

**KITSAP PUBLIC HEALTH BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Special Meeting (virtual)
May 27, 2020**

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair, Mayor Rob Putaansuu at 1:01 p.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

The May 27 consent agenda included the following contracts:

- 1749 Amendment 15 (2076), *Washington State Department of Health, Consolidated Contract*

Commissioner Charlotte Garrido moved and Commissioner Rob Gelder seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda, including the Contracts Update and Warrant and Electronic Funds Transfer Registers. The motion was approved unanimously.

CHAIR COMMENTS

Mayor Putaansuu said the City of Port Orchard unanimously passed a resolution on May 26 in full support of the Health Board's action item today.

HEALTH OFFICER/ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Keith Grellner, Administrator, shared a presentation regarding Covid-19 in Kitsap County and Phase 2 of Governor Inslee's "Safe Start" plan. The Health District accepted public comment, regarding a variance application to move from Phase 1 to Phase 2 more quickly, through a variety of methods and received almost 1,000 comments through noon on May 27. Nearly 84% of commenters expressed that they were in favor of Kitsap County applying for the Phase 2 Variance; 12% were opposed and 4% were unsure or did not state their position.

Mr. Grellner shared the Health District's new Kitsap County COVID-19 Risk Assessment Dashboard, which mirrors the state's dashboard, measures data required to apply for a variance from the Governor's "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" order. Mr. Grellner offered to share this dashboard in more detail at the June 2 meeting. Commissioner Gelder said that would be appreciated.

Next, Mr. Grellner explained the differences of Phase 2 versus Phase 1, which include gradual lifting of some limitations like dine-in food service, gathers of five or fewer people, hair and nail salons, and more.

Dr. Susan Turner, Health Officer, reminded the Board that the SARS-CoV-2 virus which causes the COVID-19 illness, has only been in Kitsap for three months. She said much is still unknown about the virus and information evolves constantly. The presence of COVID-19 in Kitsap County

is evidenced by ongoing identification of positive cases, and especially the positive case identified at a long-term care facility, which threatened a facility-wide outbreak. Due to the inherent risk of the individuals involved, an outbreak at a long-term care facility would overwhelm the health system in Kitsap. The Health District is monitoring this case and the facility during the incubation period through May 28. She said statewide limitations have made a big impact on the spread of disease in Kitsap County, but have also caused some negative impacts such as isolation, deprivation, and fear. However, she noted that the social limitations have also resulted in community-wide demonstrations of compassion, commitment and solidarity to reduce the spread of infection.

Dr. Turner explained the pros and concerns of transition from Phase 1 to Phase 2. She reminded the Board that moving to Phase 2 does not mean the county is “reopening”—Kitsap will not be re-opening, but instead moving forward into a new way of living.

Pros:

- More people back to work
- More businesses open
- More recreational opportunities
- Economic improvements
- *Personal responsibility increases*

Concerns:

- Increased travel to Kitsap
- Testing supply chains still sporadic
- PPE supply chains still sporadic
- Limited enforcement on violators
- No vaccines or antivirals yet
- Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions (NPI) need to continue/improve
- *Personal responsibility increases*

Commissioner Garrido asked how we will manage community-wide activities. Mr. Grellner directed the Board to the Governor’s guidance for businesses and individuals (link located in Board packet). Additionally, Mr. Grellner shared that the Kitsap County Emergency Operations Center has created the Kitsap County Pathway to Recovery Playbook to help businesses and individuals understand their roles in the transition to phase 2.

Mr. Grellner reviewed the application process steps leading up to this meeting and, pending Board approval, next steps.

Dr. Turner said, as the Kitsap Public Health Officer, absent an outbreak at the long term care facility mentioned earlier in the next 24 hours, she recommends the Kitsap Public Health Board

request a state variance to move Kitsap County from Phase 1 to all Phase 2 modifications of the Governor's "Safe Start" plan.

Commissioner Ed Wolfe thanked the Health Officer, Health District, Department of Emergency Management and the healthcare community for their tireless work combating the COVID-19 virus in the community. He said due to their work and the commitment of the community, our numbers of positive cases in Kitsap have been a fraction of cases seen in other areas of the state, though sadly, we experienced two deaths. He noted how impressive this feat is while our largest employer, the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, continues to operate every day. He said that while we must continue to focus on the health implications of COVID-19, with fewer than 10 cases in May, it is time to discuss moving to phase 2. He believes that our case numbers, health capacity and commitment to the community show that Kitsap is ready to begin to reopen. He said our citizens understand what they must do to prevent future outbreaks and should be given the chance to demonstrate that and allowed to open their businesses following health protocols.

Councilmember Kol Medina made a motion to take public comment before taking action. He said he would prefer to hear what the public thinks before moving forward with this item.

Mayor Greg Wheeler seconded the motion and said the public should have an opportunity to weigh in so long as there is still adequate time at the end of the meeting to take action.

The motion to change the order of the agenda to accept public comment prior to taking action on the Phase 2 application was approved unanimously.

