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3 **SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES**  
4 **SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**  
5 **BOARD OF HEALTH**  
6 **May 15, 2019**

7 **Legislative Hearing Room, 55 Second Street, Friday Harbor WA 98250**

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9 **11:31 AM Call to Order**

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11 Chair of the Board of Health Dr. Dale Heisinger called the meeting to order at 11:31 a.m. in the  
12 County Council Hearing Room. BOH Present: Dr. Dale Heisinger, Kyle Davies, Dr. John  
13 Geyman, Council Member Rick Hughes (telephonically), Noel Monin, and Council Member Bill  
14 Watson.

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16 Also Present: Health Officer Dr. Frank James, Director of Health & Community Services Mark  
17 Tompkins, Environmental Health Manager Kyle Dodd, Community Health Manager Ellen  
18 Wilcox, ECAP Coordinator Ethna Flanagan, Human Services Manager Barbara LaBrash,  
19 Behavioral Health Specialist Dave Dunaway, County Council Assistant Susan Kollet and  
20 interested members of the public.

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22 **Approval of Agenda: Moved by Mr. Monin, seconded by Mr. Davies to approve the**  
23 **agenda for May 15, 2019. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

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25 **Approval of Minutes: Moved by Mr. Davies, seconded by Mr. Watson to approve the**  
26 **minutes of April 17, 2019. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

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28 **Approval of Minutes: Moved by Mr. Davies, seconded by Mr. Watson to approve the**  
29 **minutes of April 24, 2019. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

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31 **Excused Absences: Moved by Mr. Davies, seconded by Dr. Geyman to excuse the**  
32 **absence of Council Member Jamie Stephens. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.**

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35 **Public Comments: none**

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38 **11:33 AM Committee Reports**  
39 **ACH – Bill Watson & Mark Tompkins**  
40 **CCC – Kyle Davies & Bill Watson**  
41 **Other Committees – NSBHO, NWRC**

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43 Mr. Tompkins provided a report on the Accountable Communities of Health (ACH) and an  
44 upcoming equity meeting. Mr. Watson added that the June ACH meeting will reflect the first  
45 operational meeting where they will assess the implementation process.

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47 Mr. Davies reported on the Community Collaboration Committee (CCC). Much of the meeting  
48 focused on the 2019 Community Health Needs Assessment being conducted by Peace Health.  
49 Mr. Tompkins added that there is a potential new funding stream thru Peace Health for special  
50 projects for the local CCC's.  
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52 Mr. Watson attended the Behavioral Health Organization (BHO) meeting on behalf of Mr.  
53 Stephens and provided an update. Much of the discussion concerned a sizable deficit in the  
54 area of \$8 million at the BHO that arose from the provision of court ordered involuntary mental  
55 health treatment.

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57 Mr. Tompkins reported on the Northwest Regional Council and its efforts toward a regional  
58 strategic planning process for our aging population.

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61 **11:55 AM Health Officer Report - Dr. Frank James, Health Officer**

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63 Measles update in WA State with new cases in Seattle and Pierce County. The new cases  
64 arose based on the individuals' exposure at SEATAC airport. As a result, Dr. James has  
65 asked our local providers to put up signs that ask visitors with a rash to stay away.

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67 Dr. James reported that Washington has been the only State thus far to remove the personal  
68 exemption for measles, mumps and rubella (MMR).

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70 Dr. James indicated that since last year's measles cases, many people in the community have  
71 been immunized and so our susceptibility is less, which is an improvement.

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73 There are two suspected cases of chicken pox. Dr. James is working with providers to urge  
74 them to test for chicken pox, where indicated, as there seems to be a hesitance, perhaps due  
75 to financial considerations.

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77 High pollen counts can exacerbate asthma. Similarly, fires effect individuals with asthma and  
78 they would be wise to purchase and use an air filtration system.

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81 **12:00 PM Air Medical Transport/Insurance Continuing Discussion**

82 **- Mark Tompkins, Director**

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84 Following the last Board of Health meeting, the Health & Community Services department has  
85 placed information as to how to appeal a denial for air medical transport on the County website  
86 for the public's information. The posting includes a link to the State Insurance Commissioner's  
87 office.

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89 Mr. Tompkins spoke with the Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) to follow up on their  
90 investigation into the matter. Mr. Tompkins has requested data that was submitted to the OIC  
91 regarding the number of denials. He has not received that information as yet.

