

## Meeting Notes

### Public Health Advisory Council of Snohomish County

May 22, 2019 | 7:45-9:15 a.m. | Snohomish Health District | Conf. Room 309  
3020 Rucker Ave., Everett, WA 98201

#### Members present:

**Jiho Bryson**, The Everett Clinic  
**Jeff Clarke**, Alderwood Water and Wastewater District  
**Amy Beth Cook**, Lake Stevens School District  
**Lisa George**, PRMCE  
**Robert Goetz**, Snoh. Regional Drug Task Force  
**Brent Hackney**, Brent Hackney Designs  
**Patricia Love**, City of Stanwood  
**Korey MacKenzie**, Diamond Knot Alehouse (Vice Chair)  
**Alicia McQuen**, Tulalip Health System  
**Martha Peppones**, Homage Senior Services  
**Sid Roberts**, The Roberts Group (Chair)  
**Tové Skaftun**, Community Health Centers

#### Staff Present:

Jeff Ketchel  
Mark Beatty  
Heather Thomas  
Nicole Thomsen  
Linda Carl

**Members not present:** **Jason Biermann**, Snoh. County DEM; **Lark Kesterke**, United Way; **Tony Mace**, Paine Field Fire Department; **Kevin O'Brien**, Lake Stevens Fire Department; **Jim Welsh**, ChildStrive

**Guests:** Midori Larrabee, Chief Medical Officer and Hospitalist Medical Director, EvergreenHealth Monroe; Tamie Kellogg and Jay Watson, Principals, Kellogg/Watson

*Recording Secretary: Linda Carl, Executive Assistant*

The meeting was called to order at 7:46 a.m.

#### Approval of meeting notes

It was moved by Mr. Brent Hackney and seconded by Mr. Jeff Clarke to approve the minutes from the March 27, 2019, meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Special Business

Dr. Jiho Bryson and Ms. Martha Peppones were recognized for their service on the PHAC. Ms. Peppones has been on the council since 2010, and Dr. Bryson has been on since 2012. Both received certificates of appreciation. They are stepping down at the end of their terms on June 30.

Ms. Nicole Thomsen introduced Dr. Midori Larrabee who is the Chief Medical Officer and Hospitalist Medical Director at EvergreenHealth Monroe. Dr. Larrabee will fill the medical professionals sector that Dr. Bryson is vacating once the Board approves the appointment at its June meeting.

#### Updates

##### *Washington State legislative session*

Ms. Heather Thomas reported that of the \$296M requested for statewide Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS), \$22M of ongoing funding per biennium was included in the House budget. This amount will

be split among the State Board of Health, local health jurisdictions, and the Tribes. Half of this amount is tied to the vaping tax. Additional information on the legislative session is provided in the packet.

#### *Measles cases in Snohomish County*

At the last meeting, the PHAC discussed MMR vaccinations and exemptions for school-age children. As a follow-up, Ms. Thomsen noted that this item was tabled and is not in front of the Board of Health at this time.

Dr. Mark Beatty reported that there have been additional cases of measles in the state including one adolescent in Snohomish County. Several infected individuals passed through SeaTac Airport on the morning on April 25. There have been more outbreaks around the country. The cases here are not related to the Clark County outbreak. In Clark County, the cost so far is \$1.2M. General awareness letters recently went to all school districts in the county. North Creek Elementary received a letter specific to their school; 10-12 students there have no vaccinations, and 6-7 have just one dose. However, LabCorp, which does testing, provided conflicting test results.

Generally, if someone has documentation of two doses of MMR, they are likely to be immune; however, one-dose vaccinations given after 1964 may not be valid. Since the mid-1990s, the two-dose vaccine is recommended. The first dose is 93-95% effective, and it takes 2-3 weeks for the vaccine to be fully effective. Currently, guidelines are vague on if a second dose is needed if there's no outbreak. Guidelines are different for healthcare workers.

#### **Briefings**

##### *Strategic planning*

Ms. Tamie Kellogg and Mr. Jay Watson are the strategic planning consultants hired by the Board. They're in the "research & engagement phase," and so far have met with the Board's Executive Committee and Health District leadership. They're planning a work session with the full Board later this summer in which they'll discuss critical issues. They shared their timeline, which includes completion by the end of the year. The strategic plan will address the broad issue of where the agency is going in the next five years, and they asked for PHAC input on critical issues in their community sectors.

Ms. Kellogg facilitated a "popcorn" style discussion where she encouraged PHAC members to randomly state issues out loud while Mr. Watson recorded the information. She asked the PHAC to consider what's important and what the Health District should focus on in the coming years.

Some themes mentioned by the PHAC were technology, funding, communications, and partnerships. Ms. Thomsen will send Mr. Watson's email to the PHAC in case there are other ideas/suggestions they'd like to share. For instance, are there any projects or policies in the community that are doing well, and are there other community partners they should talk to?

#### **Adjournment**

The next meeting of the PHAC is July 24.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.