



BOARD OF HEALTH

Minutes of January 30, 2007

SUMMARY OF ITEMS

1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Macleod called the meeting to order.

Attendance: Chairman Macleod and Commissioners Oberquell and Wolfe, Department Director Sherri McDonald, and Clerk of the Board Lydia Hodgkinson.

a) Election of Board of Health Chairman and Vice Chairman for 2007 –
Commissioner Wolfe moved to elect Commissioner Diane Oberquell as Chairman of the Board of Health for 2007. Commissioner Macleod seconded the motion. The motion carried. Commissioner Oberquell moved to elect Commissioner Macleod as Board of Health Vice Chairman for 2007. Commissioner Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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 October 2, 2006 as submitted. Commissioner Macleod seconded the motion. Commissioner Oberquell abstained. The motion carried.

Commissioner Wolfe moved to approve the Minutes of December 11, 2006 as submitted. Commissioner Oberquell 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 appoint Cletus Nnanabu as a member to the Partners for Children, Youth, and Families Advisory Board for a three (3) year term beginning February 2007 – January 2010.
- b) **DSHS County Program Agreement No. 0563-75757 Amendment No.2 for the Medicaid Outreach and Linkage Program Administrative Match** - Move to approve and authorize the Director of Public Health and Social Services to execute Amendment No.2 to the DSHS County Program Agreement No. 0563-75757 beginning February 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2007 for a total revised maximum Agreement amount of \$1,400,000.
- c) **Dept of Social & Health Services County Amendment No.1 to Agreement No.0663-98798 – Early Intervention Program** - Move to approve and authorize the Director of Public Health and Social Services to execute Amendment No.1 to the DSHS County Program Agreement No. 0663-98798 beginning January 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2007 for a total revised maximum Agreement amount of \$58,216.
- d) **Mason County Interlocal Agreement Amendment No.1 for 2007 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 for the time period of January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007 for a maximum compensation of \$45,775.
- e) **Resolution H-1-2007 Appointing Alternate Local Health Officers for 2007 for Thurston County** - Move to approve resolution H-1-2007 appointing Alan Melnick, MD, MPH, Mimi Fields, MD, MPH, Steve Standaert MD, MPH, and Rachel Wood, MD, MPH as alternate Health Officers for Thurston County for 2007.

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

5) WASTEMOBILE REVIEW – FALL 2006

Sherri McDonald introduced Gerald Tousley, Supervisor of the Solid and Hazardous Waste Program. Ms. McDonald commented on the incredible successes of the WasteMobile Day Program. Mr. Tousley presented a background and update of the 2006 WasteMobile Collection accomplishments. He explained ideas are being discussed to encourage the public to use the fixed facility at the Waste and Recovery Center which operates year round. The Board suggested giving a presentation at a Monday morning Board meeting and utilizing the TCTV Programming for which Ms. McDonald stated she will talk to John Tennis. Mr. Tousley noted the next Waste Mobile Days are June 2nd and June 3rd at a south County location, which has not been determined to date. Commissioner Macleod noted he is encouraged with staff always trying to improve services and looking for new approaches to provide those services.

6) EXPANDED CLEAN INDOOR AIR ACT (I-901) UPDATE

Sherri McDonald gave a brief explanation of the Expanded Clean Indoor Act I-901 the expanded ban on smoking in public places and places of employment which went into effect on December 8, 2005. Linda Stewart, the Health Education and Outreach Supervisor, provided an update on community education, partnerships, and enforcement activities associated with the implementation of I-901 in Thurston County. In addition, she provided the Board with an example of a Business Toolkit containing implementation material distributed to businesses. Ms. Stewart noted since the passing of I-901 she and staff members Darrell Cochran and Dale Tahja of the Environmental Health Division and Pawnee Brown of the Personal Health Division have focused on “Employer Education and Support” and “Complaint Investigation and Resolution”. Ms. Stewart introduced Patricia Coloma with TOGETHER!, who provided support to develop employer educational materials. Ms. McDonald explained the Target Strategy is employers protecting their employees in turn protecting their customers. Ms. Stewart stated the Environmental Health Division staff have a comprehensive plan to include educating automobile and mechanic shop businesses and to include education when performing routine restaurant inspections. Dale Tahja provided updates on violations and complaints. Mr. Tahja clarified that the Department has enforcement of violations by establishment owners; the police have authority over violations by patrons.

