



Advisory Council

March 20, 2018 meeting notes

Council: Paul Childers, Mark Collier, Dave Fuller, Adrienne Fairbanks, Lawrence Neville, Bob Richardson, Stephanie Roise-Yamashita, John Roth, Marla Sanger, David Scott, Aru Undurti
Staff: Lydia Gherman, Jeff Harbison, Alan Melnick, Wolfe Roxanne
Guests: Chuck Harman, Joe Laxson

- (1) **WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS/APPROVAL OF MEETING NOTES** (*Adrienne*)
Adrienne opened the meeting and introductions. The Council reviewed the meeting notes from December 2017 and January 2018, however did not have a quorum and approved by email.
- (2) **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**
No comments.
- (3) **DEPARTMENT UPDATE** (*Public Health Staff*)
 - **Legislative updates:**
 - **Hirst** – *Chuck Harman*
Chuck gave a summary of the Hirst Decision Bill (ESSB 6091). Although the bill does not change how permit-exempt wells are approved in Clark County, it does acknowledge that permit exempt well approvals are allowed.
 - **Craft3** – *Chuck Harman*
Chuck described the Craft3 Clean Water Loan, also known as the Regional Loan Program. This loan is available to homeowners for failing septic systems and is income based. For more info: <https://www.craft3.org/Borrow/clean-water-loans>.
 - **Food Bills** – *Joe Laxson*
 - **House Bill 2639** – relates to exempting certain mobile food units from state and local regulations pertaining to commissaries or servicing areas (*passed legislature*).
 - **House Bill 2822** – relates to the definition and misrepresentation of service animals and prescribes penalties (*passed legislature*).
 - **Med Take-Back** – *Dr. Melnick*
 - **House Bill 1047** – relates to protecting the public’s health by creating a system for safe and secure collection and disposal of unwanted medications. This is a statewide uniform drug “take-back” program operated and funded by drug manufacturers (*passed legislature*).
 - **Opioids** – *Dr. Melnick*
 - **House Bill 2489** – relates to opioid use disorder treatment, prevention, and related services (*passed in the House but did not make it to Senate floor*).
 - **Crisis Standards of Care forum in Vancouver** – *Dr. Melnick*
Dr. Melnick announced a community meeting coming up, regarding allocation of scarce medical resources during disasters. PHAC members are encouraged to attend, participation is voluntary. Handout with additional information was passed out.

- **Budget update – Jeff Harbison**
Public Health is working on the 2019-2020 biennial budget which currently has a 2.5 million deficit to address, with the assumption that FPHS will continue beyond June 2019. CCPH will request up to 1.2 million from the Mental Health Sales Tax to fund Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP). The Environmental Public Health fees also need to be reviewed and adjusted if approved by the County Council. More information to come in the next couple of months and may need PHAC support.
- **Public Health Community Award update – Roxanne Wolfe**
 - The Nomination Committee will meet to review and discuss all nominations received.
 - The awards will be presented at the April 25 Clark County Board of health in the sixth-floor Hearing Room of the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin St.
- **Flu update – Dr. Melnick**
Dr. Melnick reported that we're still in the flu season. The numbers have been coming down since January but may continue for another month or so. It's not too late to get the flu shot.

(4) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE (Adrienne)

- **Bylaw proposed change: Article III, Membership, Section3:** changing language from *“Members, who miss three consecutive meetings, including committee meetings if assigned, may constitute cause to recommend replacement to the Board of Health”* to *“Members, who have three unexcused absences per calendar year, including committee meetings if assigned, may constitute cause to recommend replacement to the Board of Health.”*
 - Members will vote on recommendations at the next meeting (April 17).
 - Additional suggestions on updating verbiage around quorum to super majority will be continued at next meeting (April 17).
- **Minutes distribution**
 - For future meetings, will only print a handful, unless there is a need for more. Minutes are emailed prior to meeting.
- **PHAC meeting dates**
 - Proposed:
 - Meet December 4th to cover November and December meetings
 - Cancel June meeting

(5) PRESENTATION (John Roth)

- **Public Water Systems**
 - John described the community water systems, which serve 15 or more residential connections or 25 or more of the same people for 60 days or more a year.
 - Clark County has 25 community water systems.
 - Community systems are regulated by Washington State; smaller systems are regulated by the County (around 1,100).
 - Clark County Public Water Providers (6 largest):
 - City of Vancouver – 231,040 customers
 - Clark Public Utilities – 82,600 customers
 - City of Camas – 23,020 customers
 - City of Battle Ground – 16,710 customers
 - City of Washougal – 14,750 customers
 - City of Ridgefield – 4,931 customers
 - Clark County Total – 373,051 customers
 - Washington State enforces the Safe Drinking Water Act and EPA regulations. Treatment techniques, contaminant monitoring, reporting and operator certification are covered in the regulation. Annual

consumer reports are sent out.

- Community water system must have a licensed certified operator in direct responsible charge of daily operations.
- Basics of water system operation:
 - o Disinfect water supply; chlorination at wastewater treatment facilities.
 - o Don't run out of water; produce and deliver high quality water.
 - o Maintain pressure; moves or conveys water through miles of pipe, up hills and down valleys.
 - o Sample, test and observe; community water systems are closely monitored, sampled and reported.

(6) ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.