

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

Present: Troy Henderson, Michael Baker, Jeff Wilmoth, Chris Skidmore, Chelsea Cannard, Pat Black, Debbie Walker-Labine

DIVISION UPDATES:

Health Officer:

076021 18. None

Environmental Health:

076021A 19. Michael Baker distributed the Environmental Health newsletter and stated the three new Environmental Health Specialists have made phenomenal progress in learning their new jobs and programs over the past six months.

D076021B 19A. Jeff Wilmoth reported on the on-site sewage and septic program totaling 76 projects in 2014.

D076021C 19B. Chris Skidmore reported on the 16 recreational water facilities in Whitman County inspected since June and the establishment of compliance schedules for facilities with construction/operational issues.

D076021D 19C. Mr. Baker noted five (5) specimens were submitted to the State Virology laboratory for rabies confirmation.

D076021E 19D. Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response (PHEPR) assisted in the purchase of a portable satellite phone for Whitman County Emergency Management via a grant from Region 9. In addition development of basic core processes are being established for various types of emergencies.

D076021F 19E. Chris Skidmore talked about the Drinking Water program. Joint inspections were conducted with the Office of Drinking Water; he participated in the Drinking Water Advisory Group, addressed and investigated citizen complaints, provided technical assistance, established 2015 Sanitary Survey List and worked on Small Water System Management plans.

D076021G 19F. Chelsea Cannard handles the Food Program. In 2014, 271 food service inspections were conducted. By year-end all food service establishments will have been inspected at least once. On-line food cards doubled in 2014. The goal in 2015 is to inspect each establishment twice, have in place risk-based inspection procedures, and continue building on enforcement and kitchen procedures and policies.

D076021H 19G. Chris Skidmore received training and investigated multiple solid waste sites in Whitman County.

076021I 19H. Proposed Environmental Health fees for 2015 received from Mr. Baker. Overall, the revised fees represent a 12% increase. The proposed fees have been reviewed by the Food Advisory Committee as well as installers. This issue will be set for the December 15th Board of Health meeting.

Personal Health:

D076021J 20. Troy Henderson stated 8 hospitals in Washington State have been identified for handling Ebola cases. He will be forwarding information to all the rural Fire Districts about transporting possible Ebola patients.

Administrative:

D076021K 21. None

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Next Meeting/Adjournment:

D076021K 22. The next Board of Health meeting is December 15, 2015.