



# BOARD OF HEALTH

## Minutes of July 2, 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 Oberquell requested to move Agenda Item 7 to the next order of business after item 4 Consent Items. Commissioner Macleod moved to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- b) **Approval of Minutes** – Commissioner Macleod moved to approve the Minutes of June 4, 2007 as submitted. Commissioner Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### 2) UPDATE ON CITIZEN ISSUES - none

### 3) OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD - none

### 4) CONSENT ITEMS

- a) **Approve IPM Prescription for Control of Non-Native Grass at Glacial Heritage Preserve** - Move to approve the IPM Prescription for Control of Non-Native Grass at Glacial Heritage Preserve.
- b) **Amendment to the County Pest Management Policy for Central Services Facilities Use** – Move to approve the addition of chemical controls for the control of Ants in the County IPM Ant Prescription.

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

### 5) ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE IV OF THE THURSTON COUNTY SANITARY CODE

Art Starry gave a brief overview of the purpose of the ordinance to amend Article IV of the Thurston County Sanitary Code. Washington State’s new on-site sewage system regulations go into effect July 1, 2007.

The new state sewage system regulations supersede Article IV except for those sections that are unique to Thurston County or more stringent than the state law. While an advisory committee has been working to redraft Article IV of the Sanitary Code to make it consistent with the new state regulations, their work 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 further that the interim version of Article IV includes only the unique features currently in Article IV and the required provisions of the new state regulations, including the removal of requirements for certification of designers which is now governed by Title 18 RCW. A final version of Article IV will be completed after the advisory committee completes its work and it has gone through a public review process. Mr. Starry stated the interim regulations were considered at the June 18, 2007 hearing of the Thurston County Board of Health. He also stated the draft interim Article IV has been reviewed and approved by State Department of Health and the public has been kept informed of revisions being considered.

Mr. Starry provided an advisory committee review status of the redraft of Article IV, stating their recommendations should be ready in early fall, with an end of 2007 target date for a final draft of Article IV and Management Plan. Mr. Starry anticipates providing a Board briefing some time in August 2007.

Priscilla Terry, a ratepayer in the Henderson Inlet Shellfish Protection Area, addressed the Board requesting the following be included in Article IV, for parcels in the Henderson Inlet Shellfish Protection Area: 1) include any "failure of system info" on pumper reports, 2) re-assess high/low risks when land use on a parcel changes, and 3) request ratepayers be informed when "hot spots" are identified in this protection area. Ms. Terry submitted her concerns in writing to the Board. Commissioner Oberquell recommended Ms. Terry contact Sue Davis of the Environmental Health Division to discuss the three issues. Mr. Starry addressed Ms. Terry's first request stating "failure of system info" is already included on pumper reports. Ms. Terry thanked the Board for their attention.

**Commissioner Macleod moved to adopt the ordinance amending Article IV of the Sanitary Code for Thurston County effective July 2, 2007. Commissioner Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

## **6) THURSTON COUNTY INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL CLINIC**

Sherri McDonald introduced Jean Gowen, an Advanced Practice Clinician with the Investigation & Control of Disease Program. Ms. Gowen provided a brief overview of the International Travel Clinic and provided an example "Travel Clinic Packet". She explained the Clinic protects the health of county residents by assisting travelers prepare for health risks they may encounter while visiting foreign countries, stay well while on their trip and to return healthy. The program services include: routine and travel vaccinations, review of medical history, education and counseling on risk factors for health problems that can occur, and medical and emergency care information while traveling.

Commissioner Macleod expressed his desire to have this information presented on a TCTV Board of County Commissioner's program as soon as possible. Ms. McDonald agreed to look into scheduling this presentation.

Claire O'Neill, a retired Public Health Nurse with Public Health & Social Services, addressed the Board in support of the clinic.

**7) PERFORMANCE MEASURES IN PUBLIC HEALTH: OUTCOME ASSESSMENT FOR PERSONAL HEALTH PROGRAMS**

Sherri McDonald explained the Public Health and Social Services Department participated in a collaborative workgroup that was funded by a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to the Washington Department of Health to improve our ability to measure outcomes in public health services for children and families. Deborah Ahern updated the Board on the work of the Personal Health Division in developing a performance measurement system to better assess the impact of our work on individual, family, and community health. Ms. Ahern gave the example of attempting to determine what we are getting per unit of service, per dollar we are spending, and the challenge of coming up with specific measurable program outcomes. Discussion ensued around the complexities in developing performance measures.

**8) DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Sherri McDonald informed the Board she and Dr. Diana Yu will be at the Olympia Center that evening July 2<sup>nd</sup>, observing and participating in a health care forum being put forth around issues regarding Access to Care.

Ms. McDonald noted on June 26<sup>th</sup> Dr. Yu was the MC at the Health Care Champions Awards Dinner sponsored by the Business Examiner, Thurston-Mason Medical Society, Thurston County Chamber of Commerce and KPS Health Plans where Dr. Stephen Albrecht, Family Practician, Dr. Dieter Kirchheim, retired and Mike and Brenda Williams of The Williams Group received awards for being great champions of health care in our community. Don Wilson, Commissioner of Mason Public Hospital District #1 also received an award.

Commissioner Oberquell requested Sherri McDonald review an email the Board was copied on from Claude Oliver, Commissioner of Benton County and Benton Franklin Human Services Liaison regarding Benton and Franklin County taking a \$1 million dollar mental health 2007 -2008 program hit. Ms. McDonald agreed to review the information contained in the email and will respond back to Commissioner Oberquell.

**9) HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT**

Dr. Yu stated that recently the West Nile Virus plan has been reviewed and they have solidified some of the items that need to be acted on. She offered to come back in August with a more streamline update.

Dr. Yu updated the Board on the issue of informing the public and posting signs regarding the contamination of Budd Inlet. Dr. Yu, Art Starry and John Tennis have been working with the Department of Ecology (DOE) to come up with answers to Ecology's "Frequently Asked Questions" about the contamination. She noted Department of Health's Toxicologist input has been included also and that the final draft is almost complete. Dr. Yu noted Art Starry and his staff are close to finalizing

mock up signs to be posted on site. Signs are also being designed targeting the public who do not read English. The Board expressed their desire to view the mock up signs at a Monday morning Board of County Commissioner's meeting. Dr. Yu and Sherri McDonald agreed to give the Board the opportunity to review the signs before posting.

**10) ADJOURNMENT**

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**Thurston County, Washington**

**ATTEST:**

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DIANE OBERQUELL, Chairman

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Lydia Hodgkinson, Clerk of the Board

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ROBERT N. MACLEOD, Member

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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CATHY WOLFE, Member