

# Asotin County Public Health District

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## Asotin County Local Board of Health Meeting April 26, 2021 at 1:00 PM

Present: Monika Lawrence (Chair), Chris Seubert, Chuck Whitman, Skate Pierce, Lori Loseth

Absent: Administrator Brady Woodbury, Brian Shinn

ACHD Staff: Public Health Educator Sundie Hoffman, Fiscal Administrator Shannon Jones,  
Health Officer Dr. Robert Lutz

Public:

The regular Board Meeting was called to order by Chuck Whitman at 1:03 PM

Public Comment:

Topic	Discussion	Action / Follow-up
<b>Public Comment</b>		
<b>Minutes Approval</b>		
Approval of the 3-29-21 Regular BOH Meeting Minutes	<b>Lori Loseth</b> Moved to approve March 29, 2021 Regularly scheduled BOH Meeting Minutes as submitted. Meeting was held in person with Zoom connectivity. <b>Skate Pierce</b> Seconded Motion passed Unanimously with no further discussion.	Motion Passed
<b>Financial Report</b>		
March 2021 Financials	Actual <b>March 2021</b> net revenue <\$3,427>, budgeted <\$31,210>, variance \$27,784.  See Budget vs. Actual Recap for details by BARS code category and for year-to-date figures and variance explanations.  Complete monthly Transaction Detail report provided to members of Board. Following are account balances:	

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<p>March 2021 Payroll Expenses Approval</p>	<p>In accordance with Chapter 42.24 RCW, the <a href="#">March 2021</a> Draw Pay Register Packet <a href="#">PYPKT04206</a> in the Employer Amount of <a href="#">\$273.87</a>, and Payroll Detail Register Packet <a href="#">PYPKT04218</a>, in the Employer amount of <a href="#">\$49,478.48</a>, for a total Employer payroll amount of <a href="#">\$49,752.35</a>. processed by the Asotin County Auditor's Office, based on approved time sheets entered into Tyler Tech Payroll Module by the Asotin County Public Health District's Fiscal Administrator, based on District's on-line electronic time sheets maintained daily by each employee and approved weekly by Supervisor(s) or Administrator, is approved.</p> <p>Detail Register Payroll Summary for draw pay and monthly payroll packets provided.</p> <p><b>Skate Pierce</b> Moved to approve the <a href="#">March 2021</a> Draw Pay and monthly Payroll Detail Register Packet as noted above.  <b>Lori Loseth</b> Seconded            Motion passed unanimously with no further discussion.</p>	<p>Motion Passed</p>																
<p>April 2021 Expense Voucher Approval</p>	<p>In accordance with the adopted Purchasing Policy, Procedure &amp; Approval Process, the <a href="#">April 2021</a> voucher/warrant packet # <a href="#">APPKT04_____</a>, Voucher # <a href="#">254</a>, in the amount of <a href="#">\$28,616.81</a>, as presented, is approved. Payment may be processed by the Asotin County Auditor's Office to replenish the Asotin County Public Health District's revolving Imprest Expense Account before the end of the month.</p>																	

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	<p>Copy of Expense Voucher presented at Board meeting detailing all expenses included for reimbursement.</p> <p><b>Skate Pierce</b> Moved to approve the <b>April</b> 2021 Expense Voucher as presented</p> <p><b>Chris Seubert</b> Seconded</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously with no further discussion.</p>	<p>Motion Passed</p>
<b>Program Statistics</b>		
<b>Unfinished Business</b>		
<b>New Business</b>		
<p>COVID-19 Update – Asotin County Dr. Lutz Presentation</p>	<p>Estimate or <math>R_0</math> “pronounced R-naught” transmissibility of disease – want to keep below 1, so infection is less than 1 person. For most of pandemic it has been over 1 except January and February 2021. Chart showed estimates based on tests and hospitalization and estimates adjusted for population immunity. The creep upward is due to the variance.</p> <p>Second slide showed daily positive tests, daily hospital admissions, and daily mortality and all of these are going back up.</p> <p>Third slide showed trends by age. There are only 2 mid-age ranges are not decreasing, but all other age groups are going up and significant increase in children. Because the variance is more susceptible to children, it is affecting children more than original COVID19.</p> <p>Forth slide showed that the cases went up approximately 30 points in one week</p> <p>Fifth slide showed number of cases based on epidmiology curve and time frame surges. Again, WA state is trailing up.</p> <p>Sixth slide showed same information just for Asotin. Our trajectory has been lower than rest of WA.</p> <p>Seventh slide shows cut points incident rates and phases.</p> <p>Eighth slide shows emergency room data.</p> <p>Ninth slide shows hospital admissions – increasing</p> <p>Tenth slide was a logarithmic scale showing hospitalizations for all age groups are increasing across the state.</p> <p>Eleventh slide showed 100 person increase in hospitalization in one week and last time it was as high as now at 536 was back in February 2020.</p> <p>Twelfth slide showed variants in several key locations in the world. 25 WA St Counties as of last Tuesday have identified variance. It is believed that the B.1.1.7 has a doubling time in approx. 12 days and will likely to be more than 50% by early May</p>	

