



THURSTON COUNTY
WASHINGTON
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BOARD OF HEALTH

Minutes of December 3, 2007

1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Oberquell called the meeting to order.

Attendance: Chairman Oberquell, Commissioners Macleod and Wolfe, Health Officer Dr. Diana Yu, Environmental Health Director Art Starry and Clerk of the Board Lydia Hodgkinson.

- a) **Approval of Agenda** – Clerk of the Board Lydia Hodgkinson amended the agenda as follows: consent item 4a) “Pacific Groundwater Group Contract - Amendment #1” removed from the consent agenda and placed as an item for discussion, Agenda item #6 “2008 Human Services Review Council Recommendations” be pulled from this agenda and be presented to the Board of County Commissioners on Monday December 10, 2007, and an agenda item to set a Public Hearing for the Thurston County On-site Sewage System Management Plan on January 7, 2008 was added. Commissioner Macleod moved to approve the agenda as revised. Commissioner Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- b) **Approval of Minutes** – Commissioner Macleod moved to approve the Minutes of November 5, 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) PACIFIC GROUNDWATER GROUP CONTRACT – AMENDMENT #1

Art Starry briefly described amendment # 1 to the Pacific Groundwater Group consultant contract for the Woodland Creek Pollutant Load Reduction Project which is funded through the Washington State Department of Ecology (DOE) Grant Agreement G0600191. This amendment provides an additional \$25,000 funding with a revised maximum total consultant contract amount of \$215,000. The current DOE grant and project budget will be sufficient to cover the increase in the amount of the consultant contract. In addition, this amendment extends the termination date to March 31, 2008 providing the consultant additional time to complete the project. Commissioner Macleod moved to authorize the Director of Public Health and Social Services to execute Amendment #1 to the contract between Thurston County and Pacific Groundwater Group, Inc. for the Woodland Creek Pollutant Load Reduction Project.

5) TOBACCO CESSATION & SMOKING IN PUBLIC PLACES UPDATE

Deborah Ahern, Director of the Personnel Health Division introduced Chris Hawkins the Education and Outreach Specialist for the Tobacco Program. She also noted Pawnee Brown an Education and Outreach Program Specialist who also worked in this program has recently resigned. Mr. Hawkins provided an overview of the program explaining tobacco use remains the leading cause of preventable death in the United States. Tobacco products are known to cause disease, disability, and the death of over 430,000 Americans each year at a total cost of over \$100 billion, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The two (2) divisions within the Thurston County Public Health and Social Services Department, Personal Health and Environmental Health, continue to work in collaboration to implement the Smoking in Public Places Act I-901 and Preventing Youth Access Program within Thurston County. Thurston County is seen by Washington State Department of Health (DOH) as one of the most innovative counties in responding and implementing the Smoking In Public Places Act. Chris Hawkins introduced Dale Tahja, Compliance Officer with the Environmental Health Division also noting Darrell Cochran with the Environmental Health Division and Mary Ann O'Garro with the Personal Health Division were also instrumental in the success of the program. Mr. Tahja provided an update and addressed the Board's questions on compliance of the Act I-901 in Thurston County. Mr. Hawkins described and addressed the Board's questions regarding the Department implementation of the Washington State Tobacco Retailer compliance checks to prevent illegal sale of tobacco products to underage residents of the county. He further noted significant steps in reducing smoking and tobacco use in Thurston County have been made in a community partnership with TOGETHER of Thurston County to form "Tobacco Free Thurston County". Mr. Hawkins introduced Meghan Sullivan and Matthew Gulbranson both from TOGETHER!, all of whom provided a presentation and addressed the Board's questions regarding a variety of programs aimed at tobacco prevention activities throughout Thurston County and two coalitions which include C.A.T. (Coalition Against Tobacco) an adult coalition working in partnership on tobacco issues within underserved populations and a youth coalition, S.P.L.A.T (Students Protesting Lies About Tobacco!) educating peers and community members about how tobacco affects youth. These coalitions bring together a group of agencies, organizations, and individuals committed to supporting and promoting tobacco prevention, education, intervention, and policy reform within Thurston County. Dr. Yu addressed questions from the Board regarding smoking while pregnant. She also noted Family Court has contacted her to provide a presentation on second hand smoke. Ms. Sullivan addressed Commissioner Wolfe's question regarding the industries' strategy of "quit assist". Ms. Ahern noted statistics show that education on how tobacco impacts your health is more effective.

6) HEARING FOR THURSTON COUNTY ON-SITE SEWAGE SYSTEM MANAGEMENT PLAN

Art Starry explained the Washington State Board of Health regulations WAC 246-272A-0015 require the Thurston County Health Officer develop a management plan for the development and management of on-site sewage systems within Thurston County. RCW 70.118A requires the Department designate Marine Recovery Areas where on-site sewage systems are a significant factor contributing to the degradation of shellfish growing areas, low dissolved oxygen levels, fecal coliform pollution in Puget

Sound. The *Thurston County On-site Sewage System Management Plan* was prepared to meet these requirements and act as a guide for on-site sewage system permit and management activities within Thurston County for the coming years. An advisory committee was convened to develop recommendations for the on-site sewage system management plan and the revision of Article IV of the Thurston County Sanitary Code. The committee met 10 times from November 2006 to September 2007 and provided recommendations that are the backbone of this plan. Art Starry requested the Board set a public hearing to receive testimony and consider action on the *Thurston County On-site Sewage System Management Plan*. Commissioner Macleod moved to set a public hearing for January 7, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 280 of the Thurston County Courthouse to receive testimony and consider action on the *Thurston County On-site Sewage System Management Plan*. Commissioner Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- 7) **DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - none
- 8) **HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT** - Dr. Yu deferred
- 9) **ADJOURNMENT**

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ATTEST:

DIANE OBERQUELL, Chairman

Lydia Hodgkinson, Clerk of the Board

ROBERT N. MACLEOD, Member

Date: _____

CATHY WOLFE, Member