

BFHD PTE Local 17 Meeting Summary

Meeting Type: Board of Health

Meeting Date: 8/17/11

Meeting Reported By: J. Coleman

The objective of meeting attendance:

- To serve as a presence of the PTE, Local 17 Bargaining Unit at the meetings.
- To monitor and evaluate agenda items for impacts they may have on members of Local 17 bargaining unit.
- To keep membership informed on items of interest discussed.
- To use the public comment portion of the meetings when appropriate and necessary.

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Major Agenda Topics Discussed

- Canal Building Update
- Health Officer Discussion
- Public Health Funding
- Progress on Health Assessment
- Designated Emergency Response Hospital
- Vaccine Law Exemption Law

Positions or Statements of Particular Importance

Canal Building:

BHFD has three perspective buyers. Buyers are listed in ranked order:

1. "A Bible College"-No zoning issues. Some of monies would be coming from a Grant. BFHD expects to receive written offer in 1-2 weeks
2. CCG (a local property broker)-Zoning Issues unknown. BFHD expects to get letter of intent for \$275,000.
3. Grace Clinic-No offer yet. There was a disagreement between Beaver and Peck regarding this issue but it was not clear what the dispute was about.

How might this affect our membership?: [Selling the building is helpful to BFHD as proceeds can go to paying off loans to Benton County which makes us more financially secure. \(J. Coleman\)](#)

Health Officer:

BFHD Administrator, Jason Zaccaria, presented board with recommendations. The trust of Mr. Zaccaria' recommendation was that Dr. Jecha remain employed full-time as BFHD Health Officer (HO) for the next 3 months. A 0.6 FTE HO would be hired sometime thereafter and amount of FTE would be reevaluated after one year of employment. Zaccaria argued that there would be a loss in revenue if a part-time HO was hired now. Loss would result from charges requiring a Third Party Health Insurance credential which few doctors besides Dr. Jecha have. After much discussion, the BOH agreed with most of his recommendation.

[Side note: There was an executive session called to discuss this issue. The Tri-City Herald reporter opposed the call for an executive session stating that the RCW did not allow for it. An executive session was called anyway but no decisions were made during the session. Read the [8/18/11 article in the Tri-City Herald.](#)]

How might this affect our membership?: [Having a full-time administrator AND a full-time HO is expensive. However, there appears to be money available in this year's budget to cover the cost of both employees so there may not be any negative impacts resulting from this decision. \(J. Coleman\)](#)

Funding for Public Health Meeting

Dr. Jecha attended meeting regarding securing dedicated funds for Public Health. Group decided during this economic downturn and no actions will be taken over the next fiscal year. Worthy mention: Clark county assessed a 1% (property?)tax which would be devoted to Public Health in that county.

How might this affect our membership?: [We need a dedicated fund! Kudos to Clark county. \(J. Coleman\)](#)

	Items Voted Upon During Meeting
	Board either agreed or voted to: <i>- Move forward with buyer(s) for old Canal Building (Approved)</i> <i>-BOH voted that Dr. Jecha would remain employed as a full-time HO until January 1, 2012 AND that Mr. Zaccaria “shall find a 0.6 FTE Health Officer as Dr. Jecha’s replacement by 1/1/2012” (Approved)</i>
	Agenda Items Unresolved
	<i>None</i>
	Additional Information
	Next BOH meeting 9/21/11 @1:30 pm