



BOARD OF HEALTH

Minutes of May 1, 2006

SUMMARY OF ITEMS

1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Macleod called the meeting to order.

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

- a) **Approval of Agenda** - Commissioner Oberquell moved to approve the Agenda as submitted. Commissioner Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- b) **Approval of Minutes** – Commissioner Macleod moved to approve the Minutes of February 6, 2006 as submitted. Commissioner Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion carried. Commissioner Oberquell moved to approve the Minutes of April 3, 2006 as submitted. Commissioner Macleod seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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 reappoint Pedi Colby, Annie Cubberly and Michael Fenton as members to the Partners for Children, Youth, and Families Advisory Board for a three (3) year term beginning April 2006 - March 2009.

Motion: Commissioner Wolfe moved to approve consent item “a”. Commissioner Oberquell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**5) STEPS TO A HEALTHIER US PROGRAM – DIABETES
MANAGEMENT AND CARE SUBCONTRACT**

Deborah Ahern requested authorization to enter into a subcontract with the Physicians of Southwest Washington for a STEPS planning project to improve the primary care provider healthcare delivery system for patients with diabetes. The Board did not feel they had enough information to approve this subcontract and requested a briefing be scheduled for May 8, 2006 at which the subcontract, subcontract deliverables and budget information will be presented.

**6) STATUS REPORT – EVALUATION AND TREATMENT/TRIAGE
FACILITY**

Mark Freedman provided an update on program implementation for the Evaluation and Treatment (E & T) Facility. Mr. Freedman explained the Evaluation & Treatment and Crisis Stabilization Units are fully operational. Staffing the Triage Unit is being addressed and the unit is scheduled to open on May 31, 2006. John Masterson provided additional status information, crisis activity at the center, information regarding fully operational programs and Evaluation & Treatment Unit incidents. The Board expressed extreme concern and frustration with the length of time the opening of the Triage Unit has taken. The Board requested an additional briefing for May 8, 2006 at which time staff is to present complete staffing plans for each unit.

**7) SET A PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND ARTICLE IV SECTIONS 10.2,
12.2.3.1 AND 21.4.5**

Art Starry gave a presentation and explained that in order to protect and preserve public health and limit the concentration of pollution discharge from on-site sewage systems, it is necessary to clarify the standards for installing on-site sewage systems on lots that do not meet minimum lot standards. Many legal lots were created in Thurston County before Washington State and Thurston County adopted on-site sewage system regulations establishing minimum lots sizes and density limitation. Some of these lots do not meet the minimum lot size standards established in Article IV of the Sanitary Code for Thurston County. Mr. Starry requested a Public Hearing be set on June 5, 2006 at 2:00 PM to receive testimony regarding an ordinance to amend Article IV of the Sanitary Code for Thurston County. An Ordinance amending Article IV to provide needed clarification was also presented to the Board. Commissioner Oberquell expressed concern regarding the allowing a one bedroom temporary residence on a lot that eventually turns into a permanent residence and requested an additional Briefing be scheduled. Mr. Starry will schedule a Briefing time. In addition, Commissioner Oberquell suggested the Public Hearing be set for May 25th at 6:15 PM instead of June 5th.

Commissioner Oberquell moved to set a Public Hearing on Thursday, May 25, 2006 at 6:15 PM to receive testimony regarding an ordinance to amend Article IV of the Sanitary Code for Thurston County, Rules and Regulations of the Thurston County Board of

Health Governing Disposal of Sewage, amending Article IV, sections 10.3, 12.2.3.1 and 21.4.5 of the Sanitary Code for Thurston County and adopting a definition of “temporary residence” in Article IV, section 3. Commissioner Wolfe seconded the motion. The Motion carried. The Public Hearing is to be held at the Thurston County Court House, Building 1, Room 280, 2000 Lakeridge Drive SW, Olympia, Washington.

8) DIRECTOR’S REPORT – Sherri McDonald

Sherri McDonald presented a “Making A Difference” In the life of a child Award given to the Thurston County Public Health & Social Services Department by the Thurston Community Network acknowledging their Culturally Relevant Practices, which included the hiring of a bi-lingual nurse to work in the Nurse Family Partnership Program.

9) HEALTH OFFICER’S REPORT – Dr. Diana Yu

Dr. Yu reported there are a number of outbreaks of gastrointestinal illnesses in long term care facilities (nursing homes), which are being dealt with.

10) ADJOURNMENT

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ATTEST:

ROBERT N. MACLEOD, Chairman

Lydia Hodgkinson, Clerk of the Board

CATHY WOLFE, Member

Date: _____

DIANE OBERQUELL, Member