

Location	Attendees
<p><b>Virtual Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>Governing Board Members Present:</b> Rick Hourigan, Doug Wilson, Cathy Meuret, Ken Sterner, Molly Morris, Jorge Rivera, Brooklyn Holton, Blake Edwards, Ray Eickmeyer, David Olson, Senator Warnick, Carlene Anders, Rosalinda Kibby, Nancy Nash Mendez  <b>Governing Board Members Absent:</b> Daniel Angell, Barry Kling, Ramona Hicks  <b>NCACH Staff:</b> Linda Parlette, John Schapman, Caroline Tillier, Wendy Brzezny, Tanya Gleason, Sahara Suval, Mariah Brown, Teresa Davis – Minutes</p>
Agenda Item	Minutes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approval of Consent Agenda</li> <li>• Declaration of Conflicts</li> <li>• Public Comment</li> </ul>	<p>Meeting called to order at 1:00 PM by Blake Edwards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>Brooklyn Holton moved, Rosalinda Kibby seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda, motion passed. Brooklyn noted that with the approvals from last month we did not include values of the 15% hosting fee from the CDHD (if the expense is paid out of the CDHD account). That expense will be included in future requests.</b></li> <li>• Conflicts of Interest: None</li> <li>• Public Comment: None</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Executive Director Report</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Linda referred to document that was sent out the Board showing the work that has been done by NCACH staff around COVID-19 work with the Incident Command System through Public Health. Will be adding the work that we are doing outside of the Local Public Health Jurisdictions Incident Command Systems in the future to give everyone the full picture of the hard work staff has put in.</li> <li>• We are waiting until we see what our requirements are with the next SAR (Semi Annual Report) that is due in July. There will be some relaxation in the requirements and quality improvements.</li> <li>• Still working with Parkside to get a viable model that works.</li> <li>• Talked to Barry Kling (CDHD) yesterday about a glide path forward. We are slowly adding the MTP work back into our schedules.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board Governance</li> </ul>	<p>Executive committee is nominating of Deb Murphy for at Large Board Seat:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <b>Ken Sterner moved, Nancy Nash Mendez seconded the motion to accept the Nomination of Deb Murphy to fill the NCACH Open At Large Board Seat on the NCACH Governing Board effective 05/04/2020, no further discussion, motion passed. (Term expiration will be 12/31/2023)</b></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NCACH Staff Updates</li> </ul>	<p>John reviewed the NCACH Response to COVID-19</p> <p>NCACH Objectives since COVID-19:</p>

- Work with community networks across the region to provide support, connection, and resources to help our communities Stay Home and Stay Healthy (Social Distancing).
- Support our partners and community partners so that they are able to focus their efforts on the emergent needs of the community.

**ICS Involvement/Funding**

Caroline and Sahara went over the NCACH ICS Involvement which includes:

- Outreach
- Farmworker Community outreach (Grant County)
- Mobilize and collection of homemade PPE
- Regional messaging efforts focused on Spanish-speaking communities.
- Poster distribution regarding masking (Okanogan)

\*There are about 40 people on a regional group to help guide the COVID-19 Spanish messaging. This work has strengthened relationships with CBO's. Tanya has helped organizations in Grant County apply for grants. Shared some of the print materials: Postcards, PUD Newsletters that NCACH has had a hand in producing.

**Additional Funding Request**

John reviewed the funding approved so far; \$50,000 allocated to Local Health Jurisdictions, \$150K Community Support Funding mini grants, \$55,187 NCACH Staff Initiated Projects. Of the total budgeted for all three of these items, there is still \$98,139 unallocated (ICS funds are almost gone, the funds remaining are split between the grants and staff initiated projects).

The ask for today is to decide one of the following two options with regards to the COVID-19 Incident Command System funding...

1. Increase Community Mitigation Incident Command System funding from \$50,000 to \$100,000 (allocate an additional \$50K)
2. Do not increase allocation, and let funding expire

**IMPACT/OPPORTUNITY (fiscal and programmatic):**

- If no additional funding is approved, NCACH Incident Command funding will be exhausted and we will continue to support each ICS with staff time only.
- If approved, NCACH will continue provide both staff and funding for ICS work.
- If approved it will increase the following budget line items
  - CDHD Other Expenditures: ↑ \$50,000
  - CDHD Hosting Fee: ↑ \$7,500

NCACH will pay any expenses out of the Financial Executor portal to minimize any accrual of the hosting fee on expenditures. NCACH will reflect those payments and adjustments to the monthly budget when presenting monthly financials at the Board meeting.

