



THURSTON COUNTY
WASHINGTON
SINCE 1852

BOARD OF HEALTH

Minutes of October 1, 2007

1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Oberquell called the meeting to order.

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

- a) **Approval of Agenda** - Commissioner Wolfe moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Commissioner Oberquell seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- b) **Approval of Minutes** – Commissioner Wolfe moved to approve the Minutes of September 10, 2007 as submitted. Commissioner Oberquell 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) **Washington State Department of Health 2007–2011 Consolidated Contract #C14967 Amendment No. 4** - Move to approve and authorize Sherri McDonald, the Director of Public Health and Social Services to execute Amendment No.4 to the 2007-2011 Consolidated Contract No.C14967 with the State of Washington Department of Health in the amount of \$49,533 for a revised total maximum consideration of \$3,071,479.

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

5) HOME VISITATION PROGRAMS

Sherri McDonald explained the Home Visitation Advisory Board meets quarterly to review programs, progress, funding, and provide input. Commissioner Oberquell acknowledged and thanked Emmie San Nicolas for her outstanding support to the Advisory Board. Ms. McDonald reviewed and discussed with the Board a number of written handouts and presentation materials the Advisory Board has developed for a variety of audiences. She further noted the Advisory Board is very helpful in seeking financial support of related programs. Ms. McDonald provided a brief description of Home Visitation Programs and explained their beliefs which include the mission of promoting safe and healthy families must have support from the entire community, home visitation services should be universal and home visitation services should be accessible by geographically, economically and

culturally diverse populations of Thurston County. Deborah Ahern, Personal Health Division Director for the Public Health and Social Services Department, addressed program questions from the Board and Commissioner Wolfe expressed her thanks for all that the Home Visitation Programs do and the awareness they bring to the community.

6) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Sherri McDonald and Deborah Ahern discussed the Grant Award from the Department of Health and Human Services for the WorkWell: Workplace Health Promotion for Men and Women Program in the amount of approximately \$200,000 per year for three years. Partners such as the Physicians of Southwest Washington, the Chamber of Commerce and the City of Olympia worked with Thurston County to obtain this grant. Ms. Ahern explained this grant is an extension of the STEPS grant which is entering into the fifth and final year. She explained this grant will enable the Department to sustain the STEPS grant work and expand the existing WorkWell Project, which addresses the chronic disease needs for both men and women especially around diabetes. Ms. Ahern described the WorkWell project which collaborates with work places in the community to help them address issues of access to healthy food and physical activity during the work day. This funding will allow the program to work with additional workplaces in the community. She further explained the plan is to hire a registered dietician to develop ways for people to improve their ability to manage diabetes or pre-diabetes in the work site. Dr. Yu discussed with the Board different types of Diabetes and prevention. Ms. Ahern will provide the Board with a copy of the grant overview. Ms. McDonald commended Ms. Ahern for her hard work in getting the STEPS programs up and running and obtaining this grant.

7) HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

Dr. Yu provided an update on West Nile Virus (WNV) activity stating the 9 horses in Eastern Washington that had developed WNV were not vaccinated. She confirmed a hawk has tested positive for WNV, but there have been no mosquitoes that have tested positive.

8) 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