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at the latest and is much more transmissible. 70% of cases across WA State is due to variants.

Thirteenth slide about 27% of Washingtonians have been fully vaccinated and 20% in Asotin County. Clearly vaccinations are key.

Fourteenth slide showed reopening parameters and dates.

for the next report, Monday May 3<sup>rd</sup> (tentative, reflecting lag times to get complete data)

cases (8-day lag) - 4/10-4/23

hospitalizations (11-day lag) - 4/14/21-4/20/21

ICU occupancy - 4/18/21-4/24/24

for state, no current plan to move counties

back on phase but state will support decision

by jurisdiction to move back

## summary & recommendations

model results based on data through April 8 indicate that COVID-19 transmission is increasing in Washington state.

**cases** - overall statewide, case rates are increasing in most age groups, with particularly sharp increases among younger age groups, including ages 10-19, 20-29, 30-39, and 40-49.

**hospital admissions** - hospital admission rates are increasing among all age groups. Hospital bed occupancy is also increasing.

**vaccination** - statewide, vaccination is increasing - nearly 7% of the 65+ population has been fully vaccinated and on average nearly 60,000 doses are administered per day. However, 25% of the 65+ population has not yet initiated vaccination, and over 70% of the overall population remains susceptible.

**variants** - B.1.1.7 variant, which is more transmissible and potentially poses an increased risk of severe illness, continues to spread across the state - it is estimated 50-60% of cases are currently attributable to B.1.1.7.

**bottom line** - current trends indicate the state is in the early stages of a fourth surge of infection, with many similarities to early November 2020. With over 70% of the population still susceptible it is critical to maintain firm adherence to masking, social distancing, and avoidance of indoor gatherings.

Bottom line is masking, social distance and minimizing large events

Chair Whitman asked if hospitalization due to other complications, but has COVID, it counts as COVID case?

How do we move forward if people stop getting vaccinated. Currently plateauing - trying to motivate people to vaccinated. Sought input from Board members.

Skate shared his thoughts that food industry has hit very hard and at some point, it just isn't his load to bear. Dr. Lutz said that vaccination may be used as a carrot to opening up completely. Let's set a goal of 40%. Two sectors that lead in outbreaks are restaurants and childcare. The pandemic is not behind us.

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	<p>Whitman asked about a need for a 3<sup>rd</sup> shot may be needed since vaccination only lasts about 6 months. There are 4 different COVID viruses this year and a vaccination could last a year. Yes, it may require a booster shot to extend effectiveness.</p> <p>Appreciated presentation and valuable information.</p>	
<b>Announcements and Reports</b>		
Asotin County Fair Sundie Hoffman Report	<p>Public Health Educator Cowboy breakfast went well and plan was followed. Fair had no ingress or egress markings, no tracking, many were walking around eating, no-one wearing mask, auction area was packed with people. The fair board president said she had not been briefed and did not see the plan. Dr. Lutz said that the plans were written, but was not followed, and expressed concerns. This was the 1<sup>st</sup> fair this year and the result was disappointing and will likely affect future events. Skate Pierce said that when a 1000 people come after you that don't want to wear a mask, there's nothing you can do about it.</p> <p>Conversation happening regarding to relaxing masks, and one really needs to balance the benefits and risks.</p> <p>Is there a willingness to motivate people to get vaccinated in hopes to relaxing some restrictions?</p>	
Executive Session	N/A	
<b>Scheduled Meetings</b>		
Next Meeting	1:00 PM April 26, 2021 Asotin County Commissioners' Chambers	
Meeting Adjournment	Chuck Whitman adjourned meeting at 2:00 PM, after all agenda items discussed.	

Meeting minutes taken by: Shannon Jones, Fiscal/HR Administrator