

**CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES OF AUGUST 25, 2021**

The Board convened in the Conference Room 679, 6th Floor, Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, Washington. Board members Temple Lentz, Julie Olson, Karen Bowerman, and Gary Medvigy, Eileen Quiring O'Brien, Chair, present via WebEx. Councilor Julie Olson, absent.

8:30 A.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of July 28, 2021

ACTION: Moved by Bowerman to **APPROVE** the minutes of July 28, 2021. Lentz seconded the motion. All aye/motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Any written comments received were provided to the Board of Health and filed in the record.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- **COVID-19 Update**
 - **Hospital update from the Chief of Medical Staff & ER Physician, Dr. Ray Lee**
 - There is a surge in COVID-19
 - Hospital is running out of rooms and capacity
 - There are 20-25 patients waiting for a bed at any given time
 - Staff is stretched beyond max and fatigued for working long hours
 - The Delta Variant is on the rise
 - Dr. Ray Lee states moving forward, either vaccinated or unvaccinated:
 - Continue to wear a mask
 - Avoid social gatherings and large crowds
 - Continue to sanitize
 - If unvaccinated, he suggests having a consultation with your doctor and get vaccinated.
 - **Directors Report, Dr. Melnick**
 - COVID is at the highest levels to date
 - Hospital beds/ICU beds are running out of capacity
 - Clark County is up to 167 cases per day
 - 16% of Clark County hospital beds are occupied with COVID patients
 - 94% of the patients are not fully vaccinated
 - Delta variant is much more contagious than COVID-19
 - Mask mandate inside and outdoors in crowded spaces
 - 57% of Clark County is Vaccinated; 43% is unvaccinated
 - Immune compromised individuals are now eligible for dose three (3)
 - Boosters are waiting on GDA & ACIP approval

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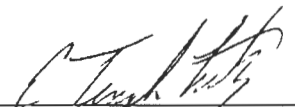
COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

- Bowerman commented that she felt it was important to stick with the twice monthly Board of Health meetings in order to keep the dialogue going.

Meeting adjourned


BOARD OF HEALTH


Eileen Quiring O'Brien, Chair



Temple Lentz, Board Member


Julie Olson, Board Member


Karen Bowerman, Board Member


Gary Medvigy, Board Member

ATTEST:


Rebecca Messinger, Clerk to the Board

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Please Note: The Board of Health minutes are action minutes. Digital recordings can be provided upon request.