

MINUTES OF SKAMANIA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

July 13, 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 July 13, 2021, at the Skamania County Courthouse, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 240 NW Vancouver Avenue in Stevenson, with Board of Health Commissioners, Robert Hamlin, Richard Mahar, and T.W. Lannen, Chair present.

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

1. Minutes for meeting of June 8, 2021
2. Ratify Contract with Department of Health for data sharing agreement to have the ability to receive protected health information from state managed systems
3. Ratify Memorandum of Understanding with Skamania County Public Hospital District, amending to include terms for costs associated with Public Information Officer services
4. Contract Amendment #20, Department of Health Consolidated Contract to amend statement of work for the Family Planning program
5. Contract Amendment #21, Department of Health Consolidated Contract to amend states of work for COVID-19 Coordinated Response, Emergency Preparedness & Response COVID-19 Local CARES, Family Planning and Office of Drinking Water Group A programs

Dr. Steven Krager, Deputy Health Officer reported on COVID 19 Delta and Alpha variants. He reported 30% of COVID tests are a variant in Washington State. He also reported areas with lower numbers of people vaccinated have pockets of variant outbreaks. He also discussed booster shots and noted the CDC and FDA will make the decision if boosters shots are needed. Vaccine hesitancy and natural immunity were discussed as well as the reported second death due to COVID in Skamania County. He also reported on influenza and ticks.

Allen Esaacson, Community Health Administrator of Data and Finance reported on the Department of Health Care-A-Van that may be at the Skamania County Fair to give vaccines. He mentioned there are concerns with a less controlled environment without security and EMS being on site.

Tim Elsea, Public Works Director reported on Environmental Health. He reported the amount of septic and water permits have doubled from last year. A contract with Klickitat County was discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Approved on the 10th day of August 2021.

SKAMANIA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH



Attest:

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

Aye 3
Nay 0
Abstain 0
Absent 0