



Wahkiakum County Health & Human Services
ADVISORY BOARD

OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: June 16, 2020
Call to order: 3:00 p.m.
Adjourned: 4:41 p.m.
Location: Hybrid – both in person at Hope Center and video conference

PRESENT

Board Attendees: Mariane Brightbill; Bobbie Stefan, Sylvia Costich, Erica Zink, Amanda Moyer, Brent Freeman, Dan Bigelow, Gary Howell
Staff Attendees: Chris Bischoff, Duncan Cruickshank, Michelle Collupy, Lee Tischer
Guest Attendees: David Olson, Ryan Smith, Carlos Mejia-Rodriguez, LeeAnn O’Neil, Aideet Pineda
Next meeting: July 21, 2022

I. Introductions: Aideet Pineda is replacing LeeAnn O’Neil for Amerigroup as their Community Engagement person.

II. Board Business

A. Because there was not a quorum at the May meeting, minutes cannot be approved and are considered unofficial **** This was found to be incorrect afterwards. Will put minutes forth for approval at September meeting.****

B. Agenda Adjustment – Approved

C. Bylaws – Updating and changes: Discussion of the current by laws, with language amended by Chris Bischoff. Sylvia questioned ‘state has many requirements, we have less, if that okay?’ Chris replied yes. Brent stated, “several groups aren’t represented” Chris answered, “some people represent groups but aren’t necessarily open publicly on their history.” Amanda stated she would represent for the tribes.

Chris will expand by-laws. We will spell things out before using acronyms. Elections will be every year. We will have at least 9 meetings per year.

Quorum discussion. Sylvia “set at 5 members”.

Chris will send out edits to be voted on in July.

III. DISCUSSION

A. COVID Update

Bischoff

- Pediatric doses of vaccine should be approved soon. WCHHS has only Pfizer. Family Health only has Modern. Risk of disease is still high everywhere. WCHHS is a health care provider and will making still. Novavax will be a new vaccine choice

soon. Their vaccine creation method is different which may encourage some people to get vaccinated.

IV. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

A. PUBLIC HEALTH

Bischoff/Cruickshank

- Purple Air monitors are in place again. Ryan stated “purpleair.com is the best place to look for their readings. Chris committed “wildfire smoke is a new public health threat.” Discussion of encouraging of people to make their own home fan with Merv11+ filtration for particles.
- HHS is still proceeding with work to move Public Health staff out of the Courthouse with the plan to base all HHS staff at either the Elochoman or the Hope Center.
- There are still a lot of COVID test kits available. If needed, please request. There are web resources to check for expiration date extensions.
- Vaccine waste. A long discussion was held about the rules and morality of wasting vaccine. If people have questions, contact health department staff.
- Public Health has a new summer intern, Nai’a Freeman.

B. COMMUNITY SERVICES

Johnston (excused)

- Grant application submitted for purchase of at least 2 new busses.
- Both Stay Active and Independent for Life (SAIL) program and Senior Lunch is back operating. Both well attended.

C. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Cruickshank

- The Department of Health (DOH) audit went well. Chris will be reviewing the A10.
- Still struggling to hire MHP level staff.

V. MEMBER/GUESTS UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Lee Tischer – remarked he benefited from Amanda Moore’s recovery Navigator Program update at the commissioners meeting. Looks forward to results.
- B. Carlos Mejia – J.P. Anderson is the new CPAA Executive Director. CFO is Jennifer Thompson.
- C. Ryan Smith – going back college next month. The Board wished him well.
- D. Mariane Brightbill– Pool is open. Lifeguards are nice.
- E. Brent Freeman - Yesterday was the last day of school. They have hired a new Mental Health Counselor at the school. This person was employed at Naselle Youth Camp.

VI. NEXT MEETING

Date & Time: July 21, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

Location: Hope Center/Video - Hybrid