

LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
BOARD OF HEALTH
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 8, 2021

1:30 p.m.

The Board of Health for Lewis County, Washington met in regular session on Monday, November 8, 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. **COMMISSIONER SWOPE** moved to approve the Minutes from October 11, 2021, **COMMISSIONER POLLOCK** seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

ATTENDEES:

County Staff:

JP Anderson	Tailor Arrington
Dr. Alan Melnick	Erik Martin
Dr. Steven Krager	Sara Sons
John Abplanalp	Becky Butler
Meja Handlen	Austin Majors
Bill Teitzel	Lindsey Shankle
Kati Conradi	Sherri Dokken
Marylynne Kostick	Alison Puckett
Laura Coppock	

Community:

Isabel (The Chronicle)
Lisa Streidinger
The Chronicle
Frank Corbin
Willie Painter (2:18 p.m.)

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Swope made a motion to approve the consent item, **Commissioner Pollock** seconded.

H. Res. #110821.1 - Health Officer Services Contract "Amendment One HDC.1575, between Clark County and Lewis County"

JP Anderson gave a quick summary of the amendment, which will add to the previous contract \$81,600 for 12 months. This increases the contract total to \$149,350 and will extend through December 31, 2022.

Commissioner Pollock called for a vote. Motion approved 2-0.

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

Dr. Alan Melnick and Dr. Steve Krager provided an update on Monoclonal Antibody Treatments, including the following highlights:

- FDA has issued an emergency use authorizing monoclonal antibody treatments.
- Provided information on what the treatment is, how treatments are administered, and who might be eligible for the treatment.
- This treatment can reduce the chance of hospitalization by up to 70%
- Gave an overview of the cost for treatment, and supply in Washington.

Group discussion took place regarding Fluvoxamine and the anti-viral properties of this medication. Fluvoxamine may come up later on in COVID19 treatments as more studies are completed.

Commissioner Swope requested information on the COVID19 booster vaccinations.

Dr. Krager provided the following information:

- There is no change in formulation for the booster; it is the same vaccine.
- Moderna is a half dose volume.
- Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson are the same dose.
- You can mix and match these vaccines.
- There is no data yet on if a fully vaccinated individual who has had COVID-19 needs a booster.

Group discussion took place regarding antibodies, natural immunity, and COVID-19 booster needs.

JP provided a review on the proposed Public Health and Social Services (PHSS) Advisory Board bylaws. If the Board of Health (BOH) is not ready to pass the recommended bylaws yet, then it is encouraged that the bylaws are approved prior to the New Year.

Commissioner Swope: Requested time to review the proposed bylaws, to clarify some questions, and will discuss the bylaws at the BOH meeting in December.

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

- Plans for new staff in Environmental Health.
- Would like to start a rotation with the programs in Public Health and Social Services providing annual updates to the BOH.

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 still slightly higher than the state average but we are consistently decreasing.
- Lewis County is starting to plateau in numbers of hospitalizations due to COVID19.
- Compared age group hospitalization rates to vaccinated and not vaccinated Lewis County residents.
- Provided a cumulative overview of the death rates by county in the state of Washington due to COVID19.
- Lewis County has about 1,400 more fully vaccinated individuals compared to last month's data.

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

- Provided update and information on pediatric vaccinations (ages 5-11). These vaccines were approved under emergency use operations.
- Highly encourages all vaccinations (including COVID19) for the pediatric group.
- Gave a brief overview of Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome and other long-term effects in children from COVID19.
- Reviewed results on the Pfizer vaccine trials for children with an emphasis on the findings of myocarditis or other adverse events.

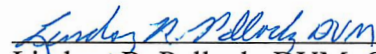
Commissioner Swope moved to adjourn. **Commissioner Pollock** seconded, **Commissioner Pollock** adjourned.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m., on Monday,

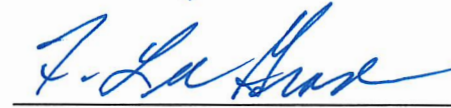
November 8, 2021. The next public meeting will be held on Monday, December 13, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

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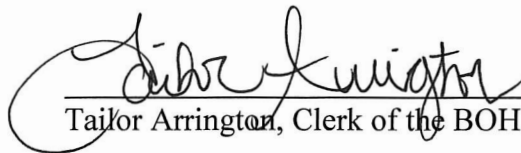
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Sean D. Swope, Vice Chair


F. Lee Grose, Member

ATTEST:


Tailor Arrington, Clerk of the BOH