The Board convened in the Council’s Hearing Room, 6th Floor, Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, Washington. Board members Temple Lentz, John Blom, Gary Medvigy, and Eileen Quiring, Chair, present. Board member Julie Olson absent.

9:00 A.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA
Consent Agenda items will be considered together and will be approved on a single motion. Any person desiring to remove an item for separate consideration should so request before approval of the agenda.

There was no public testimony.

ACTION: Moved by board member Lentz to APPROVE the minutes for October 23, 2019. Board member Blom seconded the motion. All aye/motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Jennie Vaughn
2. Gordon Glockner
3. Karl Kanthak
4. Charvel Condon

PUBLIC HEALTH IN ACTION

- Recommendation from the Committee Reviewing Youth and Child Death in Clark County, presented by David Hudson, Health and Communities Program Manager, Public Health.

  Strategic Plan Priority: Ensure everyone has opportunities for healthy living
  Goals:
  Facilitate and support policies that address social, economic, and environmental causes of death.
  Reduce health disparities.

  Strategic Plan Priority: Ensure the community health system addresses prevention, equity, and the social determinants of health
  Goal:
  Promote policies and practices within the health system that support prevention and reduce health disparities.
DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Melnick updated the board on the following issues:

- Flu
- Vaping
- Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS) update

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Board member Medvigy referenced the public testimony and concerns raised by citizens during Public Comment about accurate immunization rates, the measles vaccine and autism.

Dr. Melnick talked about new legislation, effective August of 2020, whereby parents will have to provide verification of their child’s immunizations. That should help in terms of more accurate reporting. He also stated that the issue of MMR vaccinations causing autism has been debunked.

There was further discussion about the current data available on MMR rates, as well as statistics on deaths related to measles.

Meeting adjourned
Please Note: The Board of Health minutes are action minutes. Digital recordings can be provided upon request.