



BOARD OF HEALTH

Minutes of September 11, 2006

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) **Introduction of New Staff** – Sherri McDonald introduced new hire Jim Goode, Drinking Water & Land use Senior Environmental Health Specialist.
- b) **Approval of Agenda** - Commissioner Wolfe moved to approve the Agenda as submitted. Commissioner Oberquell seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- c) **Approval of Minutes** – Commissioner Wolfe moved to approve the minutes of August 7, 2006 as submitted. Commissioner Oberquell seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- d) **Correspondence:**

NAACHO Letter of Appreciation - Sherri McDonald presented a letter from Patrick Libbey, the Executive Director of the National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO), expressing deepest appreciation of Ms. McDonald's leadership as Chair of the Informatics Committee. Ms. McDonald informed the Board she is no longer the Chair or a member of the Informatics Committee.

Steve Davies and John Ward Commendation Email – Art Starry presented an email thanking Steve Davies and John Ward for their efforts working with the Department of Licensing in their development of the Complaint Threshold Guidelines for their On-site Wastewater Treatment System Designer Licensing Program.

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

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

4) CONSENT ITEMS

- a) **Lewis County Interlocal Agreement for Health Officer Services Amendment No.1** - Move to approve and execute Amendment No.1 to the 2006 Interlocal Agreement for Health Officer Services between Lewis County and Thurston County in the amount of \$655 with a revised maximum compensation of \$44,976.

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

5) INFLUENZA VACCINE FOR ESSENTIAL WORKERS

Sherri McDonald explained in March 2006 the Department discussed with the Board of Health the issue of provision of influenza vaccine to County employees, particularly targeted to those employees deemed to be “essential workers” in response to an emergency. We have a plan for providing this service at the cost of \$20 per vaccine, which is less than the usual charge by community providers. We would design provision of this service as an exercise of our Strategic National Stockpile Plan (SNS). She explained the Public Health & Social Services Department has ordered and is likely to receive, 2,000 doses of influenza vaccine for the 2006-07 Influenza season. The SNS Plan calls for our capacity to vaccinate at least 2,000 people within a four-hour period.

Ms. McDonald presented a report and a tentative plan for a mass vaccination clinic to be held at the Olympia High School on October 25, 2006 from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Ms. McDonald requested guidance from the Board on the following issues still to be addressed 1) to offer influenza vaccine to all County employees judged by Continuity of Operations Plans to be "essential workers", 2) to offer influenza vaccine to all City and Fire district employees expected to respond to an emergency, 3) to offer influenza vaccine to all employees of organizations that will be "essential workers" during an emergency; and 4) exercise the Thurston County Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Plan for mass vaccinations. Ms. McDonald and Dr. Yu discussed and answered questions around additional issues to be addressed such as employee's family members receiving vaccination and cost, employees receiving compensation during off hours, holding hour long clinics over several days during work hours, number of people to be recruited, etc.

Dr. Yu introduced Jean Gowen, a Physician's Assistant working as the Influenza Administrator for the Department.

The Board requested Ms. McDonald re-evaluate the plan with discussion results and come back to the Board, keeping key issues in mind such as offering vaccine to all employees and to not interrupt employee work (no overtime, no off hours). The Board suggested offering an incentive to staff if time frame does not fall into their normal work hours. Ms. McDonald will check with Human Resources Director for legal parameters.

6) UPDATE ON JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH FINANCE: 4410 COMMITTEE

Don Krupp joined the meeting.

Sherri McDonald gave an update of the Joint Select Committee on Public Health Financing: 4410 Committee. Ms. McDonald presented selected pages from Creating a Stronger Public Health System; selected pages from Committee Staff reports and a Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials (WSALPHO) letter to Committee Chair. Ms. McDonald stated she can provide copies of the full documents if needed and referenced websites where documents can be viewed electronically. She further explained funding options for public health services are limited and are not keeping pace with expenditures necessary to deliver services. Local funding varies widely across the state from a high of \$55 per capita in San Juan County to \$4 per capita in Grant County. In 2004, Thurston County ranked 24th out of 35 local health jurisdictions for per capita funding from local government contributions. The local funding has not changed since 2004 and equates to approximately \$4.50 per capita. The Joint Committee found there are substantial service gaps across the state that places the public at risk. Stable funding is needed to assure that an adequate public health system will be in place to meet the needs of that state's citizens. The Joint Committee has one more meeting scheduled for October 12th, to finalize their report and recommendations to the State Legislature for the 2007 session. Ms. McDonald called the Board's attention to several "Draft Conclusions and Recommendations", specifically pages 3, 19, 20, and 21 and requested the Board provide comments to be presented to the Committee at their October 12th meeting. Commissioner Oberquell stated she will sign a letter drafted with her comments for the October 12th meeting. The Board directed to Ms. McDonald to continue with her efforts.

- 7) **DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - none
- 8) **HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT** - none
- 9) **ADJOURNMENT**

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ATTEST:

ROBERT N. MACLEOD, Chairman

Lydia Hodgkinson, Clerk of the Board

CATHY WOLFE, Member

Date: _____

DIANE OBERQUELL, Member