7) HEALTHY YOUTH ACT 2007

Sherri McDonald explained in 2005 the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) jointly established the Guidelines for Sexual Health Information and Disease Prevention in response to request from state legislators. She further explained the proposed Healthy Youth Act 2007, House Bill 1279 and Senate Bill 5297, will be introduced to the Washington State Legislature. Ms. McDonald noted this legislation supports the Guidelines established by DOH and OSPI; the Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials has supported this legislation when it was introduced in the last legislative session; and the Washington State Association of Counties did not take a formal position. The Family Planning Advisory committee has asked the Department to support the Healthy Youth Act 2007 and allow for the name to be listed on the Public Relations flyer. Ms. McDonald stated it is in the public’s best interest to ensure comprehensive, medically accurate, age-appropriate information regarding sexual health and disease prevention. Comprehensive sex education emphasizes abstinence, but not to the exclusion of other materials and instruction on contraceptives and disease prevention. Deborah Ahern the Personal Health Program Manager introduced Linda Jacobsen, the Family Planning Program Supervisor. Ms. Jacobsen explained the Guidelines set standards for accurate and age appropriate sexual health education, but leaves the schools in control over whether they teach sex education and what curriculum to use. Commissioners Wolfe and Macleod were in support of the Act. Commissioner Oberquell was not comfortable with supporting the Act without the Washington State Association of Counties’ support. **Commissioner Wolfe moved to support the Healthy Youth Act of 2007 and allow for Thurston County Board of Health to be**

listed in support on the Public Relations flyer. Commissioner Macleod seconded the motion. Commissioner Oberquell abstained. The motion carried.

8) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Sherri McDonald briefed the Board on work being done around Pandemic Influenza and Emergency Preparedness planning in sub areas of the County. She explained these areas have been broken down into logical smaller areas, people have been identified in these areas to lead the planning; checklists have been provided with what they are being asked to accomplish. Ms. McDonald will provide the Board with this checklist. She explained that if we have an overwhelming communicable disease event in our community we have the responsibility to make sure our existing medical systems such as hospitals are protected as much as we can from an infectious disease entering the facilities. The desire is to have physicians, pharmacists, dentists, veterinarians, interested individuals from community schools, fire districts etc. to meet and think about where would be the most appropriate location in their area to put a triage center to evaluate sick people; a location to house those that do not need to go to the hospital; planning what they can do to protect themselves in a worse case scenario.

Ms. McDonald noted in the next couple of weeks the Department of Health will launch a state wide media campaign around issues of hand washing and cover your cough.

Ms. McDonald informed the Board there are two companion bills in the House, HB1825 and Senate, SB5729. She provided the Board with an educational handout explaining the legislation. Ms. McDonald noted there will be Health Care Committee hearings in both the House and Senate at the same time on February 7th between 8:00 and 10:00 A.M. There is now legislation being proposed to be heard potentially next week, at which she may be asked to speak. Ms McDonald will keep the board informed.

9) HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

In Dr. Diana T. Yu's absence, Sherri McDonald informed the Board there are three new connected cases of HIV and other cases that may be connected but investigation has not been completed. Ms. McDonald noted people in our community still need appropriate education to protect themselves from sexually transmitted diseases (STD). Discussion around STD and drug use ensued.

Ms. McDonald brought to the Board's attention a recent teenage suicide in the media. Schools, the Coroner and Public Health are very concerned about what appears to be a rash of teenage suicides in the community. In mid February Dr. Yu is going to be convening a group of people

including the schools to take a look at preventative measures to try in the community which will include looking at issues around a “child death review”.

Commissioner Oberquell questioned if the Health Mobile is still in operation. Sherri McDonald stated the services previously provided with the Health Mobile are still out there, but the Health Mobile vehicle is out of service. A fixed site to provide services is being researched.

10) ADJOURNMENT

BOARD OF HEALTH
Thurston County, Washington

ATTEST:

ROBERT N. MACLEOD, Chairman

Lydia Hodgkinson, Clerk of the Board

CATHY WOLFE, Member

Date: _____

DIANE OBERQUELL, Member