



Snohomish Health District
Board of Health Minutes
Special Meeting
March 2, 2020

The meeting was held in the Public Meeting Room in the Administration East Building on the Snohomish County campus, 3000 Rockefeller Ave.

Members Present

Elisabeth Crawford, Councilmember, Mukilteo
Adrienne Fraley-Monillas, Councilmember, Edmonds
Christine Frizzell, Councilmember, Lynnwood
John Joplin, Councilmember, Brier (via phone)
Anji Jorstad, Councilmember, Lake Stevens
Sam Low, County Councilmember (via phone)
Kyoko Matsumoto Wright, Mayor, Mountlake Terrace – BOH Vice Chair
Dan Rankin, Mayor, Darrington
Linda Redmon, Councilmember, Snohomish (via phone)
Stephanie Wright, County Councilmember – BOH Chair
Jeff Vaughan, Councilmember, Marysville (via phone)

Members Absent

Scott Bader, Councilmember, Everett
Megan Dunn, County Councilmember
Nate Nehring, County Councilmember

Call to Order

The special meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by Chair Stephanie Wright in the public meeting room of the Snohomish County Administration East Building.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken by Ms. Linda Carl who reported there was a quorum present.

Special Business

Coronavirus (COVID-19) briefing and panel discussion

Chair Stephanie Wright introduced herself and the other panelists: Shawn Frederick, Snohomish Health District Administrative Officer; Dr. Chris Spitters, Snohomish Health District Interim Health Officer; Dave Somers, Snohomish County Executive; Jason Biermann, Director of the Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management; and Cassie Franklin, Mayor of the City of Everett.

Chair Wright began by acknowledging that this is an unsettling time for everyone in the county; however, it's important to avoid panic and instead put that energy into preparedness and planning. It's also critical to follow guidance for our public health officials, healthcare providers, hospitals, and first responders as they work through the surge and strain on our system.

Dr. Spitters stated that since January 20 we have had over 30 staff members involved in the response, many working 24/7 on this issue. We're working with hundreds of local healthcare providers as we partner to evaluate, test, and treat accordingly. Staff are making symptom check calls for close contacts of the confirmed

case and providing them with support. The Health District has spent over \$125,000 in the response. Projecting out six months, we anticipate exceeding \$700,000.

Executive Somers stated that he expects to issue an emergency declaration from the County in the next few days. Additionally, the joint information center was activated last weekend.

Mr. Biermann stated that the County has convened agencies through the county in order to synchronize efforts, and we remain in constant contact with the state and our community partners.

Mayor Franklin said the City is focused on preparedness and prevention. The City is in close collaboration with the Health District and are encouraging citizens to washing their hands, stay home when sick, and stay informed. She added that first responders may be wearing masks on calls; this is out of caution since they're dealing with vulnerable populations. She suggested limiting public gatherings when possible and to follow the Health District guidelines.

The panel then took questions from Board members in attendance and the audience.

Chair Wright closed by thanking those in attendance and the Health District team for being nimble and adaptive in this evolving situation. She acknowledged schools, businesses, and community members who are trying to do the right thing in a dynamic and complex situation. She encouraged everyone to continue referring to the Health District website for information.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:56 p.m.



Stephanie Wright, Chair



Shawn Frederick, Administrative Officer / Secretary