

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES

May 21, 2020

Jefferson County Public Health, 615 Sheridan Street, Port Townsend WA 98368

Board Members

Pamela Adams, Vice Chair, Port Townsend City Council
Greg Brotherton, County Commissioner, District #3
Kate Dean, County Commissioner District #1
Kees Kolff, Public Hospital District #2 Commissioner
Denis Stearns, Citizen at large
David Sullivan, County Commissioner, District #2
Sheila Westerman, Chair, Citizen at large

Staff Members

Michael Dawson, Water Quality Manager
Vicki Kirkpatrick, Public Health Director
Thomas Locke, Health Officer
Apple Martine, Community Health Director
Pinky Mingo, Interim Env. Public Health Director
Veronica Shaw, Public Health Deputy Director

Chair Sheila Westerman called the May 21, 2020 meeting of the Jefferson County Board of Health to order at 2:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

Members Present: Pamela Adams, Greg Brotherton, Kate Dean, Kees Kolff, Denis Stearns, David Sullivan, Sheila Westerman

Staff Present: Michael Dawson, Vicki Kirkpatrick, Thomas Locke, Apple Martine, Pinky Mingo, Veronica Shaw

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Shelia Westerman asked for approval of the agenda for May 21, 2020.

Member Kees Kolff motioned to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Pamela Adams. No further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chair Pamela Adams asked for approval of the minutes for the April 16, 2020 BOH meeting.

Member Kate Dean motioned to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by member Greg Brotherton. No further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments were submitted via email and saved on Laserfiche at:
<http://test.co.jefferson.wa.us/WebLinkExternal/0/fo1/2396166/Row1.aspx>

OLD BUSINESS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Jefferson Healthcare Update

Member Kees Kolff said Jefferson Healthcare has done a remarkable job at keeping staff and patients safe and surpassed all requirements to apply for the variance to proceed with Phase 2. He also said: 1) JHC is testing between 50-70 people a day for COVID, 2) 1,355 total COVID tests have been conducted, 3) JHC has been between 40-80% under capacity for inpatient and outpatient services, and 4) the Governor's restrictions on non-urgent procedures expired on Monday and he encouraged the community to get the healthcare they needed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Health Officer Recommendations Re: Variance Request to Move from Phase 1 to Phase 2 of Safe Start Washington Plan

Dr. Tom Locke, Health Officer, introduced the draft resolution based on his recommendations to the Board.

2. Draft Jefferson County Board of Health Variance Plan Request

Dr. Locke said the variance plan request for phase 2 has been drafted as a resolution that, once approved, will be submitted to the Washington State Board of Health.

The Board discussed camping at the state, county and regional level, along with the economic and health risks of allowing retailers and restaurants to open under the Phase 2 variance.

Dr. Locke recommended to add, "of the Safe Start Washington Plan" to the last sentence of the first paragraph.

Member Kees Kolff motioned (#1) to adopt the first paragraph with the added language Dr. Locke recommended and adopt everything he recommends up until the last two items on the draft, understanding that the camping and recreation section still needs to be reconsidered. Motion (#1) failed for lack of a second.

Member Kees Kolff motioned (#2) to adopt the first paragraph with the added language Dr. Locke recommended. The motion was seconded by member Greg Brotherton. The motion (#2) passed unanimously.

Member Greg Brotherton motioned (#3) to approve the recreation recommendation from Dr. Locke. The motion was seconded by member Kees Kolff. Discussion ensued regarding regional recreation. Motion (#3) failed for lack of a vote.

Member Kees Kolff motioned (#4) to adopt Dr. Locke's recommendation for Recreation under the section, *Phase 2 Modifications to be implemented after Department of Health approval*. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Pamela Adams. Discussion ensued regarding regional camping.

Member Greg Brotherton motioned (#5) to amend the motion made by member Kees Kolff so the sentence following Recreation reads, "Outdoor recreation involving fewer than 5 people outside your household." The motion was seconded by member Kees Kolff. Discussion ensued regarding regional camping. Vote taken to amend the motion (#5): 2 in favor, 5 opposed. The motion to amend the motion did not pass.

Vote taken to pass the motion (#4): 5 in favor, 2 opposed. The motion passed.

The Board discussed a mask directive, increased risk when gathering with visitors from high prevalence areas, recommendations for opening physical fitness centers, and guidance for dog parks.

Member Kees Kolff motioned (#6) to adopt the recommendations by Dr. Locke for Gatherings under the section, *Phase 2 Modifications to be implemented after Department of Health approval*. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Pamela Adams. Vote taken: 6 in favor, 1 opposed. The motion (#6) passed.

The Board briefly discussed the intent of Dr. Locke's recommendation for travel.

