



# BOARD OF HEALTH

## Minutes of February 6, 2006

### SUMMARY OF ITEMS

#### 1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Commissioner Macleod called the meeting to order.

**Attendance:** Commissioners Macleod and Wolfe, Department Director Sherri McDonald, Health Officer Dr. Diana Yu, Environmental Health Director Art Starry, and Clerk of the Board Lydia Hodgkinson.

##### a) **Election of Board of Health Chairman and Vice Chairman for 2006 –**

Commissioner Wolfe moved to elect Commissioner Bob Macleod as Chairman of the Board of Health for 2006. Commissioner Macleod seconded the motion. The motion carried. Commissioner Macleod moved to elect Commissioner Cathy Wolfe as Board of Health Vice Chairman for 2006. Commissioner Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

##### b) **Approval of Agenda –** Commissioner Macleod moved to approve the Agenda as submitted. Commissioner Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

##### c) **Approval of Minutes –** Commissioner Macleod moved to approve the Minutes of December 5, 2005 as submitted. Commissioner Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

##### d) **Correspondence –**

A letter of appreciation from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Dept of Health & Human Services Well-Integrated Screening and Evaluation for Women Across the Nation was presented recognizing Linda Stewart's presentation of the many accomplishments of the Thurston County Steps Program at their annual meeting on "Community Environmental Change". The Board commended Ms. Stewart.

An Award and thank you letter from the Student Assistance & Treatment Services, a cooperative of Educational Service District 113, was presented thanking Donna Bosworth for her commitment and collaborative efforts with their Program to reduce youth substance abuse in the community. The Board commended Ms. Bosworth.

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

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

4) **CONSENT ITEMS**

- a. **Partners for Children, Youth, and Families Advisory Board Member Appointment** - Move to appoint Dr. Karen Johnson and Pat Sonnenstuhl as members to the Partners for Children, Youth, and Families Advisory Board for a three (3) year term beginning February 2006 – January 2009
- b. **Resolution Appointing Alternate Local Health Officers for Thurston County for 2006** - Move to approve resolution H-1-2006 appointing Justin Denny, MD, MPH, Mimi Fields, MD, MPH, Steve Standaert MD, MPH, and Rachel Wood, MD, MPH as alternate Health Officers for Thurston County for 2006.
- c. **Mason County Interlocal 2005 Agreement Amendment No. 1 for Health Officer Services** – Move to approve and execute Amendment No.1 to the Interlocal Agreement for Health Officer Services between Mason County and Thurston County in the amount of \$10,352.00 with a maximum compensation for this Interlocal Agreement of \$19,376.00.
- d. **Department of Social & Health Services Agreement on General Terms and Conditions No.0683-88587** - Move to approve and execute the DSHS and County Agreement on General Terms and Conditions number 0683-88587, beginning April 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2011.
- e. **Project Access Contract with Volunteer Care Institute –Amendment #1** - Move to approve and execute Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Contract between Thurston County and the Volunteer Care Institute, a non-profit organization, for Thurston County Project Access in the amount of \$30,000.00 with a maximum Contract compensation of \$60,000.00, and further authorize the Director of the Public Health & Social Services Department to execute any amendments associated.
- f. **Early Learning Opportunities Act Grant – United Way of Thurston County Agreement** - Move to approve and execute the Agreement with United Way of Thurston County for the period beginning October 1, 2005 and ending February 28, 2007 in the amount of \$93,000, and to authorize the Director of Public Health and Social Services to execute any subsequent Agreement Amendments.

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

Sherri McDonald introduced Dr. Rachel Wood, one of the three Alternate Health Officers for Thurston County for 2006. Ms. McDonald clarified the procedure of immediately notifying the Board in the event an Alternate Health Officer was appointed.

Ms. McDonald explained that the Volunteer Care Institute is the contractor for Project Access. She further explained the 2005 contract expended the funded \$30,000 and Amendment No. 1 provides an additional budgeted \$30,000 for 2006.

**5) SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR ARTICLE II – FOOD SERVICE CODE**

Darrell Cochran provided an overview of the Article II Food Service Code Revisions. In September 2004 the Washington State Board of Health passed a revision to Chapter 246-215, the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) governing food service. The new regulation became effective on May 2, 2005. In January 2005 the Thurston County Public Health and Social Services, Environmental Health Division staff started the process to revise Article II, Rules and Regulations of the Thurston County Board of Health Governing Food Service. This revision is necessitated by the changes in Chapter 246-215, WAC. The initial phase of the local review process has been completed. An announcement regarding the proposed changes and information providing access to the revised document was mailed on December 14, 2005 to all permitted Thurston County Food Establishments with a three-week comment period that closed on January 4, 2006. All comments received have been addressed in the current Article II draft submitted to the Board for this meeting.

