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**SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES
SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
BOARD OF HEALTH RETREAT
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2019**

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

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9:00 AM Call to Order

11 Chair of the Board of Health Dr. Dale Heisinger called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the
12 Brickworks, Friday Harbor. BOH Present: Dr. Dale Heisinger; Kyle Davies; Council Members
13 Rick Hughes, Jamie Stephens and Bill Watson; Noel Monin. Absent: Dr. John Geyman
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15 Also Present: Health Officer Dr. Frank James, Director of Health & Community Services Mark
16 Tompkins, Environmental Health Manager Kyle Dodd, Community Health Manager Ellen
17 Wilcox, Human Services Manager Barbara LaBrash, County Council Assistant Susan Kollet
18 and interested members of the public.
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09:05 AM Goal of Retreat/Context Setting

22 Mr. Tompkins distributed Chapter 8.20 of the San Juan County Code pertaining to Board of
23 Health regulations and processes. He outlined the goal of the retreat from staff's standpoint
24 and answered board member questions.
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09:30 AM Program Reports/Updates

28 Mr. Tompkins and Health & Community staff reviewed the types of reporting the department
29 provides annually to the Board of Health and asked for direction going forward. Mr. Tompkins
30 shared that he and staff see a potential benefit derived from direct involvement of Board of
31 Health members in certain areas, such as increasing the immunization rates in children and
32 tackling the vaping issue. Board members indicated their interest in being directly involved
33 with parents and in issues, generally, when staff feels they could be of help.
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10:00 AM Community Health Assessments/Community Health Improvement Plan

37 Mr. Tompkins discussed the Community Health Assessment and Health Improvement Plan;
38 the role that board members can play in the process and answered board member questions.
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10:45 AM Local/State/Federal Legislative Priorities/Actions

42 Mr. Tompkins discussed some of the topics and initiatives, at all levels of government, that his
43 department has been engaged in on behalf of the Board of Health. He further addressed the
44 department's capacity in light of the workload described.
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46 Dr. James introduced several topics, such as pharmaceutical benefit managers (PBM's) and
47 foundational public health, where he sees benefit in advocacy by the board and Council
48 members. County Council members on the board addressed legislative priorities that they can
49 bring forward during the legislative session in Olympia and engaged in discussion regarding
50 other topics relative to county health that they might include.
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12:00 PM Possible Creation of Community Health Advisory Board

Mr. Tompkins introduced the concept of replacing the current Human Services Advisory Board (HSAB) with a more encompassing Community Health Advisory Board. He explained that with the changes in Washington State to a broader model of health care delivery, a committee that would more generally advise on all health issues, physical, behavioral and environmental, may be helpful to the board and to the department. Ms. LaBrash discussed her concern that if HSAB is dissolved, that the population served, notably the developmentally disabled, are not lost sight of.

12:40 PM New Programs/Initiatives

Mr. Tompkins, along with Council members Stephens and Watson, discussed their participation on the Accountable Communities of Health (ACH) and Health Care Authority (HCA).


01:20 PM Adjourn

The next regular meeting of the Board of Health is scheduled for October 16, 2019.

Dr. Heisinger adjourned the meeting at 1:20 PM.

**BOARD OF HEALTH
SAN JUAN COUNTY WASHINGTON**


Dr. Dale Heisinger, Chair


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

 12-4-2019
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