

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

December 13, 2021

**1:30 p.m.**

The Board of Health for Lewis County, Washington met in regular session on Monday, December 13, 2021, at 1:30 p.m. **COMMISSIONERS SEAN SWOPE, F. LEE GROSE, AND LINDSEY R. POLLOCK, DVM**, attended. **CHAIR POLLOCK** determined a quorum, called the meeting to order, and proceeded with the flag salute. The ZOOM guidelines were bypassed. **COMMISSIONER SWOPE** moved to approve the Minutes from November 8, 2021, **COMMISSIONER GROSE** seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**ATTENDEES:**

**County Staff:**

JP Anderson	Taylor Arrington
Dr. Steven Krager	Lindsey Shankle
Meja Handlen	Austin Majors
Erik Martin	Sherri Dokken
Marylynne Kostick	Alison Puckett
Laura Coppock	Katie Conradi

**Community:**

Eric Rosane (The Chronicle)  
Nic Scott (KELA)  
IPhone  
Jared Wenzelburger (The Chronicle)  
Dale Pullen

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**Guest presentation from Hope Alliance's Chris Camenzind – Rescheduled to January 10, 2022**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Commissioner Swope** made a motion to approve the consent items, **Commissioner Grose** seconded.

H. Res #121321.1 Approve Amendment #23 to the Consolidated Contract, #CLH18251, Between Lewis County and Washington State Department of Health.

**JP Anderson** gave a summary of the amendment, which has an increase of \$769,694 for a total of \$8,587,869. This amends the COVID-19 Coordinated Response, Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS), and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program-Education.

Group discussion took place on the details of the resolution focusing mainly on use of the FPHS funds, and the allocations of the dollars prior to COVID19 and post COVID19. Questions were also asked regarding contract timeline, budgeting, and how amendments might be like moving forward.

H. Res #121321.2 Approve New Consolidated Contract, #CLH31017 between Lewis County and Washington State Department of Health.

**JP** provided a brief summary of this contract with the State Department of Health to continue through 2022.

H. Res #121321.3 Approving the Proposed Bylaws That Govern Lewis County Public Health and Social Services (PHSS) Advisory Board.

*The Advisory Board was established August 8, 2011, per Resolution 11-252.*

JP recommended adopting the language for the new bylaws recently updated by the state.

Commissioner Pollock called for a vote on the listed consent items. Motion approved 3-0.

## PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

**JP provided information regarding the Public Health and Social Services member reappointments and recruitments:**

- Announced Nancy Keaton's resignation and Matt Patten's plans to retire in 2022
- Need to recruit for an Early Childhood Education, Behavioral Health, and an additional "At Large" position. Plans to start advertising for those positions soon.
- Captain Christopher Tawes, Jami Lund, Lorrie Davis agreed to reappointment and continue serving.
- The board agreed to six total positions – three reappoints, two replacements, and one new position.

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

- End of the year budgeting overview with Fiscal and canceled the end of the year Public Health potluck.
- Welcomed a new staff member – Ashleigh Lindh Customer Service Representative
- Brief Housing Summit overview
- Youth Behavioral Health continues to reach out to students throughout the county, helping these students voice their needs and responding efficiently.

**John Abplanalp** was absent; there was no COVID19 presentation update today.

Brief group discussion took place regarding the Lakeview Inn quarantine center, and the State Department of Health's planned departure.

**Commissioner Swope:** Requested an update on the efficacy of viral antibodies and if there were any updates on natural immunity.

**Dr. Krager:** Still unknown data on antibodies in response to immunity, the new variant will affect also data

Group discussion took place on the severity of the new COVID19 variant, Omicron, and how members of the public are affected. This conversation created segue into Dr. Krager's Health Officer Update.

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

- COVID19 Omicron variant; severity, and infection rate.
- Immunity from previous infection and vaccination immunity may play a role in the variant being less severe.
- More updates to come as data is received, many answers are still unknown.

Continued group discussion took place on the Lakeview Inn quarantine center. Topics like services to Lewis County residents, cost concerns on use of the facility space, economic impact, and future partnerships with the State Department of Health took place.

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

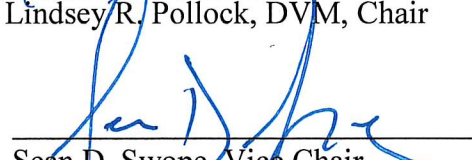
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:16 p.m., on Monday, December 13, 2021. The next public meeting will be held on Monday, January 10, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

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

ATTEST:

  
Sean D. Swope, Vice Chair

  
Tailor Arrington, Clerk of the BOH

  
F. Lee Grose, Member