Mayor Becky Erickson had several questions:

1. Will the Health District notify the Health Board immediately once word of approval or denial of our application is received from the state?
 - a. Mr. Grellner confirmed that he would contact the Board members as soon as any information was received.
2. Page 6 of the application states the amount of testing being conducted in Kitsap County is currently at 6% of our current testing capacity. Does the Health District envision changing those protocols from only testing individuals who are symptomatic?
 - a. Dr. Turner explained that the survey found this percentage indicated a theoretical and projected number of tests per day that providers had the ability to provide. She noted that the volume of tests conducted hasn't reduced as much as staff thought it would. She said the positive test numbers are low, which may indicate fewer symptomatic people, though there is not a good way to know that for sure. She said the Health District has not yet widely pushed messaging to the public to seek testing if they are only mildly ill (in contradistinction to original notification to only seek if extremely ill), though this messaging has been distributed to the healthcare community. She said the Health District plans to start releasing messaging to the public, in accordance with new Washington State Department of Health (DOH) guidance, that individuals can now seek testing for mild illness.

3. If the application is approved, can Dr. Turner and Mr. Grellner ask Dr. Weisman what we need to do to move to Phase 3?
 - a. Mr. Grellner said that, as he understands it, the Governor and the Secretary of Health are preparing a similar mechanism to the Phase 2 application. The Phase 3 application will likely build from this application. Board members can expect to see some information in the next week or two.

Councilmember Medina said one thing that is unclear about Phase 2 is physical distancing guidance in regard to groups of five or fewer allowed. He asked what the guidance is for going to the home of a friend, versus the guidance regarding outdoor recreation activities and social distancing in public. Dr. Turner said she has not seen any guidance specific to this but groups of five or fewer will be allowable once per week. She said the Kitsap County Joint Information Center, in collaboration with the Health District, will develop messaging about concerns like this one and how to do activities safely moving forward.

Councilmember Medina said the City of Bainbridge Island has received requests to pass an ordinance requiring face masks downtown Winslow inside and outside, especially in the summer months when the downtown area is usually flooded with tourists. He asked if Dr. Turner had any thoughts on this.

Dr. Turner said she doesn't have an opinion on Bainbridge Island passing such an ordinance. She emphasized the importance of implementing social distancing measures; masks are an added layer of protection but should not negate the use of other distancing measures. She said moving to Phase 2 means increasing personal responsibility to maintain social distancing and use all other safety measures. She said, as long as other spacing methods are emphasized, the council could certainly consider requiring masks.

Mayor Wheeler said, if possible, he would like to hear public comment from both sides (in favor or opposed of applying for the variance). Councilmember Medina agreed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Monica Wood introduced herself as a physician and surgeon. Ms. Wood said this meeting was widely advertised and she posted the meeting agenda and links on multiple sites and social media pages and strongly encouraged people to provide public comment to the Kitsap Public Health Board before this meeting.

Kristina (no last name) said she would like the Board to save money and move to Phase 3 faster by not using extra funding and resources by stalling before applying. She added that we should be careful not to shame people without face coverings because we do not know everyone's personal health. Lastly, she asked the board to be mindful of mental health in the community through all of this.

Lina Docken asked how long after Kitsap County is approved will Phase 2 be in effect and businesses can reopen. Mr. Grellner said the county will be in Phase 2 effective immediately,

once the application is approved by the state. He said the Health District will inform the Board members and the public immediately after receiving notification from the state.

A woman representing Agate Pass Fitness thanked the state, Board and Health District for making the effort to keep individuals safe and healthy, but she said, at this point, businesses are not healthy. She asked the Board to strongly consider reopening fitness centers and moving through phases as quickly as possible. She said her fitness center will follow all safety guidelines to keep employees and members safe. Lastly, she said that physical health is important to staying healthy and recovering from the virus.

Brenda Kelley said she personally knew the first person to pass away from COVID-19 in Kitsap County, which has been heart wrenching. She said she has multiple grandparents living in Kitsap County and the fear of COVID-19 is real. She said family has come together to support them during this time and hopes everyone in Kitsap has done the same. Ms. Kelley explained that she is in charge of marketing outreach for Visit Kitsap Peninsula. As businesses are beginning to open up, she wanted to take the opportunity let everyone know that they can have their business listed for free on Visit Kitsap Peninsula's webpage. Visit Kitsap Peninsula supports local businesses and has resources on their website for promoting and restarting tourism. Lastly, she said the first marketing initiative from Visit Kitsap Peninsula after COVID-19 is called "Be a hometown tourist" and will feature local attractions and events.

Rick Soper said he is working with the Silverdale Chamber of Commerce. He said, on behalf of businesses, the Chamber supports moving to Phase 2, but also wants to move toward Phases 3 and 4 as quickly as possible. He asked that timelines for moving forward in these phases be provided.

There was no further public comment.

