

MINUTES OF SKAMANIA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

February 9, 2021

Skamania County Courthouse
240 NW Vancouver Avenue, Room 18
Stevenson, WA 98648

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. on February 9, 2021 at the Skamania County Courthouse, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Board of Health Commissioners, Richard Mahar, Robert Hamlin and T.W. Lannen, Chair present.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Hamlin moved, seconded by Commissioner Mahar and the motion carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Minutes for meeting of January 12, 2021
2. Contract Amendment #18 with Department of Health, amends State of Work for COVID-19 Coordinated Response, Division of Emergency Preparedness & Response, ELC COVID-19, Emergency Preparedness & Response COVID-19 Local CARES, Family Planning, Foundational Public Health Services and WIC Nutrition Program

Kirby Richards, Community Health Administrative Director reported on legislative issues, noting changes made to House Bill 1152.

Tamara Cissell, Community Health Deputy Director reported that the ultracold unit purchased with grant funds for storing vaccinations for COVID 19 would be delivered that day. They will now be able to accept both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines. She reported the transfer of 60 doses of the vaccine to North Shore Medical Clinic, and vaccine availability for second doses. She also reported the need for volunteers for vaccine events. Discussion of compensation for volunteers, establishing a pool of volunteers, and screening and background checks.

Dr. Steven Krager, Deputy Health Officer reported shortage of vaccines, future allocations, the approval timeline for the Johnson and Johnson vaccine. He reported the Johnson and Johnson vaccine may take three weeks for the FDA to approve, and the differences between this vaccine and the other two. He also reported that Washington State has 5 cases of the UK variant in King, Snohomish, and Pierce counties. He reported on data gathering regarding the UK variance including the effect of current vaccinations on the UK variant. He also reported on the Flu season, reporting there basically isn't any flu. Of 213 people test 9 were positive. The week of January 10-16 was the last reported positive flu test. He also reported STD numbers went down in 2020 and though communicable diseases still on the radar, not the same focus is on them.

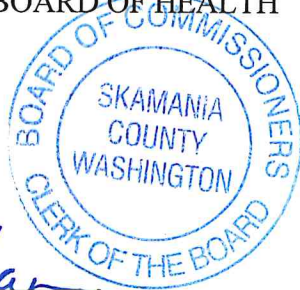
Tamara reported that on February 16th those 65 and over will be able to sign up for a vaccine and February 25th is the date that 2nd doses will be out.

There was no Environmental Health report.

The meeting adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

Approved on 9th day of March, 2021.

SKAMANIA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH



Debbie Slack
Clerk of the Board of Health – Debbie Slack

T.W. Lannen

Chair – T.W. Lannen

Richard Mahar

Commissioner – Richard Mahar

Robert Hamlin

Commissioner – Robert Hamlin

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| Nay | <u>0</u> |
| Abstain | <u>0</u> |
| Absent | <u>0</u> |