



**Wahkiakum County Health & Human Services
ADVISORY BOARD**

OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: November 21st, 2024
Call to order: 3:01 p.m.
Adjourned: 3:52 p.m.
Location: Hybrid in-person and Zoom virtual meeting

PRESENT

Board Attendees: Beth Hansen, Bobbie Stefan, Keven Going, Mariane Brightbill
Staff Attendees: Duncan Cruickshank, Julie Johnston
Ex officio Attendees: none
Guest Attendees: none
Absent Members: Brent Freeman, Dan Bigelow, David Olsen, Erica Zink, Gary Howell, Mark Schmitz
Absent Staff Attendees: Chris Bischoff, Michelle Collupy
Next meeting: December 19th, 2024, at 3:00 PM

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Chair

Right before the meeting, we discovered that an incorrect Zoom link had been sent out, and we could not access it. Duncan sent an email with a new link, but no one joined us online.

A. BOARD BUSINESS

Chair

A. Meeting minutes—A quorum was not present, so the October 17th, 2024 meeting minutes were not reviewed.

B. Review 2025 Budget – Bobbie Stefan inquired as to the reason for the difference between the 2024 budget and our actual amount spent on this budget. Julie explained that this only represents spending through September-ish. We will not know the exact expense amounts until closeout, January 21st. Duncan also noted that the budget accounts for the highest amount we could potentially bill to receive reimbursement, which, with accounts like the Consolidated Homeless Grant, is much more than we can spend.

C. III. GUEST SPEAKER(S)

A. NONE

IV. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

A. PUBLIC HEALTH

Duncan

- There are currently 37 families using WIC services. This is a significant increase from the past years.
- The electronic recycling event went well. It was not as big as the tire event, but we did have people bring in electronics.
- Our Public Health Nurse has given 192 vaccines this year. Up from 86 in 2023.

B. COMMUNITY SERVICES

Johnston

- Living Well event – took place on November 8th. We had over 20 vaccines given. We had roughly 55 visitors and 38 representing over 28 vendors/resources.
- EFSP money—We are actively advertising to help Wahkiakum residents with utility assistance. We have money from United Way that needs to be spent before December 31st, 2024. We recently did a large social media push and an article in the Eagle, which seems to have helped get the word out.
- Camille Goldsmith and I are scheduled to present before the ranking committee for our 2025-2029 grant to fund Wahkiakum on the Move operations in December.

C. CHA/CHIP

- No update.

C. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Cruickshank

- We recently lost our newest therapist due to licensing challenges. We will be actively recruiting again.
- Building one at the Elochoman is still under construction. We are hoping to get moved back sometime in December.

D. BUDGET AND FINANCE

- Discussed early in the meeting.

B. MEMBER/GUESTS UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mariane reported that the pool advisory board had recently met, and a discussion regarding needed maintenance was held.

Bobbi informed us that the school would be hiring someone to find and actively recruit a permanent superintendent. She is very impressed with Richard Palmer, who is fulfilling the role of superintendent until a permanent person can be placed.

Beth Hansen remarked on concerns over Washington budget deficits and potential cuts. Beth also noted that St. James did not see an influx of need since the school moved to a 4-day week, which was feared.

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