



ASOTIN COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT

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**Asotin County Local Board of Health Meeting
 October 26, 2015 at 1:00 PM
 Asotin County Courthouse Annex Commissioners' Chambers**

Present: Jim Jeffords (Chair), Brian Shinn, George Nash, Vikki Bonfield, Kathleen Warren, Jim Fuller (Vice Chair)

Absent:

ACHD Staff: Brady Woodbury, Sundie Hoffman, Phil Hagihara

Public:

Board Meeting was called to order by Jim Jeffords @ 1:00 PM

Issue / Concern	Discussion	Follow-up / Action
Minutes Approval		
Approval of the 9-28-2015 BOH minutes	George Nash Motion to approve the BOH minutes of September 28, 2015. Kathleen Warren 2 nd . Motion passed unanimously Discussion-	MOTION
Financial Report		
2015 Financials	Administrator presented: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August, September 2015 Financials • Transaction Report for August, September 2015 – for Board Approval & Signature. Brian Shinn Motion to accept financials and transaction report as presented. Jim Fuller 2 nd . Passed unanimously with further discussion:	MOTION
Program Statistics		
Agency Stats	Administrator routed year to date stats. Discussion WIC numbers increased for the Second time this year. Discussion	
Unfinished Business		
Health Officer (Interim) Recommendation	Administrator has contacted Dr. Joel McCullough, HO for Spokane Regional Health District. Dr. McCullough has agreed to be the Interim HO for Asotin County, upon approval of the Board. Administrator recommends Dr. McCullough.	
Potential Needle Exchange Program Issues	Administrator attempted to contact Everett Maroon, of Blue Mountain Heart To Heart multiple times with messages. Received no return	



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	contact and decided not to move forward with program, with that and other concerns.	
Credit Card Policy approval	ACHD has made recommended adjustments to the CC Policy, now asking for approval from BOH	
New Business		
Proposed ACHD Budget for 2016 (First Reading)	Introducing 2016 ACHD proposed budget. Needs two readings in BOH meetings, at a minimum, for final approval	
Environmental Health Program Update (Phil Hagihara)		
Medicare Payment Issues Discussion	<p>Following is a very brief history of the Districts attempt to properly submit claims for vaccinations and receive payments from Medicare, Medicaid, and 3rd party insurance companies for various immunizations and flu vaccinations over the past 2 years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The District did in fact file all claims via CHDS to Office Ally (claims editor) who processes claims to insurance payers throughout the course of 2 years. • 80 – 95% of claims were denied by all payers the first attempt. • Medicare and Medicaid have denied claims each of the up to 8 times submitted for one reason or another. • District’s Fiscal Administrator, Accounting Assistant, and CHDS Programmer with Stephenson’s Consulting have individually and as a team, made claim adjustments based on direction given by payers and resubmitted claims on numerous occasions, to no avail. • Jon Hunt spoke to Medicare early October to work out any programming issues with electron claims submission, at which time the Medicare representative said to Jon, “Medicare will make every excuse not to pay”. Medicare representative instructed Jon to merely change the location code and resubmit claims, which was completed. Claims were again denied. • Fiscal Administrator finally received a call back from United Health who said that Dr. Garges’ practice’s tax ID was registered for community health program, but ACHD’s is not. UH Representative indicated we could resubmit claims using Dr. Garges tax ID and they would pay and we could work something out with Dr. Garges to get the money, but we couldn’t submit claim using our tax ID and we wouldn’t qualify as a provider if we were to register. 	
Announcements and Reports		
WSPHA Conference Report	Administrator report on “Major Ask” to State Legislature, through WSALPHO and WSAC? In 2017—Justification “Population-based Health” definition.	
Scheduled Meetings		
November 23, 2015 Board of Health Meeting	Scheduled for November 23, 2015 at 1:00 PM, Commissioners’ Chambers at Asotin County Annex.	



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Meeting Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 2:XX PM. After all agenda items discussed. Jim Jeffords announced adjournment	
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