at all possible.

Public Health Update – Mike McNickle, Director

Public Health along with staff from North Beach School District held interviews for the School Based Health Center provider position. Dr. Laura Galati was selected and will hopefully be starting this coming school year. The next hurdle is construction, which will be done just before, or shortly after school starts.

There are a few Requests for Proposals (RFP) out; treatment sales tax, mental health facility, mental health triage, third space all moving forward. Mental health triage is under way as of today.

The Health Symposium is scheduled for October 20th. 75 community members including Public Health, Harbor Regional Health, Summit Pacific Medical Center, and the Quinault Wellness Center will discuss how to move forward and better our community.

Public Health also has purchased a new Diabetic A1c screening machine that will help identify issues in our community.

Health Officer Report – Dr. John Bausher, Health Officer

COVID is still present especially in the hospitals. Death rate related to COVID has fallen off.

Hospitals are moving closer to the norm of being able to treat patients who are dealing with infectious diseases in the community.

Environmental Health: summer brings up issues like water quality, mobile food trucks, advising and educating people about the regulations and to why our presence is needed.

Coroner's Report – George Kelley

Commissioner Raines would like to have the Coroner added to meetings regularly.

Coroner's office has fully moved into the Pearsall Building.

This year the coroner's office has seen 456 deaths in the county as of today, which is roughly 40 cases less than last year. Overdose deaths are significantly higher than last year already, 37 to this point, which is up from 16 last year. 43 drug related deaths, not necessarily OD but client did have something in system.

Aging population: Grays Harbor County natural causes deaths are in 90-100's.

The Coroner's Office has added a few new positions and they have been keeping busy.

Board Chair Warne: Asked a few questions about the body cooler and the plans for it.
Coroner Kelley: Responded and a discussion followed.

Conducting more external autopsies for overdoses as industry standard.

Board Member Halstead: Asked about deaths related to Xylazine.
Coroner Kelley: Responded, and a discussion followed.

Familiar Faces Update – Vickie Raines, Board Member District 3; Cassie Lentz, Healthy Place Manager



Familiar Faces
Initiative BOH 7.27.2

Evidence-Based/Best Practice model identifies individuals who cycle through multiple systems like jails, emergency departments, shelter, and other crisis services. Involves cross system data sharing that is individualized by their own criteria.

Board Member Raines and Cassie went to some site visits at no cost to the County in Texas and Kansas. They met staff, listened in on the board meeting and saw how the site was run. Haven of Hope was a site in Texas that housed roughly 1700 unsheltered individuals that housed families, men, women, and a covered area for a 'night by night' bases. Haven of Hope has an onsite resource center for medical, dental, etc.. Low barrier site but security was in place to keep families separate from the men or women, gates with an ID/keycard access.

Board Member Olive: Asked a question about Haven of Hope
Board Member Raines/ Cassie Lentz: Responded

Currently Public Health's Crisis Triage model, increased mental health access RFP, Jail System of Care and Shelter planning all support the Familiar Faces needs. Looking at partnership data merging, as well as possible systems for this.

Member of the public, DeElaina Caldwell commented about the Jalatta program.
Board Member Raines responded, and discussion followed.

Strategic Plan for Public Health 2023-2025- Quarterly Update



Strategic Plan 2023
- 2025.pdf

All four recommendations are either in progress or completed. Funding for Summit Pacific low barrier for mental health services, Acadia's small grant for credentialing expenses, Hoquiam Police Department continuation of Behavioral Health Navigator program, and Behavioral Health Resources has approved 3 no charge drop-in visits at schools.

The Health Symposium will be at The Belfry event center in Seabrook for October 20th, 2023.

Each Public Health Manager provided an update on their goals and where they are in the strategic plan.

Public Comment:

Hearing no additional public comment, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 am

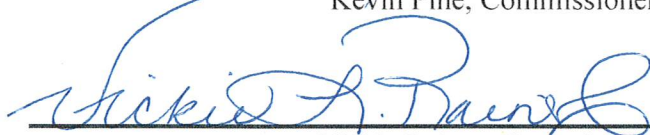
Approved on this 21 day of October, 2023

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Jill Warne, Chair



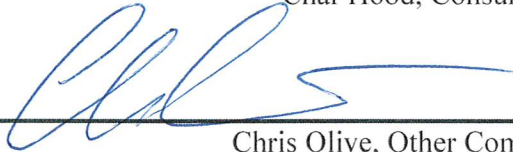
Kevin Pine, Commissioner Second District



Vickie Raines, Commissioner Third District

Char Hood

Char Hood, Consumer of Public Health



Chris Olive, Other Community Stakeholder

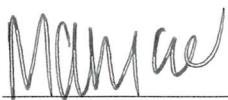
EXCUSED

Dr. Kenneth Dietrich, Provider



Jason Halstead, Tribal Representative

ATTEST:



Mary Ellis, Board Secretary