



**Wahkiakum County Health & Human Services
ADVISORY BOARD
OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Date: July 20, 2023
Call to order: 3:00 p.m.
Adjourned: 3:47 p.m.
Location: Hybrid in-person and Zoom virtual meeting

PRESENT

Board Attendees: Amanda Moyer, Bobbie Stefan, Brent Freeman, Erica Zink, Mariane Brightbill, Mark Schmidt, Sylvia Costich
Staff Attendees: Duncan Cruickshank, Michelle Collupy
Ex officio Attendees: Lee Tischer
Guest Attendees: Steve Krager
Absent Members: Beth Hansen, Dan Bigalow, Mark Howie, Susan Schillios
Absent Staff Attendees: Chris Bischoff, Julie Johnson
Next meeting: September 21, 2023, at 3:00PM

I. INTRODUCTIONS Chair

Dr. Steve Krager – Deputy Health Officer, SW Regional Counties

II. BOARD BUSINESS Chair

A. Meeting minutes – Brent Freeman motioned to approve the Meeting Minutes for June 15, 2023. Sylvia Costich second the motion. Aye- unanimously.

III. GUEST SPEAKER(S)

A. None

IV. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

A. PUBLIC HEALTH Cruickshank

- Our Public Health Nurse has resigned but will be available through the end of July, 2023. Public Health will be meeting with the Board of Commissioners for permission to see if our current Public Health Nurse could work part-time on weekends to lend additional support until a new Public Health Nurse is hired. Public Health will also ask to change the job description for hiring a new Public Health Nurse.
- Shot clinics are cancelled until further notice. COVID-19 test kits are still available to the public and can still be ordered on-line.
- The Health Department still needs volunteers for the tire disposal event happening on September 16, 2023.

- Public Health is also hiring a Communications Specialist. Interviews for this position are taking place next week.

B. COMMUNITY SERVICES Cruickshank

- WADOT has granted transit funds into grants for 4 new transit buses.
- Senior Prom will be held on August 5, 2023, at the Hope Center.
- Community Outreach will have a booth at the County Fair on August 17, 2023 and will include demonstrations of box fans with air filters to use as wildland smoke and particulate filters in your home.

C. CHA/CHIP Zink

- The Community Health Needs Assessment concluded on July 15th. Survey data will be completed by the beginning of August 2023.

C. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH Cruickshank

- Behavior Health remains in a good working relationship with the Sherriff's office and County Jail for opioid related work.
- A concern is starting to arise regarding opioid laced marijuana.
- Children can seek services regarding mental health issues at the age of 13 years old and older but parents can ask for records as long as it won't be detrimental for the child seeking services.
- Columbia Wellness out of Longview, WA is handling crisis calls.

D. BUDGET AND FINANCE Collupy

- Work on the 2024 budget has begun. The Board will receive a pre-preliminary budget to view by September.

III. MEMBER/GUESTS UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Amanda Moyer – Family Health Clinic is introducing push notifications through texts.

Maryanne Brightbill – Cautions drivers and pedestrians that there is a lot of fast driving happening on the Island and SR4 due to the Rainier and Astoria bridges being shut down for repairs.

Lee Tischer – Commented that the Rainier bridge will be opened again by 5pm tonight.

Brent Freeman – The Summer Food Program is going well and is available from 10am-1:00pm. The Air Quality monitor is back up and running at the High School. Mental Health Services are available for the kids during the summer.

IV. NEXT MEETING

Date & Time: September 21st, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

Location: Hybrid in-person and Zoom meeting