

League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

Name of Agency: Pullman Regional Hospital Date: 12-02-2020
Observer Reporting: Judy Stone Length of Meeting: 2 hours
Members Present: All
Members Absent: _____
Others Present (e.g., media, public): some unnamed - on Zoom

Business pertaining to League Positions or topics of interest

Chris Skidmore, interim Director of WCPHD (Health Dept.) gave a 15-minute presentation that included:

Transmission rate slowed before WSU's Thanksgiving Break. Expect it to rise this week.

Quarantine facilities will end at the end of December. 22 motel rooms in Pullman; 6 in Colfax.

WSU will provide the freezer necessary to store the vaccine.

Dr. Early talked about the vaccine:

WA will originally receive ~62,000 vaccine doses; ~300 to Pullman.

Total of 200,000 for WA by end of December; weekly shipments beginning in January.

It is not known what level of antibody response will be protective.

There was a long question/discussion period that included concerns about the people who don't develop antibodies and don't know it; about people coming back for the second dose; about the prioritization of recipients; and whether there should be a mandatory vaccination policy.

The hospital is working with the Pullman School District to develop a plan for staff and faculty testing - to support the return to in-person classes in January 2021.