



**PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, May 10, 2023**

**THIS MEETING WAS CONDUCTED BY REMOTE PARTICIPATION.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Christina Wagar, Kamori Cattadoris, Mary Selecky, Wes McCart, Nancy Churchill, Mike Martinoli, Dr. Leslie Waters

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Dr. Artzis, Katie Swain, Debra Wulff, Cheri Petersen

**GUESTS:** Shelly Nelson

**NETCHD STAFF PRESENT:** Jeanie Beegle, Jon Ness, Matt Schanz, Sonja Moore

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Christina Wagar called the meeting to order at 8:05am.

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF APRIL 12, 2023:** Mary Selecky moved, and Leslie Waters seconded the motion to approve the minutes of April 12, 2023. Motion carries.

**PUBLIC APPEARANCES OR COMMENTS:** None.

**ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO AGENDA:** None.

**COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CHIP):** Sonja Moore shared the finalized priorities for Stevens, Ferry, and Pend Oreille County.

Kamori Cattadoris said that she has received suggestions from the community throughout her interactions with the public and asked how best to share those with NETCHD.

Sonja commented that while there are identified priorities within each county that will not be chosen to move through the CHIP process with NETCHD due to their scope, she welcomed other agencies and community partners to take what we have learned through the community health needs assessment to begin their own efforts.

Mike Martinoli stated that Rural Resources hosted interdisciplinary meetings pre-pandemic for community partners to collaborate; these will resume in the next few months. In addition, he is training a care coordinator for their district to connect patients with resources.

Nancy Churchill asked if the CHIP plan and results will be presented to the Board of Health.

Matt Schanz stated that following each CHIP, the results are shared with the Commissioners, as well as shared broadly with community partners and groups once completed.

**CAMP HEALTH AND SAFETY PROGRAM:** NETCHD has worked with camps over the years to ensure camps meet health and safety standards for drinking water, wastewater disposal, food handling, disease outbreaks, pools and more. He stated there are additional rules that regulate how many beds and

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bathrooms camps can safely have. He has extended an open invitation to camps in our area to offer an evaluation of their facilities regarding this rule, however, the rule does not direct or give NETCHD the authority to do these evaluations unless requested, meaning there is no oversight unless the camp independently reaches out to NETCHD. The camp's director is responsible for meeting the rules and properly registering their camp.

Leslie Waters and Christina Wagar asked how a parent would know if the camp their child is going to has been inspected and is abiding by the appropriate regulations.

Matt Schanz stated that camps who properly register with NETCHD could provide a list of their services and facility information, which would assist families in their decision-making when selecting a camp. This information would also assist NETCHD in reaching out to camps with missing or lacking health and safety components and working with those camps to address those issues.

**FRED HUTCH GRANT OVERVIEW:** Stevens County has maintained a donation-based gas voucher program over the years to supply gas vouchers to those undergoing cancer treatment outside of the area. In recent BOH and PHAB meetings, interest was expressed in having this program expand to cover all three counties; however, since it is funded strictly by donations in Stevens County, it was difficult to meet the need in the other two counties. NETCHD reached out to Fred Hutch Cancer Center to learn about grant opportunities through the Washington State Department of Health and University of Washington, and sought funding for \$15k to expand the program to cover all three counties. NETCHD is currently working on processes for rolling out this program to the other counties.

Sonja Moore stated the program will transition from using the paper vouchers to using fuel cards. In addition, to ensure the amount offered is meaningful for participants, for every 30-mile increment to be travelled for treatment, participants will receive a \$50 fuel card.

Leslie Waters mentioned electric vehicles may be a consideration for the future, where covering the cost of a charging station may need to be factored into the program. She asked what happened to the Relay for Life event that was previously held in Colville, but that has not been active for several years.

Matt stated it lacked volunteers; this was how the fuel voucher program was funded previously.

Christina Wagar stated a Relay for Life event in Newport will occur in August 2023.

**CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT (CNA) TESTING CENTER SITE:** NETCHD is working to establish Credentia testing sites for CNAs, however, there are limited options for facilities in the area that have both the bandwidth and the appropriate facilities for such a site. Testing sites require a proctor and many components of the room must mimic that of a hospital room, including physical items such as an adjustable bed with side rails, compliant bathroom, and more.

Mike Martinoli stated this program would help those that are not already affiliated with/employed by a clinic or hospital that provides in-house testing, and would allow individuals to complete the testing independently without needing to travel outside the area. Currently, those not already affiliated or employed must travel several hours outside of the tri-county area and pay out of pocket for hotel, gas, food, and various other travel expenses in addition to the application fee which varies from \$250 - \$300.

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Mike Martinoli commented that Ferry County Memorial Hospital offers the program every three months; they have adopted the state-recommended program. The hospital may be able to offer their compliant room for other individuals throughout the tri-county area. He mentioned one of the many barriers is that internal staff can't serve as the proctor.

Dr. Leslie Waters asked if there would be an opportunity for collaboration with Providence Mount Carmel; compatible rooms may be available that already have the necessary set up and bathroom requirements.

Debra Wulff asked who is taking lead on the CNA testing site project.

Mike Martinoli offered to take the lead and collaborate with Providence Mount Carmel, Department of Health, and others to facilitate.

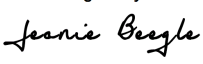
**PHAB MEMBER SERVICE TERMS:** Matt Schanz stated when the PHAB was first established in June 2022, the terms were staggered in order to ensure PHAB members did not reach term ends simultaneously. He said PHAB members whose terms are ending can extend their term if desired. However, he stated that the bylaws indicate at the BOH's last meeting of the calendar year, new advisory board members will be approved and appointed/reappointed. PHAB members with terms coming to a close include Katie Swain, Dr. Caleb Holtzer, and Dr. Leslie Waters. Since Dr. Holtzer has vacated the position, now occupied by Debra Wulff, there is no term ending for Ferry County currently.


Dr. Leslie Waters stated she is interested in continuing. Katie Swain was absent from the meeting.

**OPIOID DATA PRESENTATION:** Following presentations by Dr. Holtzer and Molly Corvino, Nancy Churchill suggested NETCHD host a presentation on opiates and their impact for the public. The presentation is tentatively scheduled to occur remotely in June 2023; it will be recorded and shared across multiple platforms. Due to confidentiality laws and small population sizes within our communities, data on opiate deaths and overdoses cannot be shared.

Mike Martinoli offered to have providers available during the presentation to answer questions and to facilitate discussion. In addition, opioid prevention packets and direct resources are available that contain county-specific information.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Christina Wagar adjourned the meeting at 9:01am. The next meeting of the Public Health Advisory Board of Northeast Tri County Health District will be on June 14, 2023 by remote participation.

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