**Discussion:**

What will this money be used for? Education around masking in public, give the LHJ the ability to respond proactively.

- Dr. Wilson – How much more money could we draw down for this work if we needed to and where would it come from? We still have uncommitted funds and we are going to come in under budget this year because of COVID-19 pause plan. Brooklyn responded these emergent needs are probably not going to go away, we need to have a conversation around if we need to allocate a larger amount?
  - Carlene – Would like to be strategic about setting aside some money, but not necessarily spending it right away. We do not know what is coming in the fall. Long Term recovery is going to be long term.
  - Rosalinda – Has there been expectation from the State that the ACH's respond to this pandemic? Linda responded that the state has not given any expectations and all ACH's are spending the money differently. Transformation efforts are on hold – would like to know how we are going to be measured success in the future and what kind of funding will be needed to achieve that success.
  - Ray – Would like to know how much contact tracing could this money go to and how big of a difference could our funding make in that? John said we can dig into this and get back to the Board.
  - Brooklyn – Is there anything in the hopper or is expected that if this funding is not approved, would not happen? Should we create a smaller sub-committee?
  - Cathy – What is out there that this funding could go to and we need to pay attention to make sure that there is not another source of funding.
  - Carlene is comfortable with approving the \$50,000 but wants to make sure that we are strategic and making sure that we are leveraging funds to get a greater result. We can build capacity by leveraging funds.
  - Rick – Make sure that we are not funding things that are not our responsibility, feels that we need to fill in gaps.
- \* **Doug Wilson moved, Cathy Meuret seconded the motion to Increase Community Mitigation Incident Command System funding from \$50,000 to \$100,000 (allocate an additional \$50K), with the amendment to create a plan to provide greater structure moving forward, discussion ensued around including the amendment to the motion to have a future discussion to create a plan to provide more structure in the future, Board decided to include the amendment, motion passed.**

**NCACH COVID-19 Work**

Tanya reviewed NCACH's work on the following projects:

- Community Support Funding – as of 4/30/2020 we have had 32 submissions, working closely with the Community Foundation of NCW to avoid duplication of efforts/funding. Has an excel sheet with a brief description of the projects that we have funding. We can send this out to Board Members. There may be a discussion on a future allocation at the Board retreat.
- Essential Worker Campaign – This is underway, Digital Media Northwest has created a great video that has been well received by the community.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COVIDeo Contest – The response has not been as good as we had hoped. Asked Digital Media Northwest to boost the sharing to get some more submissions. Discussed the option of extending the deadline – will discuss to decide if it would be beneficial. Cathy will request that the NCESD share again. Carlene noted that 50% of kids in Okanogan County are not in contact with the schools.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support of Regional Food Bank System Distribution</li> </ul>	<p>John and Brooklyn – Shared that 1/5 of the Community Funding Applications are food related, there is a larger need than what is requested in the Community Support Funding.</p> <p><b>Options:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Work with Chelan-Douglas Community Action Council and Okanogan County Community Action Council funding to utilize the funding already receive funds through the CHI Community Initiative process for COVID-19 support efforts.</li> <li>2. Continuing to support Food System partners through the COVID-19 Community Initiative Funding. Food System partners will likely make up 1/3 of application funds expended. (estimated \$33,000)</li> <li>3. Create a separate budget line item to support food system partner response to COVID-19. This could include either:       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. A one time commitment to major food distribution agencies (2 Community Action Councils and Community Services of Moses Lake)</li> <li>B. An additional budget line item to support all agencies across NCW that allows them to apply for funding.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p><b>Discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• David noted that before COVID – the Board spent quite a bit of time discussing that SDOH – did we ever decide that food insecurity was what we wanted to focus on. Wants to make sure that the Board is ok with choosing something that could be reactive.</li> <li>• Rick – We need to be strategic, we need to remember that we are a Medicaid Transformation Project.</li> <li>• Jorge – we need to look at the magnitude of the funds that we are planning to direct to this? It will help us make the decision.</li> <li>• Ken – A number of resources are being pushed to food banks right now. Right now the food banks are doing well, but they are worried about the future. Feels that there may be a need to step in the future.</li> <li>• Molly – She is in 4 counties and she has people that are going hungry. Their food bank is only open once every two weeks and is volunteer only. Highly dependent on schools.</li> <li>• Cathy - Is it our intent just to provide money or can we help them come up with new processes to help them.</li> </ul>

