

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

**Regular Meeting
Adams County Courthouse
Ritzville, Washington**

August 11, 2021
(Wednesday)

Call to Order @ 9:00 a.m.

Present:

Chairman Dan C. Blankenship
Vice-Chairman Terrance J. Thompson
Commissioner Jay R. Weise

Board of Health Update

Dr. Brzezny, Adams County Health Officer, provided the following updates:

- Covid – Delta dominance and infectiousness, combined with low virus mitigation and a lower vaccination rate, is resulting in more cases.
- The Delta strain of the virus is present in Adams County.
- Incidence rate in Adams County – one in four tests are positive.
- Hospitalizations are rising in Washington state.
- Recent Covid-19 vaccination mandates by Governor Inslee.

Additionally, Dr. Brzezny is recommending mitigation measures such as indoor masking and regulations on outdoor entertainment and/or large events.

Public Health

Dr. Brzezny reported difficulty in filling the position vacated by Karen Potts, R.N. Structural needs of the Health Department were reviewed.

Environmental Health

Environmental Health Director Timm Taff provided updates on departmental activities involving reporting; vaccination clinics; food establishment inspections; on-site septic inspections, solid waste complaints; and employee training. Taff noted he is currently assessing files and updating public health and emergency preparedness response documents, including a continuity of operations plan.

Mental Health

Amanda Zepeda reviewed individual programs within the mental health department as well as the volume of people served in each program.

Integrated Health Care Services Contracts

Commissioner Weise moved, Thompson seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to sign Agreement 21ASO2483, Amendment No. 3, with Spokane County, a political subdivision of the State of Washington, by and between the Spokane County Regional Behavioral Health (SCRBH), a division of Spokane County Community Services, Housing, and Community Development Department (CSHCD), (hereinafter "CSHCD SCRBH") and Contractor identified as Adams County Integrated Health Care Services for an additional \$4,956, for Non-Medicaid Outpatient Treatment (Mental Health), for a total contract award of \$131,914 for the period July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. **Motion carried.***

Commissioner Weise moved, Thompson seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to sign Agreement 19ASO2295, Amendment No. 8, with Spokane County, a political subdivision of the State of Washington, by and between the Spokane County Regional Behavioral Health (SCRBH), a division of Spokane County Community Services, Housing, and Community Development Department (CSHCD), (hereinafter "CSHCD SCRBH") and Contractor identified as Adams County Integrated Health Care Services for an increase of \$36,897 for Enhanced Mobile Crisis Response (MCR) for the period July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. **Motion carried.***

Commissioner Weise moved, Thompson seconded, to *authorize the Chairman to sign Memorandum of Understanding, Amendment No. 1, associated with Agreement 19ASO2295, between Adams County Integrated Health Care Services and Spokane County Regional Behavioral Health to support Trueblood Enhancement of Mobile Crisis Response (MCR) services; updates billing address for Spokane; updates performance expectations; and, order of precedence in an event of inconsistency. **Motion carried.***

Additionally, Integrated Health Care Services Director Guse reviewed staff vacancies.

Recess @ 11:55 a.m.

Reconvene @ 1:00 p.m.

2022 Budget

Auditor Hunt reviewed Fund #106; Fund #103A; Fund #105; Fund #105A; Fund #210; Fund #321; Fund #322; and, Fund #324.

Covid-19 Information Document

Dr. Brzezny, Adams County Health Officer, stated earlier in the meeting that he would like to have the Board send a letter, on behalf of the Board of Health, to the citizens of Adams County regarding the rise in Covid cases. The Board provided consensus authorization for Chairman Blankenship to sign the letter upon review of the same.

Adjournment @ 2:37 p.m.

Submitted:
s/Patricia J. Phillips, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Edited and Approved:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADAMS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
s/Dan C. Blankenship, Chairman
s/Terrance J. Thompson, Vice-Chairman
s/Jay R. Weise, Commissioner