Asotin County Local Board of Health Meeting  
June 25, 2018 at 1:00 PM  
Asotin County Courthouse Annex Commissioners’ Chambers

Present: Jim Jeffords (Chair), Monika Lawrence (Vice Chair), Chris Seubert, Brian Shinn, Skate Pierce, Vikki Bonfield

Absent: ACHD Staff: Brady Woodbury, Shannon Jones

Public: None

The regular Board Meeting was called to order by Jim Jeffords @ 1:01 PM

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<td>Minutes Approval</td>
<td>Approval of the 05-21-2018 BOH minutes</td>
<td>Jim Jeffords Moved to approve the BOH minutes of May 21, 2018 with noted typo corrections and clarification regarding Jenny George with the Lewis Clark Valley Health Care Foundation grant funds. Monika Lawerence Seconded Motion Passed Unanimously No Further discussion</td>
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<td>Expenditure variances due to: Unexpected employee resignation cash out, and Retired employee cash out increased expenses</td>
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<td>Chris Seubert Moved to approve May 2018 Financials as presented. Brian Shinn Seconded Motion passed Unanimously No Further discussion</td>
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| Program Statistics | Agency Stats | Administrator routed year to date stats. Brian Shinn asked about the purpose and outcome of the 2018 Public Health Marijuana Summit in Portland and who funded the training. Fiscal Administrator explained that the Summit’s entire focus was the effects of marijuana use as it relates to public health with the passage of the new law. Training was 100% paid for by Marijuana grant funds. Discussion: WIC count 400. Lora Gittins is on vacation most of June. WDRS – staff is being trained but system is still not fully functional yet Death Certificates are much lower due to a larger funeral homes |
seeking DCs from Garfield County vs. Asotin. The main reason for this was that ACHD has had major communication issues after upgrading their phone system in early January. Administrator has been working with current phone vendor and Cable One, who deleted our fax number from the system entirely, and ACHD did not receive faxes on a consistent basis for over a month. Funeral homes request DC’s via fax, so ACHD was not receiving and responding to requests in a timely manner. One of the funeral directors’ lives in Pomeroy so it was a relatively easy and convenient transition for them to order DCs from GCHD and pick them up each morning. A couple of other funeral homes didn’t have any activity in May. Staff has communicated with funeral homes that they can order DCs online via our ACHD’s website.

Don Brown contacted Brian Shinn regarding an increasing in fees for death certificates, but there has been no increase except postage if mailed, which was approved several months ago.

Jim Jeffords recommends that we contact Frankie Paffile with Cable One and require they cover our costs for IT expenses incurred to fix the problems they created and to get problem fixed, as well as a credit for Cable One services for time District was without proper services. Board strongly encouraged Administrator use the BOH as leverage in seeking these credits.

- Country Club Golf Course pool was closed for approximately 2 days for numerous violations. There was a brief discussion regarding unclear status of Tribe purchasing the golf course.

Unfinished Business

ACH (Accountable Community of Health) LHIN (Local Health Improvement Network) Update

ACH Community Health Worker process update: ACHD prepared to present a proposal to Asotin’s Local Health Improvement Network (LHIN) to be the Community Health Worker HUB as natural employer to support local agencies in need of CHWs. In the spirit of the CHW definition developed by the Federal Government, with the adoption of the Affordable Care Act, the goal of the ACHD CHW model was to make the hiring and managing of CHWs consistent vs competitive, by an organization that does not provide direct patient services and that can objectively deal with specific agency request and still address the social determinants that will likely have the biggest effects on the Medicaid matrix.

After being encouraged to meet with the schools, and discussing this model several times in the LHIN meetings, unbeknownst to ACHD staff, QBH informed the LHIN that they would submitting a proposal to ACH that will employing theirs and the school district’s CHWs. Chris Seubert believes the motivation behind this decision may be due to the ever changing funding and policies tied to ACH funds and seeking more stable funding through Managed Care Organizations.

Unlike Columbia County and Garfield County, whose hospitals are engaged in GCACH activities and whose referral patterns are to Walla Walla and Tri-Cities, both areas included in the GCACH, Tri-State refers to Spokane County, outside of GCACH, and had disengaged...
from any LHIN meetings. As a result ACHD again finds itself in a unique and distant position with regards to ACH activities except to show support to other organizations.