Agency	Area Served	Services	# of Food Pantries Served	Primary Needs during COVID-19
<b>Chelan Douglas Community Action Council</b>	Chelan-Douglas	Food Distribution Rent Assistance	13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food – Fresh produce and meat products</li> <li>• Rental Assistance</li> </ul>
<b>Community Services of Moses Lake</b>	Grant, Adams, Lincoln, Yakima, and Benton	Food Distribution	6 Grant County (33 across 5 counties)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food – Fresh produce and meat products</li> </ul>
<b>Okanogan Community Action Council</b>	Okanogan	Food Distribution Rent Assistance	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food – Fresh produce and meat products</li> <li>• Rental Assistance</li> </ul>

**\*Board decided to support food insecurity as the applications come in for the Community Support Fund. Can revisit later if it becomes apparent that the system is struggling with no other funding options.**

- Board Strategic Planning

Before this crisis we were working with Chris Kelleher and had started with the strategic planning interviews. Blake is recommending that we all reengage with Chris and complete those interviews, Board is in agreement. We will discuss at the June 12<sup>th</sup> Board Retreat.

- Roundtable

**Round Table Discussion - COVID-19 successes, challenges, potential opportunities and next steps**

- **Dr. Hourigan:** Telehealth/virtual health; where NCACH can act as a change agent, will be an important role that we can play after immediate COVID response
- **Cathy Meuret:** School system needs - Telehealth for the K-12 system; benefit from having interactions with care team on regular basis through virtual visits (physical, BH and dental). Getting back into school routines – how to manage school districts this fall when school is back in session; school nurses are already thinking about this. Do not have areas to isolate kids, low PPE and poor thermometers. Concerned about exposure and isolation for staff and students
- **Senator Warnick:** Many are lacking WiFi/broadband connections; expansion is crucial for telehealth and virtual learning as we continue to move forward. Letters of support would be helpful – would like to ask board members to help promote
- **Carlene Anders:** FEMA national call – need for people to have affairs in order; many people do not have their wishes on record (DNR advanced directives, wills)
- **Dr. Hourigan:** Testing shortages; we are needing more testing as we start to open up more of the counties, but we do not have the supplies needed. Testing is currently done on critically ill and hotspots. Antibody testing is only 30-40% accurate; even if it was 96% accurate, our number of cases have been so low, it is more likely to be a false positive result. Also pointed out that we have “done well” as far as keeping our number of cases and deaths low.

- **Ray Eickmeyer:** EMS and hospital numbers are lower; test kits and PPE shortages. Looking ahead to reopening elective procedures and seeing what kind of PPE needs there will be. Understands need to support area food banks, but wondering what else needs to happen. NCACH needs to be a connector – building a health information exchange. There are things that really need to be done. Agrees with Dr. Hourigan on telehealth approach.
- **Ken Sterner:** Agrees that we need to make sure we are not just putting a “band-aid” on things. How do we support our food banks and food pantries? Not just with food but with the infrastructure to maintain. Aging and Adult Care services (90 to 1 ratio of clients to case manager) have been serving seniors in isolated areas for a while; contractors have been in place to ensure food is delivered to isolated seniors.
- **Molly Morris:** Food distribution is a pressing issue in the Coulee Dam area – 4 county region with food insecurity. Would benefit from support to area food banks and food programs, in support of the proposal presented
- **Nancy Nash-Mendez** – Received funding to build additional units; has been difficult during COVID response; section 8 vouchers and rental assistance programs must pay rent to remain in program and there are concerns about some of the messaging about paying rent. Housing Authority has acquired 16 units – thank you to elected officials that helped with that.
- **David Olson:** Even after the COVID-19 response, patients will continue to want to use telehealth. Need to figure out how to best take advantage of this technology in our region. Discussions with Confluence Health underway
- **Deb Murphy:** Behavioral Health needs and especially suicide risk due to COVID. Shared that she will be meeting with other stakeholders throughout Grant County to discuss and planning to share what she heard today. Communication and contact with board members; happy to connect with anyone to help wherever possible

- 3:30 PM Meeting Adjourned by Blake Edwards