



BOARD OF HEALTH

Minutes of August 6, 2007

1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Oberquell called the meeting to order.

Attendance: Chairman Oberquell, Commissioners Macleod and Wolfe, 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 Minutes of July 2, 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) **Partners for Children, Youth, and Families Advisory Board Member Appointments** - Move to appoint Charlotte Dedman as a new member of the Partners for Children, Youth, and Families Advisory Board for 3-year term from 09/2007-08/2010 and to reappoint Karen Hardy for a 2nd term as member to the Partners for Children, Youth, and Families Advisory Board for an additional 3-year term from 08/2007-07/2010.
- b) **Washington State Department of Health 2007–2011 Consolidated Contract #C14967 Amendment No. 3** - Move to approve and authorize Sherri McDonald, the Director of Public Health and Social Services to execute Amendment No.3 to the 2007-2011 Consolidated Contract No.C14967 with the State of Washington Department of Health in the amount of \$506,787 for a revised total maximum consideration of \$3,021,946.
- c) **Approve Addendum 1 to the Lake Lawrence Integrated Aquatic Vegetation Management Plan: IPM Prescription for Control of Nuisance Aquatic Plants for Lawrence Lake** - Move to approve Addendum 1 to the IPM Prescription for Control of Nuisance Aquatic Plants for Lawrence Lake as an Amendment to the Lake Lawrence Integrated Aquatic Vegetation Management Plan originally approved in 2006.

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

5) HIV INTEGRATION WORK RECOGNITION AWARD

Deborah Ahern, Personal Health Division Director for the Public Health and Social Services Department, explained the Department has been a grantee in the Office of Population Affairs HIV Prevention Project for the past 3 years. She further explained the grant funds have been used to offer expanded HIV prevention services to Family Planning clients at the current clinic location and to offsite locations in the county. Our links within our department and in the community include our Education and Outreach Team, United Communities AIDS Network (UCAN) and case managers. The Department has worked with the Washington State Department of Health to train all staff in conducting the rapid HIV test this past year. Ms. Ahern explained the goal is to integrate HIV testing into normal services. She stated at the Annual Technical Support Conference held in June 2007, the Department received recognition and an award for their "Strong Linkages" among the 63 national grantees.

Dr. Yu and Ms. Ahern addressed questions from the Board regarding their concerns around routine HIV testing of clientele that do not need testing, the “opting out” of routine testing and the cost of testing to the clients. Dr. Yu introduced Monica Lyons, the Department’s Sexuality Transmitted Disease (STD) Investigator, who provides Partner Counseling and Referral Services. Ms. Lyons addressed the Board explaining the Department works very hard to gain and maintain the trust of clients and the public as a whole.

Dr. Yu provided the Board with a “The Picture of HIV in Thurston County” Report. She explained and discussed the statistics in the report with the Board. Dr. Yu is to provide the Board with the total number of HIV tests administered versus how many of those tested positive.

6) STEPS HEALTHY ACTIVE AGING COALITION ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Chris Hawkins, the Active Healthy Communities Coordinator for the Steps to a Healthier WA Program, provided a handout and update of Steps and Healthy Active Aging outcomes and current activities. He explained the Steps Program has been partnering in the past two years with the Puget Sound Senior Games to convene a Healthy Active Aging Coalition and provide a series of physical activity opportunities for adults aged 50-70 in Thurston County. Mr. Hawkins explained, and provided a handout on, the goals, processes, time frames and participants of the Healthy Active Aging Coalition. He invited the Board to comment on the development of a comprehensive strategy and action plan for promotion of, and support for, increased physical activity among older adults. He discussed with the Board the first meeting of the Coalition’s planning process is being held on Monday, August 13, 2007 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Thurston County Fairgrounds where invited organizations will discuss how land use and transportation design can encourage or discourage physical activity and why it matters to the health of our community. Since none of the Board members are available to attend the meeting, Dr. Yu suggested a Thurston County Planning Representative be invited to attend.

In addition, Mr. Hawkins distributed to the Board a “Bicycle Map” for Thurston County which is a guide to urban and rural bicycling routes for transportation, recreation and health.

Jack Kiley, President of the Puget Sound Senior Games, addressed the Board and discussed past, current and planned activities of the Puget Sound Senior Games. He noted additional information can be obtained at www.pugetsoundgames.com. Mr. Kiley expressed his appreciation of the relationships and support of the Steps Program and the Lewis-Mason-Thurston Area Agency on Aging. The Board also expressed their appreciation of all partners involved in promoting healthy aging.

7) DIRECTOR’S REPORT

In Sherri McDonald’s absence, Art Starry provided the Director’s Report. Mr. Starry presented a sign containing international symbols designed by staff member Nicky Upson to be posted at the Budd Inlet contaminated area. The Board reviewed and approved of the sign which contains symbols which give clear warnings such as “do not eat the fish from” and “do not swim in” Budd Inlet. Mr. Starry explained that once Department of Ecology finishes their assessment of the area it will be determined if additional signage is needed.

8) HEALTH OFFICER’S REPORT

Dr. Yu stated that there has been no West Nile Virus (WNV) activity. She stated the recent positive WNV testing results of a horse, which was from out of state, is not a threat due to the fact that horses like humans do not pass on WNV.

9) 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