

A special meeting of the Spokane Regional Health District Board of Health held on Friday, March 13, 2009 was called to order by Commissioner Richard, Chair, at 11:00 a.m. in rooms 320/321 of the Public Health Center, 1101 West College Avenue, Spokane, Washington.

## **PRESENT**

Councilman Steve Corker  
Councilman David Crump  
Councilman Dick Denenny  
Commissioner Bonnie Mager  
Commissioner Mark Richard, Chair  
Board Member Michael Fisk, DC (arrived at 11:10 a.m.)  
Board Member Bob Lutz, MD, MPH

## **ABSENT**

Councilman Michael Allen  
Councilman Bill Gothmann, Vice Chair  
Commissioner Todd Mielke  
Mayor Mary Verner

Following roll call, Chair Richard announced this special meeting was for the purpose to convene to interview a candidate for the position of health officer for the Spokane Regional Health District. There had been two candidates to interview, however, one withdrew her name when her husband accepted a job in another state.

## **HEALTH OFFICER SELECTION PROCESS**

Councilman Crump reviewed the health officer selection process. The Board would adjourn to executive session and each member would be provided with information about the candidate [Dr. McCullough]. A set of questions had been prepared and each board member would be assigned a question to ask.

Dr. McCullough arrived in Spokane yesterday evening and Mr. Smith picked him up at the airport and spent some time with him at dinner. This morning he arrived at the Health District and began today's interview process at 7:45 a.m.. He spent 20-30 minutes with each division director or their designee after which he met with representatives of the Spokane County Medical Society. Following those interviews, he would then meet with the Board in Executive Session. Dr. Jecha traveled to Spokane this morning to meet with Dr. McCullough following his interview with the Board before he returns to the airport early this afternoon.

A possible action item is listed on the Board meeting agenda following the Executive Session which could be any of several things such as, to continue with the process to find additional candidates or gather more information, or develop a process to offer a contract. All materials necessary to make a recommendation to hire were available. Feedback from the divisional interviews would be compiled and brought to the Board by Mr. Smith along with his feedback and feedback from the Medical Society for the Board's consideration following their interview.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Richard announced an Executive Session at 11:15 a.m. for one hour and thirty minutes. Legal Counsel Michelle Wolkey and Human Resources Manager Barb Lorang were present during the Executive Session and Dr. Jecha was also invited into the Executive Session. Beginning at 12:45 p.m., announcements were made to extend the time for the Executive Session.

## MEETING RECONVENED

Chair Richard reconvened the Board of Health meeting at 1:30 p.m.

## ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

Each Board member present summarized their impressions of the candidate following the interview process after which Councilman Corker made a motion to authorize the hiring of the candidate and that a committee Chaired by Commissioner Richard along with Dr. Crump and those individuals he feels necessary would enter negotiations preparing a contract for employment to bring back to the Board; the motion authorizes the offering of the job and hiring of the candidate; motion seconded by Commissioner Mager.

Discussion following the motion included the statement that the Board considered feedback from Health District staff and from the Spokane County Medical.

***Motion: To authorize the hiring of the candidate and that a committee chaired by Commissioner Richard along with Dr. Crump and those individuals he feels necessary would enter negotiations preparing a contract for employment to bring back to the Board; the motion authorizes the offering of the job and hiring of the candidate.***

***Motion/Second: Corker/Mager***

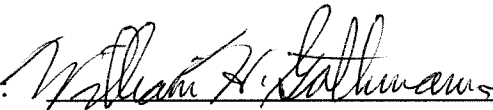
***Approved: Unanimously***

## NEXT REGULAR BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

The next regular Board of Health meeting is scheduled at 12:30 p.m. on March 26, 2008.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

APPROVED:  Vice Chair Date: 3-26-09  
Board of Health Chair

  
Recording Secretary