Mr. Cochran requested the Board set a public hearing to receive formal comments on the final draft of the revised Article II. A hearing date of March 6, 2006 at 2:00 has been tentatively selected subject to Board approval. **Commissioner Wolfe moved to set a public hearing for March 6, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. to receive comments and consider the revision of Article II, Rules and Regulations of the Thurston County Board of Health Governing Food Service. Chairman Macleod seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

**6) STEPS WALKABLE COMMUNITIES PROJECT UPDATE**

Mary Ann O'Garro, the Lead Evaluator in the STEPS to a Healthier US program, presented an overview of the program, which has collaborated with various community partners on the Walkable Places Assessment and Walking Partners projects. During Year 3 of STEPS, the community will be invited to collaborate on a hybrid of the two projects, combining assessment of neighborhoods for walkability with promoting and organizing walking partner projects. Ms. O'Garro briefed the Board on the project and introduced the plan for providing resources to community partners interested in participating.

Peter Guttchen, a representative of the Northeast Neighborhood Association, talked to the Board about how their Association used their walkable places assessment to leverage funding for neighborhood improvements. Mr. Guttchen acknowledged and commended the extraordinary staff and innovated efforts of the program. Commissioner Wolfe questioned what the \$1,000 grant did for them. Mr. Guttchen stated the money funded the assessment completion, which was distributed at a neighborhood meeting. Mr. Guttchen submitted a packet of informational documents from the Northeast Neighborhood Association.

Commissioner Macleod stated he was extremely impressed with the program. He questioned what the Board of County Commissioners can do to sustain these programs for the whole county, neighborhoods and rural. Sherri McDonald explained we are in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the 5-year funding (\$600,000 per year). Commissioner Macleod expressed his desire to continue the STEPS program after congressional funding ends.

**7) THURSTON COUNTY ABCD (ACCESS TO BABY AND CHILD DENTISTRY) PROGRAM**

Angela Campbell and Darcy Sierer presented an ABCD program update. February is Oral Health Month in Washington State. The Board viewed five minutes of a Washington State ABCD promotional video. The ABCD program is community-based and offered to children less than 6 years of age who qualify for Medicaid coupons. There are approximately 8,000 eligible children in the County, of which 4,692 are enrolled in the program today. The program provides a dental “house”, a preventive care examination twice a year and emergency care. Thirty dentists, who are trained to treat children, participate in the program. Commissioner Macleod questioned what parents can do. Sherri McDonald stated parents can provide proper oral hygiene and preventive care.

**8) THURSTON MASON RSN – PROCUREMENT PROCESS – STATUS REPORT**

Mark Freedman provided an update on the Thurston Mason Regional Support Network’s (TMRSN) Procurement Process. The TMRSN response to the DSHS RSN Procurement – Request for Qualification (RFQ) was not successful. Mr. Freedman submitted a written overview of surrounding issues and also described the next steps for consideration and discussion as follows: 1) Does Thurston County want to proceed with the second stage of the RSN procurement process, a competitive bid response to the DSHS Request for Proposal due out March 1, 2006? 2) Does Thurston County want to consider “merging” with other unsuccessful RSNs when responding to the Request for Proposal (RFP)? If so, what kind of governance structure and which RSNs? 3) TMRSN would like to proceed with contracting with a new consultant, TRIWEST Group to help respond to the upcoming RFP. They recommend the consultant that was utilized by Clark County who had the highest score on the RFQ. A relationship already exists with this consultant through another grant that TMRSN participated on and they feel this consultant can provide them the assistance they need to be successful. All funds utilized to compensate the consultant will be from TMRSN, which are available in reserves. 4) DSHS did not accept the letter of protest from TMRSN.

Much discussion ensued around pros and cons of consolidating TMRSN with another RSN who was also found non-responsive to the RFQ. Additional briefings with the Board are scheduled in February and March. The first February briefing will be an opportunity for the Board to provide direction.

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

Don Krupp stated the Gains Workgroup met a week ago. They are putting the finishing touches on an arrangement clarifying roles between two different providers that provide services to jail inmates.

**10) DIRECTOR’S REPORT** – Sherri McDonald

Sherri McDonald indicated she would like to draft a letter for the Board outlining the large amount of Charity Care that happens in this community, clarifying that one entity alone is not responsible for all Charity Care. Ms. McDonald asked for direction from the Board to help the public understand there is a broader picture. The Board decided the appropriateness of their connection to this issue will require further discussion and consideration.

**11) HEALTH OFFICER’S REPORT** – Dr. Diana Yu

Dr. Yu stated flu shots continue to be provided. The Medical Reserve Corp provided flu shots at the Legislature last week. Using the Capital location for emergency use in the future for flu shots is being explored. Planning for pandemic flu is still happening. Sherri McDonald will meet with the Olympia Fire Department later this month. Avian flu virus is changing, but still not easily transmitted person to person, but that could change.

Dr. Yu stated there was an accidental teen overdose death in Lewis County last week. She discussed the up rise in prescription drug abuse in teens. Dr. Yu will be giving phone interviews today (2/6/06) regarding safeguarding prescription drugs and timely warnings.

**12) ADJOURNMENT**

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

**ATTEST:**

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ROBERT N. MACLEOD, Chairman

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Lydia Hodgkinson, Clerk of the Board

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CATHY WOLFE, Member

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

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DIANE OBERQUELL, Member