

**LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**  
**BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

October 11, 2021

1:30 p.m.

The Board of Health for Lewis County, Washington met in regular session on Monday, October 11, 2021, at 1:30 p.m. **COMMISSIONERS SEAN SWOPE and LINDSEY R. POLLOCK, DVM**, attended. **CHAIR POLLOCK** determined a quorum, called the meeting to order, and proceeded with the flag salute. Tailor Arrington read the ZOOM guidelines. Those present in the Hearing Room introduced themselves. Dr. Krager, joining by ZOOM, introduced himself. **COMMISSIONER SWOPE** moved to approve the Minutes from September 13, 2021, **COMMISSIONER POLLOCK** seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

**ATTENDEES:**

**County Staff:**

JP Anderson  
Dr. Steven Krager  
John Abplanalp  
Tailor Arrington  
Meja Handlen

Erik Martin  
Alison Puckett  
Becky Butler  
Austin Majors

**Community:**

Eric Rosane (The Chronicle)  
Nic Scott (KELA)  
Lisa Streidinger

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

None

**PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE**

**JP Anderson provided a Public Health update, including the following highlights:**

- Public Health and Social Services (PHSS) advisory board have voted and moved to recommend changes to the advisory board bylaws in accordance with RCW 70.46.140 and House Bill #1152.
- Recommended that the Board of Health (BOH) reviews the proposed bylaws and approves.
- Provided overview of what the RCW requires to be included in the new bylaws.

**Commissioner Pollock:** Requested time to review the proposed bylaws and will discuss the bylaws at the BOH meeting in November.

**JP continued:**

- Foundational Public Health Service dollars (FPHS) spending plan was approved, gave a brief overview of the spending plan.
- Provided a flood update on the Public Health building.

- Overview on high-level stress impact the community especially in youth age groups. Hopes to start youth led events. Has been collaborating with Lindsey Shankle to help facilitate these events.

**John Abplanalp provided a COVID19 update, including the following highlights:**

- A slideshow presentation to Board of Health (BOH) reviewing updated COVID19 data (cases, hospitalization, and vaccinations).
- Lewis County's COVID19 cases are higher than the state average but are no longer the highest compared to other counties in the state.
- Lewis County is on a downward trend for number of statewide hospitalizations due to COVID19.
- Provided a cumulative overview of the death rates by county in the state of Washington due to COVID19.
- Currently Lewis County administers 200 COVID19 immunization doses per day to residents.
- Lewis County is about 43% fully vaccinated for COVID19 compared to other counties in the state.

**Dr. Krager provided a Health Officer update, including the following highlights:**

- Sent his condolences for the passing of Commissioner Stamper.
- Hopes the downward COVID hospitalization trend continues to provide relief to our hospitals.
- Provided update on pediatric vaccinations (ages 5-12). It is possible there would be a vaccine for that age group by the end of the month.
- Acknowledged the mental health challenges across the state for youth and adults, supportive of a response that Public Health puts in place to help address these challenges.

**Commissioner Swope:** Requested that members of the public have access to information on what to do when they test COVID19 positive, vaccinated or unvaccinated. Specifically information on monoclonal antibody treatment.

**Dr. Krager:**

- Encourages members of the public to check with their provider once COVID19 positive on treatment steps.
- Public Health can provide information on the monoclonal antibody treatment, but cannot legally provide medical advice to a COVID19 positive patient.

**Commissioner Swope** moved to adjourn. **Commissioner Pollock** seconded, **Commissioner Pollock** adjourned.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:08 p.m., on Monday, October 11, 2021. The next public meeting will be held on Monday, November 8, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

Please note that minutes from the Board of Health meetings are not verbatim. A tape of this meeting is available.

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Lindsey R. Pollock, DVM, Chair

  
Sean D. Swope, Vice Chair

ATTEST:

  
Tailor Arrington, Clerk of the BOH

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Vacant, Member