

DATE: January 16, 2018

2:00 p.m. - Convened/Board of Health.

Present: Troy Henderson.

**DIVISION UPDATES:**

**Minutes:**

1. Commissioner Swannack **moved** Commissioner Kinzer **seconded** the motion and it **carried** to approve the Board of Health minutes of September 19, 2017.

**Health Officer:**

2. Dr. Bowman would report an increase in influenza activities centered around Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories (SEL) in Pullman. It appears the death of one Whitman County resident was related to the flu along with other issues. This particular death is still be followed up on.

**Environmental Health:**

3. An environmental health staffing reported provided by Mr. Henderson.

3A. Invoices for food, septic and schools were mailed in early January.

**Personal Health:**

4. Troy Henderson said one individual is being tested for the Zika virus who is pregnant and was in Jamaica. No risk to anyone else because the Zika virus mosquito is not in Whitman County.

4A. Whitman County is no longer providing cooker kits or latex tourniquets for the needle exchange program; only syringes, needles and sharps containers. Any remaining cooker kits or latex tourniquets are being transferred to Spokane County.

**Administrative:**

5. Troy Henderson looked into the impacts for the WIC program with the potential federal government shut-down and was advised there would be no short term concerns for the program.

5A. Mr. Henderson said the Secretary of Health wants to meet with the Local Health Jurisdiction Directors semi-annually in Olympia.

5B. The animal bite issue was referred by the Director to the Prosecutor for review. There continues to be a need for an ordinance because the department continues to have issues. There is also dissention between WSU Veterinary Hospital, WSU Veterinary School and WSU Personal Health about reporting/not reporting animal bites.

**Next Meeting/Adjournment:**

6. The next Board of Health meeting is March 19, 2018.

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MARIBETH BECKER, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

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DEAN KINZER, CHAIRMAN  
Board of Health