CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES OF DECEMBER 08, 2021

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

9:00 A.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes of November 10, 2021

ACTION: Moved by Medvigy to **APPROVE** the minutes of November 08, 2021. Bowerman seconded the motion. All aye/motion carried.

ACTION: Moved by Medvigy to **AMEND** the agenda to add Public Health Advisory Committee member. 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.

The following individuals spoke:

- 1. Bob Reynolds
- 2. Susan Buchanan
- 3. Unknown Caller
- 4. Rob Anderson
- 5. Unknown Caller
- 6. Melissa Leedy
- 7. Jackie Lane
- 8. Sally Snider

PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

ACTION: Moved by Medvigy to **APPOINT** Karen Bowerman to the Public Health Advisory Committee. Quiring O'Brien seconded the motion. All aye/motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- COVID-19 Update
 - o State and County wide COVID, hospitalization and death have decreased.
 - O Current numbers are now 251.2 to 100,000
 - o The Omicron variant was first diagnosed in the US (California) on December 1st.
 - o Per Public Health COVID-19 tests can detect the infections of the Omicron variant.
 - o Currently 72% of 12+ years of the population have been vaccinated in the State.
 - o Currently 66% of 12+ years of the population have been vaccinated in the County.

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- o Currently in the County 21% of 5-11 years are vaccinated.
- o Dr. Melnick explained Active Immunity:
 - Natural or Infection-induced immunity
 - Vaccine -induced immunity
- o Dr. Melnick explained Passive Immunity
- o Public Health only reports outbreaks to the public if only there is a public health risk.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

• Medvigy pleaded with the public to have more patience as the Board of Health (BOH) doing the best they can.

Meeting adjourned

BOARD OF HEALTH

Elleen 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.