



# BOARD OF HEALTH

## Minutes of January 10, 2005

### SUMMARY OF ITEMS

#### 1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Oberquell called the meeting to order.

**Attendance:** Chairman Oberquell, Commissioners Macleod and Wolfe, Department Director Sherri McDonald, Health Officer Dr. Diana Yu, Environmental Health Director Art Starry, and Clerk of the Board Patti Swanson. Also in attendance were Don Krupp, Chief Administrative Officer, Darrell Cochran, Senior Environmental Health Specialist and Linda Stewart, Education and Outreach Specialist II.

a) **Approval of Agenda** – The agenda was amended to move election of Board of Health Chairman and Vice Chairman to the next Board of Health meeting.

b) **Approval of Minutes** – Commissioner Macleod moved to approve the minutes of December 6, 2004 as submitted. Commissioner Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

c) **Correspondence** – Two letters were reviewed:

1. A letter from the Neighborhood Free Medical Clinic thanking the Health Department for the donation of 30 flu vaccines.

Chairman Oberquell complimented the Department for having information available for the public on where flu shots are available. Based on feedback from citizens, this is not provided by all Health Departments.

2. A letter from Kimberly Rau complimenting Dale Tahja on providing very good customer service. Commissioner Wolfe commented on the positive comments made by Ms. Rau.

2) UPDATE ON CITIZEN ISSUES - None, items are current.

3) OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – None

**4) CONSENT ITEMS**

**Motion: Commissioner Macleod moved to approve consent items “a” and “b”.  
Commissioner Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

- a) **DSHS County Program Agreement No. 0063-42359 Amendment No. 4 for the Medicaid Outreach and Linkage Program Administrative Match** – Move to approve Amendment No. 4 to the DSHS County Program Agreement No. 0063-42359 in the amount of \$56,500 and extend the current contract period of performance through March 31, 2005.
- a) **Partners for Children, Youth, and Families Advisory Board Member Appointment** - Move to appoint Debby Gaffney to the Partners for Children, Youth, and Families Advisory Board for a three (3) year term, from December 2004 – November 2007 as a Schools Representative and to re-elect Pam Toal a 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3 year term as a Community Representative.

**5) ARTICLE VII, THURSTON COUNTY WATER RECREATION FACILITIES CODE REVISION ACTION PLAN**

Darrell Cochran explained that on July 10<sup>th</sup> the Washington State Board of Health passed a revision to the Washington State Administrative Code governing water recreation facilities (pools and spas). These regulations became effective on October 31, 2004 and staff have started the process of implementing the new standards and revising the local Water Recreation Code, Article VII. Mr. Cochran provided an overview of the proposed actions and reviewed with the Board the anticipated schedule to complete the process.

**6) GAINS WORKGROUP REPORT** – Don Krupp

Don Krupp provided a brief report on the GAINS Study Workgroup progress. The group is responsible for implementing recommendations made by the GAINS Study of Thurston County Correctional Facilities. The group plans to bring a prioritized list of recommendations to the Board. A report will be provided every other Board of Health meeting. Commissioner Wolfe indicated the Mentally Ill Offender Workgroup will stand back while the GAINS Workgroup is doing its work.

**7) STEPS TO A HEALTHIER US PROGRAM UPDATE**

Linda Stewart, Local Project Manager for the STEPS Program, provided an overview of the Thurston County specific diabetes media campaign. Promotional material, including a radio public service announcement and a counter card, were reviewed and discussed. The Board asked questions, both about the media campaign and about diabetes in general. Dr. Yu provided general information on Diabetes – Type I and Type II.

8) **RESOLUTION APPOINTING ALTERNATE LOCAL HEALTH OFFICERS FOR THURSTON COUNTY FOR 2005**

Sherri McDonald explained that in 2000 and 2002, the Board of Health formally appointed alternate Health Officers to serve should emergency situations arise when the primary Health Officer, Dr. Diana Yu, is not available due to illness, vacation, etc. At this time it is desired to remove Dr. Karen Steingart and Dr. Jeanette Stehr-Green, retain Dr. Rachel Wood and Dr. Steve Standaert, and appoint Dr. Justin Denny as alternate Health Officers for 2005. The appointment of the alternate Health Officers will be activated by either the primary local Health Officer for Thurston County, the Director of Thurston County Public Health and Social Services, or the Chair of the Thurston County Board of Health. From now on appointment and reappointment of alternate Health Officers will be brought to the Board for approval on a yearly basis. **Commissioner Macleod moved to approve resolution H-1-2005 appointing Dr. Rachel Wood, Dr. Steve Standaert, Dr. Mimi Fields and Dr. Justin Denny as alternate local health officers in Thurston County for 2005. Commissioner Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

9) **DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – Sherri McDonald

Sherri McDonald announced that the Department has received a grant from the State Department of Health to expand Family Planning/STD/HIV clinical services to off site and rural locations with use of the Health Mobile unit. The Department will also receive funding from Group Health to expand and provide services to homeless teens through Rosie's Place. There was discussion of other possible gathering places services may be useful.

Sherri McDonald indicated the United States Government Accountability Office (GAO) will be meeting with Department staff on February 3, 2005 to discuss the role of major federal public health IT initiatives in strengthening the public health infrastructure.

Commissioner Oberquell asked if the Health Department will be involved in the forthcoming mass casualty exercise. Ms. McDonald indicated yes.

10) **HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT** – Dr. Diana Yu

Dr. Diana Yu stated that effort is being made to encourage walk in clinics in Thurston County to provide shots. Dr. Yu acknowledged the clinics who have participated and also the Medical Reserve Corps for their assistance. It was reported that the flu season has started and cases have been reported. Commissioner Oberquell questioned why the focus is on providing flu shots to the elderly when the flu has been starting with school age children. Dr. Yu explained that there is an ongoing debate on who should be protected in order to protect the whole community.

Dr. Yu also announced that she is the President-Elect of the Thurston Mason Medical Society. The Board congratulated Dr. Yu and Commissioner Oberquell asked Sherri McDonald to let John Tennis, Public Information Officer, know.

11) **ADJOURNMENT**

**BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**Thurston County, Washington**

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DIANE OBERQUELL, Chairman

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ROBERT N. MACLEOD, Member

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CATHY WOLFE, Member

**ATTEST:**

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Patti Swanson, Clerk of the Board

Date: \_\_\_\_\_