



BOARD OF HEALTH

Minutes of March 5, 2007

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 and Clerk of the Board Lydia Hodgkinson.

- a) **Approval of Agenda** - Commissioner Macleod moved to approve the Agenda as submitted. Commissioner Oberquell seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- b) **Approval of Minutes** – Commissioner Macleod moved to approve the Minutes of January 30, 2007 and February 5, 2007 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

Tom Howdeshell expressed concern regarding HazoHouse not meeting current code. Sherri McDonald noted HazoHouse is managed by the Water and Waste Management Department and agreed to check with them and provide Mr. Howdeshell with a status.

Mr. Howdeshell requested current info and statistics about Hepatitis C be mailed to him. Ms. McDonald agreed to mail him information and provide him with a contact number for additional information.

4) CONSENT ITEMS

- a) **Room Rate Extension** – Move to approve a room rate extension for Laura Pennington's travel to the 2007 Medical Reserve Corps National Training & Leadership Conference from April 16 through April 20, 2007 in Providence, Rhode Island at a hotel rate of \$139.00 per night for 4 nights totaling \$628.28 including tax.

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

5) **CALL A SPECIAL BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING FOR MARCH 21, 2007**

Commissioner Macleod moved to set a special Board of Health meeting on March 21, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. with an ending time of 5:00 p.m. at the Thurston County Courthouse, Building One, Room 280 to continue the Walt Cox Appeal of an Administrative Hearing Officer’s Decision. Commissioner Oberquell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

5) **WIC PROGRAM UPDATE AND 2006 ANNUAL WIC REPORT**

Sherri McDonald introduced Deborah Ahern the Personal Health Division Director. Ms. Ahern provided a brief update of the WIC Program and presented the Washington State Department of Health’s 2006 Annual Report for the Washington WIC Nutrition Program. Ms. Ahern introduced Susan Kavanaugh, the interim WIC Coordinator for the Department.

6) **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM UPDATE**

Mike Presswood, the Emergency Preparedness Program Manager, gave a 2006 update and presentation of the Regional Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Program. Mr. Presswood described what the program has accomplished and what still needs to be done. He noted the Administrator on Call (AOC) pager system now utilizes the Managers’ Blackberries. Commissioner Oberquell requested that emphasis be placed on personal emergency plan readiness during all trainings and questioned how many Public Health and Social Services’ staff have personal emergency plans in place. Sherri McDonald stated she would pose the question to staff and respond back to the Board. The Board commended Program staff on the remarkable job they have done.

7) **ORDINANCE TO AMEND SANITARY CODE ARTICLE IV, SECTIONS 3, 10.3 AND 12.2.3.1**

Art Starry provided a summary of the proposed ordinance, explaining cases in past that were brought to the Board of Health raised questions about the standards used for the review of undersized lots, with particular concern for systems located adjacent to sensitive surface waters. Staff reviewed the issues and identified sewage system design flow, setbacks to surface waters, and setback reductions as key issues to be addressed in the regulation revisions. Two public hearings were conducted where three alternative ordinances were considered. Based on the testimony received at the hearings and direction received from the Board of Health at two briefings, the ordinance proposed for adoption requires sewage systems for full time residences (including family member units and accessory dwelling units) be designed to serve at least two-bedrooms (240 gallons per day); allows sewage systems for guest homes to be sized for one-bedroom (120 gallons per day) where technical justification is provided that supports the reduced design flow and the residence is allowed by the local planning jurisdiction; and requires a minimum horizontal separation of at least 100 feet between the sewage system

disposal component and drinking water lakes (St. Clair and Summit) and marine tidelands. **Commissioner Macleod moved to adopt the ordinance to amend Article IV Sections, 3, 10.3, and 12.2.3.1 of the Sanitary Code for Thurston County. Commissioner Oberquell seconded the motion. The Motion carried.**

8) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Sherri McDonald presented a letter from the State of Washington Office of the Governor appointing Dr. Diana T. Yu to the Sate Board of Health. Dr. Yu's term of office was effective February 16, 2007 and will continue until July 2, 2008. Commissioner Macleod commented that the State Board of Health is lucky to have Dr. Yu on the Board.

9) HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

Dr. Yu informed the Board of a viral illness, which is not influenza, going around the community. She stated the virus causes a very ill feeling with a fever.

Dr. Yu informed the Board of a Press Release going out today, March 5th, regarding a cluster of positive HIV cases. She stated there are 6 confirmed cases in the last 3 months. This Press Release has gone out due to the concern that some of these positive cases are engaged in "at risk behavior" and that some individuals are not willing to be tested.

Commissioner Wolfe joined the meeting at 3:00 P.M.

Dr. Yu noted due to the expectation of more West Nile Virus in the area this year as compared to the previous year, West Nile Virus Public Prevention Education is to begin soon. A brief discussion ensued around West Nile Virus across the states.

10) ADJOURNMENT

BOARD OF HEALTH
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ATTEST:

DIANE OBERQUELL, Chairman

Lydia Hodgkinson, Clerk of the Board

ROBERT N. MACLEOD, Member

Date: _____

CATHY WOLFE, Member