

Whatcom County Council Public Works & Health Committee

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
311 Grand Avenue, Ste #105
Bellingham, WA 98225-4038
(360) 778-5010**



Committee Minutes - Final

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

1:30 PM

Council Chambers

COUNCILMEMBERS

Barbara Brenner
Barry Buchanan
Carol Frazey

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

Call To Order

Committee Chair Barbara Brenner called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham, Washington.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Barbara Brenner, Barry Buchanan and Carol Frazey

Absent: None

Also present: Todd Donovan, Rud Browne, and Tyler Byrd

Committee Discussion

1. [AB2019-521](#) Discussion of the Whatcom County Health Department Syringe Services Program Expansion

Cindy Hollinsworth, Health Department, read from a presentation (in the packet) on the mobile syringe exchange and naloxone distribution programs, and County data on new annual cases of Hepatitis C. She answered questions about what percentage of the population in Whatcom County is positive for Hepatitis C and whether the Governor's proclamation about eliminating the disease by 2030 will include funding, the cost of a Naloxone kit for treating a narcotic overdose, whether the Health Department is tracking why people become opioid users, how people find out about the locations of the mobile syringe exchange vans and whether it operates outside the regular work day, pharmacist discretion and authority for selling syringes, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention data on how the syringe program affects the number of people seeking drug treatment and whether that is being tracked locally, whether the nurses in the mobile clinic program are able to give a Hepatitis C shot to a client that tests positive, and the process of acquiring another van for a mobile clinic.

This agenda item was PRESENTED AND DISCUSSED.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Barbara Brenner, Committee Chair

Kristi Felbinger, Minutes Transcription

SIGNED COPY ON FILE