



BOARD OF HEALTH

Minutes of June 4, 2007

1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Oberquell called the meeting to order.

Attendance: Chairman Oberquell, Commissioners Macleod and Wolfe, Department Director Sherri McDonald, Environmental Health Director Art Starry, 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 Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

b) **Approval of Minutes** –

Commissioner Macleod moved to approve the Walt Cox Appeal Minutes of February 5, 2007 as submitted. Commissioner Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Macleod moved to approve the Minutes of May 7, 2007 as submitted. Commissioner Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

c) **Correspondence** – Sherri McDonald presented a letter dated May 14, 2007 from the Lewis County Board of Health to the Thurston County Animal Shelter in appreciation of the Shelter’s assistance and participation on the *Brucella canis* multidisciplinary response team. Ms. McDonald and Dr. Diana Yu gave a brief background and update on the situation. Dr. Yu also commended the Animal Shelter. Commissioner Wolfe stated she will pass the commendation on to the Animal Shelter.

2) UPDATE ON CITIZEN ISSUES - none

3) OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Mr. Tom Howdeshell stated he had heard from the media that increased cases of West Nile Virus (WNV) in Thurston County are anticipated. Mr. Howdeshell questioned if this was true. Dr. Yu stated it is anticipated there will be more WNV cases in Thurston County this year than there were last year. She stated the public is being informed of preventive measures to be taken to prevent becoming infected. Sherri McDonald stated monitoring of the mosquito population and “dead bird” calls has already begun.

4) CONSENT ITEMS

- a) **STEPS Program Subcontract – Physicians of Southwest Washington** - Move to approve and authorize Sherri McDonald the Director of Public Health and Social Services Department to execute the subcontract with the Physicians of Southwest Washington in the amount of \$25,000 with a duration of September 22, 2006 through August 31, 2007.
- b) **Family Planning Advisory Committee Member Appointment** - Move to appoint Ariel Brantley-Dalglish as a member of the Family Planning Advisory Committee for a two (2) year term beginning September 2007-August 2009.

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

5) ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM UPDATE (COMMUNITY SCHOOL SEALANT PROGRAM AND ABCD PROGRAM)

Sherri McDonald introduced Colin Williams, the Oral Health Program Education and Outreach Specialist. Mr. Williams gave an overview and update of the ABCD and Sealant Programs for 2006 and 2007 to date. The Board gave their appreciation of staff and the programs as a whole. Commissioner Macleod requested Certificates of Appreciation from the Board of Health be given to volunteers that are so vital in the operation of the services to the community. Mr. Williams agreed to generate certificates for the Board’s signatures.

6) WOMEN’S HEALTH PROGRAM UPDATE

Sherri McDonald introduced Linda Jacobsen the Family Planning Nurse Practitioner Supervisor. Ms. Jacobsen gave a presentation describing services provided by Family Planning Services and Women’s Health program and statistics of services provided in 2006. In addition, Ms. Jacobsen introduced representatives of the Family Planning Advisory Committee, Jim Dolan and Pat Sonnenstuhl and discussed the important relationship between the Advisory Committee and the Department. Ms. Sonnenstuhl and Mr. Dolan individually addressed the Board providing brief descriptions of each of their backgrounds and histories with the Family Planning Advisory Committee. The Board commended the Committee for the wonderful service they provide. Commissioner Wolfe, as a Community Youth Services Board member, gave a personal thank you to staff of the Family Planning and Women’s Health Program.

7) CALL A SPECIAL BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING FOR JUNE 18, 2007

Commissioner Macleod moved to call a special Board of Health Meeting on June 18, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. at the Thurston County Courthouse, Building One, Room 280 to perform a Public Hearing to receive testimony regarding revisions to the Thurston County Sanitary Code. Commissioner Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

8) SCHEDULE HEARING TO AMEND ARTICLE IV OF THE THURSTON COUNTY SANITARY CODE

Art Starry gave an overview of the intent of the proposed interim version of Article IV. He further explained that Washington State's new on-site sewage system regulations go into effect July 1, 2007. An advisory committee has been working to redraft Article IV of the Sanitary Code to make it consistent with the new state regulations, and while they have made good progress, a final product will not be ready in time to complete an adequate public review process and be ready for adoption by July 1. In order to avoid having county rules that may be inconsistent with the new mandatory state regulations, interim amendments to Article IV should be adopted. Mr. Starry explained that in addition, provisions of Article IV concerning on-site sewage system designers are proposed to be modified because state law now requires the Department of Licensing to regulate the licensing of designers. The new state sewage system regulations will supersede Article IV, except for those sections that are unique to Thurston County or more stringent than the state law. Without the interim amendments to Article IV, it may be difficult and confusing for staff and the public to understand which parts of the rules apply to their permit applications because Article IV and state law are formatted and worded differently. The interim version of Article IV would be a "bare bones" version that would include the unique features currently in Article IV while incorporating the required provisions of the new state regulations. Mr. Starry stated the Department has reviewed the plan to propose interim amendments with the Article IV advisory committee and they do not object. Once the advisory committee completes its work, a final version of Article IV will be prepared for adoption. If this approach is acceptable, Mr. Starry requests the Board of Health set a public hearing on June 18, 2007 at 6:30 P.M. A hearing notice and draft set of regulations was also presented to the Board. Mr. Starry stated that between this meeting and the hearing date staff will work with the on-site community and the public to inform them of the potential regulation changes and ask them to attend the public hearing or provide their comments verbally or in writing. Staff will bring any substantial issues to the Board for consideration at the public hearing. The Board will consider adoption of the interim ordinance to amend Article IV at the July 2nd, 2007 Board of Health meeting. **Commissioner Macleod moved to set a Public hearing on June 18, 2007 at 6:30 P.M. to receive testimony regarding an interim 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. Commissioner Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

9) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Sherri McDonald updated the Board regarding the biennium allocations for the Chemical Dependency Program from the Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse, for which the budget has been approved but the funds are not being released. The Division of Alcohol and Substance abuse plans to amend contracts for a two month period based on the last biennium amount which would in turn require the Department to issue two month amendments for their contractors. Ms. McDonald stated she and Donna Bosworth, Chemical Dependency Program Manager, will keep the Board informed of the situation and if any assistance is needed from the Board.

Sherri McDonald noted the State Legislature's passing of a bill which will increase public health financing for the first time in over a decade. Ms. McDonald thanked the Board and the various partners for their help in making this happen. The bill provides a twenty million dollar allocation for the State which will bring approximately \$330,000 to Thurston County per year. Ms. McDonald explained the priority use of this funding will be to improve the Communicable Disease Surveillance and Response System. The State will be issuing a contract based on performance measures and outcomes by November or December of this year. She explained that as the bill was written, work is to begin July 1, 2007 but funding will not be received until January 2008. Ms. McDonald and the Board discussed the issue and challenges around the delay in funding. The Department and the State are working on receiving answers regarding these issues. Ms. McDonald will keep the Board informed.

10) HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT - none

11) ADJOURNMENT

BOARD OF HEALTH
Thurston County, Washington

ATTEST:

DIANE OBERQUELL, Chairman

Lydia Hodgkinson, Clerk of the Board

ROBERT N. MACLEOD, Member

Date: _____

CATHY WOLFE, Member