Sundie & Shannon have already started and intend to complete 8-week CHW course in order to be prepared should the adopted model not work out as anticipated and to address clients that do not utilize QBH or other LHIN represented services.

**New Business**

**Proposed New Vision, Mission Statement for ACHD, Discuss “Asotin County Public Health” and Logo**

These recommendations were based on input from all ACHD staff who met in an all-day work session a few weeks ago.

Current Vision Statement: Promoting and protecting the health of the community and the environment.

**Recommended Vision Statement:** Asotin County Public Health prevents illness, promotes health and protects the environment in partnership with our communities.

Current Mission Statement: To prevent disease, disability and premature death. To protect and promote the health and quality of the environment in which people can be health. To promote healthy lifestyles.

**Recommended Mission Statement:** Asotin County Public Health leads the community through education and evidence-based practices to prevent illness, promote health, and protect the environment to improve the quality of life in our communities.

The consensus is to adopt recommendations above.

In addition, Administrator is recommending a new logo and for name to change to Asotin County Public Health in hope of better addressing what we do and addressing the public health “invisibility” phenomenon.

Skate Pierce likes the “evidence based” language. Brian Shinn asked if Asotin County Public Health District is more appropriate or if “District” is relevant. Administrator stated that there is a difference between a department and a district so district is still relevant but not necessarily in the name of the organization. Board consensus is to include the word “public” as it sounds more open and all inclusive. We would remain a district but not include it in the name.

Board agreed on a logo and Administrator is seeking information on whether District can use the public health logo in blue font or if it needs to be grey.

**Informal Query to Board regarding Tobacco and Vaping Pre-Emption to give local control**

David Johnson, with the Dept of Health asked Administrator to ask BOH members if they would support pre-empted laws vs defaulting to the WA State tobacco and vaping requirements.

Often times when legislature creates a law, local municipalities create local polices/procedures/ordinances. The BOH is more interested in following the state requirements vs creating their own, only
complicating the issue and then having to enforce it.

City is working with ACHD Public Health Educator on developing new signs for city parks.

Dr. Lutz contract

ACHD currently has a Health Officer Agreement with Spokane Regional Health District. However, SRHD and Dr. Robert Lutz would prefer the contract be directly between ACHD and Dr. Robert Lutz and has requested a revised contract be drafted. BOH agreed with this change. Administrator will modify contract.

Needle Exchange Letter of Interest

The Lewis Clark Valley Health Care Foundation has approximately $22,000,000 in foundation and is accepting application to support $250,000 in programs.

The BOH supports ACHD submitting an application for a Needle Exchange Program. First year request will be for approximately $15,000. Based on past program, estimate is 4000 needles and 27 encounter with clients per month.

Board encourages we apply for other program funds at the same time and not limit ourselves.

Executive Session

N/A

Announcements and Reports

WA State Board of Health Meeting

Report of Meeting in Clarkston 6/14: Administrator thought it was a great opportunity to have State Board of Health in Clarkston. Jim Jeffords serves on this Board. There are 4 legs to Public Health (LHJ, DOH, Tribes, State Board of Health) and it is important that all legs come together to determine the future of public health.

There were not a lot of members of the public in attendance. Jim Jeffords said that Administrator’s presentation went well and board members were amazed that ADHD is run by only 6 FTEs.

Vital Stats and Faxing Issues

See above

WSALPHO Meeting Report

Main concept from WSALPHO meeting in June is that the group will be working on coming up with the exact amount needed for foundational funding by this fall. Foundational funding was proposed at $60 million, approved by the Senate for $20 million, and actually funded at $12 million. Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) is also making foundational public health funding one of their 3 top priorities.

Another one of the top 3 WSAC priorities is to change the CPI formula since local jurisdictions have been losing 2% each year since 2001.

Senator Schoesler voted for foundation public health funding but has threatened to sue the counties if they chose to continue with law suit against the State Legislature.

Scheduled Meetings
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| Meeting Adjournment | Brian Shinn motioned to Adjourn  
Monika Lawrence seconded  
Meeting was adjourned at 2:32 PM. After all agenda items discussed. |