Member Kees Kolff motioned (#7) to adopt Dr. Locke's recommendation for Travel under the section, *Phase 2 Modifications to be implemented after Department of Health approval*. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Pamela Adams. The motion (#7) passed unanimously.

Member Kate Dean motioned (#8) to adopt Dr. Locke's recommendation for Business/Employers under the section, *Phase 2 Modifications to be implemented after Department of Health approval*. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Pamela Adams. The motion (#8) passed unanimously.

Member Greg Brotherton motioned (#9) to add Island, Grey's Harbor, Mason, and Pacific counties to the section, *Phase 2 Modifications to be implemented after Clallam County Phase 2 Implementation*. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Pamela Adams. Discussion ensued regarding adding additional counties.

Member Greg Brotherton motioned (#10) to withdraw the motion. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Pamela Adams. Motion (#10) failed for lack of a vote.

Vote taken to pass the motion (#9): 0 in favor, 7 opposed. The motion did not pass.

The Board discussed adding Mason county and retitling sections of the document.

Member Kate Dean motioned (#10) to change the title of section 2 to, *Modifications to be implemented after Regional adoption (Clallam, Kitsap and Mason Counties) Phase 2 Implementation*. The motion was seconded by member Kees Kolff. Discussion ensued regarding adding Mason County.

Member Kees Kolff motioned (#11) to amend the motion made by member Kate Dean to eliminate Mason County from the proposed title of section 2. The motion was seconded by member Kate Dean. The motion (#11) passed unanimously.

Motion (#10) failed for lack of a vote.

Member Kees Kolff motioned (#12) to change the title of section 2 so it reads, “Modifications to be implemented after Clallam County Phase 2 Implementation.” The motion was seconded by member Greg Brotherton. Discussion ensued regarding camping and restaurants in the tri-county area.

Member Denis Stearns motioned (#13) to make a friendly amendment so a third section would be created. Member Kees Kolff accepted the friendly amendment. Motion (#13) failed for lack of a vote.

Vote taken to pass the motion (#12): 0 in favor, 7 opposed. The motion did not pass.

Member Kees Kolff motioned (#14) to change the format of the document so there are three sections. The second section will read, “Phase 2 Modifications to be implemented after Clallam County Phase 2 Implementation. Recreation: Outdoor activities with 5 or fewer people involving overnight camping [State and County Lands].” The third section will read, “Phase 2 Modifications to be implemented after Clallam and Kitsap County Phase 2 Implementation. Business and Employers: Restaurants with sit down service, real estate (beyond current permitted activities), retail (in-store purchases), professional services/office-based business [tourism focused].” The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Pamela Adams. Motion tabled.

Member Greg Brotherton motioned (#15) to amend the motion made by member Kees Kolff so retail and in-store purchases be allowed in phase 2 under Business/Employers. The motion was seconded by member Kees Kolff. Discussion ensued regarding process to modify the document. Motion (#15) failed for lack of a vote.

Member Greg Brotherton motioned (#16) to reconsider so retail (in-store purchases) is included under *Phase 2 Modifications to be implemented after Clallam County Phase 2 Implementation*. The motion was seconded by member Kees Kolff. Discussion ensued regarding risk of opening retail establishments. Vote taken: 2 in favor, 5 opposed. The motion (#16) did not pass.

Motion (#14) back on the table from member Kees Kolff. Vote taken: 6 in favor, 1 opposed. The motion passed.

The Board discussed state and county camping.

Member Kees Kolff motioned (#17) to eliminate State and County Lands from the recommendations for Recreation. The motion was seconded by member Kate Dean. The motion (#17) passed unanimously.

Dr. Locke read the resolution as amended by the Board.

Member Kate Dean motioned (#18) to approve the resolution as amended and read by Dr. Locke. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Pamela Adams. The motion (#18) passed unanimously.

3. Masking Directives

Dr. Locke asked the Board for guidance on issuing a masking directive. The Board expressed unanimous support for a Health Officer masking directive.

ACTIVITY UPDATE

There was no activity update.

AGENDA PLANNING CALENDAR

There was no agenda planning.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next Board of Health meeting will be held online as a GoToMeeting on Thursday, June 18, 2020 from 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Sheila Westerman adjourned the May 21, 2020 Jefferson County Board of Health meeting at 5:03 p.m.

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Sheila Westerman

Sheila Westerman, Chair

Approved telephonically

Pamela Adams, Vice Chair

approved telephonically

David Sullivan, Member

Denis Stearns

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approved telephonically

Kate Dean, Member

approved telephonically

Greg Brotherton, Member

Approved telephonically

Kees Kolff, Member

Respectfully submitted
J. Matter