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93 Mr. Tompkins has asked our Prosecuting Attorney's office to review State law in light of the  
94 increase in denials. They are looking into the matter.

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96 Mr. Tompkins reported on the status of a physician to physician meeting between a Kaiser  
97 physician and San Juan County physician, Dr. Sullivan. The Board of Health had asked that it  
98 take place within two weeks but it has not occurred as yet.

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100 Mr. Tompkins read the email, dated May 10, from Dr. Grossman of Kaiser Permanente  
101 informing that Kaiser Permanente is compliant with State regulations and that they have  
102 submitted all information requested by the OIC. Further, Dr. Grossman indicated he would  
103 contact Mr. Tompkins in two weeks.

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105 Mr. Tompkins expressed that following the meeting with multiple parties, including Kaiser  
106 Permanente, Kaiser Permanente had committed to do 7 things; we are awaiting many of those  
107 actions that are due May 24<sup>th</sup>. These are: conduct internal review to assure their coverage and  
108 clinical review practices are compliant; transparency with the OIC investigation; reviewing  
109 process flow and areas of improvement; member engagement; looking at other community  
110 medical system gaps; convening a physician to physician meeting; and potentially exploring  
111 contracts with the air transport companies.

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113 Board members discussed possible next steps, largely surrounding actions if Kaiser fails to  
114 fulfill the 7 commitments they made. One action may be to send a copy of Dr. Grossman's  
115 letter to the Office of Insurance Commissioner (OIC). Mr. Watson suggested that Mr. Tompkins  
116 respond to Dr. Grossman's email confirming our understanding that Kaiser Permanente will be  
117 providing the requested information by May 24<sup>th</sup> and copy all of the attendees of the April 22<sup>nd</sup>  
118 meeting.

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121 **12:22 PM Early Support for Infant and Toddlers (ESIT) Program Update**  
122 - **Ellen Wilcox, Healthy Communities Manager**  
123 - **René Denman, Executive Director Toddler Learning Center**

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125 Ms. Wilcox shared the changes that have taken place with the regionalization of the ESIT  
126 Program and answered board member questions. San Juan County, along with other small  
127 communities, lost our Lead Agency status as a result of this transition. Ms. Denman has been  
128 instrumental in working in concert with Ms. Wilcox during this transition to regionalization and  
129 San Juan County has benefitted as a result. Together, they were successful in retaining the  
130 authority for San Juan County to coordinate the Health & Nutrition Program at the local level.

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133 **12:37 PM Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) Update**  
134 - **Ethna Flanagan, ECEAP Coordinator**

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136 Ms. Flanagan presented, via a PowerPoint presentation, an update of the ECEAP Program  
137 and answered board member questions.

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141 **1:05 PM Behavioral Health (1/10<sup>th</sup>) Program Report**  
142 - **Dave Dunaway, Behavioral Health Specialist**  
143 - **Barbara LaBrash, Human Services Manager**

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145 Mr. Dunaway presented, via a PowerPoint presentation, a summary of the Behavioral Health  
146 Program and answered board member questions.

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**1:35 PM Community Health Services Annual Report  
- Ellen Wilcox, Healthy Communities Manager**

Ms. Wilcox presented the Community Health Services Annual Report via a PowerPoint and answered board member questions. She outlined the program and funding changes of the ESIT and Vaccines for Children (VFC) programs that have occurred due to regionalization.

**1:47 PM Public Comment and Other New Business**

**01:49 PM Adjourn**

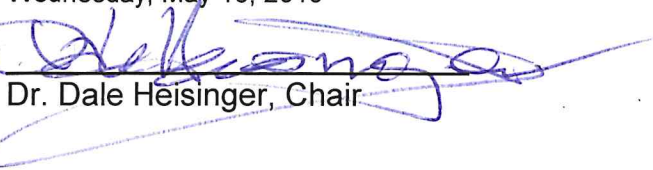
The next regular meeting of the Board of Health is scheduled for June 19, 2019.

Dr. Heisinger adjourned the meeting at 1:49 PM.

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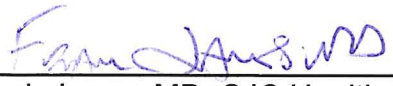
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Dr. Dale Heisinger, Chair

  
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Submitted by and Attested to:  
Susan Kollet  
SJC Council Staff Assistant

  
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Frank James MD, SJC Health Officer  
San Juan County BOH Executive Secretary

  
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Mark Tompkins, Director  
Health & Community Services Department