RESOLUTION 2020-04, APPROVING THE RECOMMENDATION OF KITSAP PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER TO REQUEST A STATE VARIANCE TO MOVE KITSAP COUNTY FROM PHASE 1 TO ALL PHASE 2 MODIFICATIONS OF THE GOVERNOR'S "SAFE START" PLAN KITSAP COUNTY

Commissioner Gelder said Commissioner Wolfe did a great job encapsulating the work done by the community, the Health District, Emergency Operations Center, etc... in his statement. Commissioner Gelder thanked each community member who has stepped up to the challenge to stay home and keep Kitsap safe. He said our community's ability to be successful in keeping COVID-19 from spreading while the county reopens is dependent on each and every one of us. He said our work is not done.

Commissioner Garrido said this is an important conversation to have. She said the County has a good plan from the Emergency Operations Center and good guidance from the Health District for moving forward cautiously. She said it's time to look at Phase 2 and beyond, and what guidelines will be expected at that time. She said we should measure our level of success as we

move forward and send out information needed to help the community understand their role moving forward.

Mayor Putaansuu said our data supports this important decision, and he would like to see our businesses reopen. He emphasized Dr. Turner's guidance to stay home when sick and practice social distancing. He said moving to phase 3 will be data driven and it is up to all of us to keep the numbers of positive cases down.

Mayor Wheeler thanked the members of the public who provided public comment before and during the meeting. He said they have helped shaped the Board members' decisions and that this has been a thorough, thoughtful and deliberate process. He said he makes his decisions on this issue based on the interest of public health but noted that a healthy economy is an important piece of that. If the tradeoff to open the economy is an unchecked virus spread, he is not comfortable with that. He said we should move forward one step at a time and that we will be measured and looking at Phase 3. He said our community should cautiously celebrate this milestone and reset our goals to the next step. He said he would like to thank the Board, Health District and Emergency Operations Center for their hard work on this.

Councilmember Medina said he echoes many of the comments the Board members made today but said he will be voting "no" on this resolution. He emphasized the fantastic job done by the Health District and Emergency Operations Center. He said his role on the Health Board is to represent Bainbridge Island. He said he believes moving to Phase 2 is the right choice for the county as a whole, but not for Bainbridge Island. He said, when thinking of his constituents, the median age on Bainbridge Island is eight years older than the rest of the county; the majority of the population on the island is over 52 years old. Every summer, downtown Bainbridge Island receives a large influx of people from Seattle which is a huge concern to Bainbridge Island. He said his constituents would not like to put any more Bainbridge Islanders at risk of death.

Mayor Erickson said she would like to move this vote forward with the caveat that the Health District informs Board members immediately of status of application and any guidance to move forward if there are any concerns with our application. She said part of protecting health is protecting mental health.

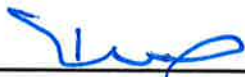
Commissioner Wolfe moved and Mayor Erickson seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2020-04, Approving the Recommendation of Kitsap Public Health Officer to Request a State Variance to Move Kitsap County from Phase 1 to All Phase 2 Modifications of the Governor's "Safe Start" Plan.

Mayors Erickson, Putaansuu and Wheeler, and Commissioners Garrido and Gelder and Wolfe, voted yea. Councilmember Medina voted nay. There were no abstentions. The motion was approved 6 to 1.

There was no further comment.

ADJOURN

There was no further business; the meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m.



Robert Putaansuu
Kitsap Public Health Board



Keith Grellner
Administrator

Board Members Present: *Mayor* Becky Erickson; *Commissioner* Charlotte Garrido; *Commissioner* Robert Gelder; *Councilmember* Kol Medina; *Mayor* Robert Putaansuu; *Mayor* Greg Wheeler; *Commissioner* Ed Wolfe.

Board Members Absent: *None.*

Community Members Present: Attached

Staff Present: Amy Anderson, *Public Health Educator, Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response*; Gus Bell, *Public Health Nurse, Communicable Disease*; Angie Berger, *Administrative Assistant, Administration*; Windie Borja, *Secretary Clerk 2, Support Services*; Ashley Duren, *Social Worker, HIV Case Management*; April Fisk, *Program Coordinator, Contracts Manager, Public Records & Safety Officer, MAC, Administration*; Keith Grellner, *Administrator, Administration*; Grant Holdcroft, *Program Manager, Pollution Identification and Correction*; Karen Holt, *Program Manager, Human Resources*; Dayna Katula, *Manager, Food and Living Environment*; Lyndsey Kellum, *Community Liaison, Chronic Disease Prevention*; John Kiess, *Director, Environmental Health Division*; Siri Kushner, *Assistant Director, Community Health Division*; Melissa Laird, *Manager, Accounting and Finance*; Nicole McNamara, *Community Liaison, Chronic Disease Prevention*; Newton Morgan, *Senior Environmental Health Specialist, Water Pollution Identification and Correction*; Carin Onarheim, *Disease Intervention Specialist, Communicable Disease*; Beth Phipps, *Public Health Nurse Supervisor, Communicable Disease*; Debbie Rassa, *Public Health Nurse, Communicable Disease*; Susan Turner, MD, *Health Officer*.

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