BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
Friday, October 19, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Don Dashiell, Elbert Koontz, Steve Parker, John Ridlington, Karen Skoog

MEMBERS PRESENT TELEPHONICALLY: Johanna Exner, Steve Kiss

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mike Blankenship, Shirley Sands

STAFF PRESENT: Sam Artzis, M.D., Molly Corvino, Judy Hutton, Kelly LeCaire, Matt Schanz, Logan Worley

GUEST: Mary Selecky

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Chair Karen Skoog called the meeting to order at 9:03 A.M. A quorum was present.

INTRODUCTIONS: Introductions were made by all.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES: No public appearances were pre-registered.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

CONTRACT FOR SERVICES BETWEEN PROVIDENCE NORTHEAST WASHINGTON MEDICAL GROUP (HUB) AND NORTHEAST TRI COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT (SPOKE) FOR HEALTH RESOURCES RELATED TO OPIOID ADDICTION AND RECOVERY: Matt Schanz provided a brief recap of the discussion from the Board of Health (BOH) meeting on September 19, 2018. The sub-committee met with Dr. Caleb Holtzer and reviewed the contract in more detail. The sub-committee recommended bringing this before the BOH for consideration.

Karen asked for feedback from BOH members and/or their boards/councils. Steve Parker said the Stevens County Commissioners agreed this is a program that is worth pursuing, instituting, and monitoring for effectiveness. He noted that responsibilities primarily are with Providence Northeast Washington Medical Group (PNEWMG) and Northeast Tri County Health District (NETCHD) will be funded through this contract.

Steve Parker moved, and Elbert Koontz seconded the motion to authorizing Matt Schanz to sign the contract between Northeast Tri County Health District and Providence Northeast Washington Medical Group. NETCHD would be a subcontractor to PNEWMG to address the opiate crisis in the tri-county area.

Steve P. asked Logan Worley if he had any issues with the contract. Logan said he did not.
Karen Skoog was recently at a conference held at the White House in Washington, D.C. where Kellyanne Conway was speaking about opioids and the many things needing to be addressed, including workforce development, jobs program, housing, etc. John Ridlington talked about why this is such a problem now, and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) changing regulations on opioids and over prescribing by doctors. Dr. Artzis said prescription habits are being changed by the federal government and he thinks it will get better. Dr. Artzis noted that there are people that have pain and pain medicine is not bad when used appropriately.

Mary Selecky said this is one of the first times she has ever seen this number of agencies come together as a professional level of health. Mary noted that this is also prevention work, not just the fix-it work. Matt Schanz talked about efforts that will be occurring with all three (3) counties. Steve Parker said jails are the weakness and due to laws, the county is responsible for medical care for someone as soon as they are incarcerated. Because of that, the jails can’t be part of this network. Steve P. would like to find a way for this to be changed. Matt agreed that it is very important for jails to somehow be included.

Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Board Chair Karen Skoog adjourned the meeting at 9:30 A.M. The next regular meeting of the Board of Health of Northeast Tri County Health District will be on Wednesday, November 21, 2018 in Stevens County.

Respectfully submitted,

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Samuel A. Artzis, M.D., Health Officer

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Kelly D. LeCaire, Executive Secretary

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Karen Skoog, Chair