



# BOARD OF HEALTH

## Minutes of April 7, 2008

### 1) **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Co-Chairman Macleod called the meeting to order.

**Attendance:** Commissioners Macleod and Wolfe, Department Director Sherri McDonald, Health Officer Dr. Diana Yu, Environmental Health Division Director Art Starry and Clerk of the Board Lydia Hodgkinson.

- a) **Approval of Agenda** –Commissioner Macleod approved the agenda as submitted.
- b) **Approval of Minutes** – Commissioner Wolfe moved to approve the Minutes of March 3, 2008 as submitted. Commissioner Macleod seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- c) **Correspondence** – Sherri McDonald presented a draft letter from the Board to Thomas Burbacher, Associate Professor with the University of Washington supporting the Department’s application to the National Institute of Health for Thurston County to participate as a site for the National Children’s Study. Ms. McDonald described the study and addressed the Board’s questions. Commissioner Wolfe moved to authorize the Chairman of the Board, Diane Oberquell, to sign the letter on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Macleod 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) **Ordinance to Amend Article I of the Thurston County Sanitary Code** – Move to adopt the ordinance amending Article I of the Sanitary Code for Thurston County to take effect June 2, 2008.
- b) **Partners for Children, Youth, and Families Advisory Board Member Appointments** - Move to appoint Therese Holliday for a one (1) 3-year term from April 2008 thru March 2011 and to reappoint Cliff Moore for a 2<sup>nd</sup> 3-year term from April 2008 through March 2011 as members of the Partners for Children, Youth, and Families Advisory Board.
- c) **Clark County Health Department Interlocal Agreement #HDC.182 AIDS Omnibus** - Move to approve Interlocal Agreement #HDC.182 in the amount of \$229,028 with Clark County Health Department and to authorize Sherri McDonald, the Director of Public Health

and Social Services Department, to execute the Interlocal Agreement and the forthcoming subcontract with United Community Aids Network for the Thurston Mpowerment Project.

- d) **DSHS Cover All Children Outreach Program Agreement No.0863-28803** - Move to approve Cover All Children Outreach Program Agreement No.0863-28803 with Department of Social and Health Services and to authorize Sherri McDonald, the Director of Public Health and Social Services, to execute the Program Agreement and the forthcoming subcontract with CHOICE.
- e) **DSHS Cover All Kids Infrastructure Program Agreement No.0863-34815** - Move to approve Cover All Kids Infrastructure Program Agreement No.0863-34815 with Department of Social and Health Services and to authorize Sherri McDonald, the Director of Public Health and Social Services, to execute the Program Agreement and the forthcoming subcontract with CHOICE.

**Commissioner Wolfe moved to approve consent agenda items “a” thru “e”. Commissioner Macleod seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

## **5) INTRODUCTION OF CRAIG MCLAUGHLIN, WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Sherri McDonald introduced Mr. Craig McLaughlin the Executive Director of the Washington State Board of Health (WSBOH). Ms. McDonald noted Dr. Yu is currently serving as a member of the WSBOH. Mr. McLaughlin addressed the Board providing a brief history of the State Board of Health and their program to enhance communication between the local Boards and the State. He provided the Board with copies and an explanation of the “Guidebook for Local Board of Health Members” and the WSBOH 2007 Annual Report. Ms. McDonald will send the Board members the website link to the Mental Health Report. Mr. McLaughlin will send the Board members an invitation to the May 13, 2008 forum. Board welcomed Mr. McLaughlin and expressed their appreciation of the enhanced communication. Mr. McLaughlin encouraged the Board to submit any subject of mutual interest to be placed on a SBOH meeting agenda. Dr. Yu noted her term ends in June, but she has made application to be reappointed. Mr. McLaughlin stated her application is in process at the Governor’s office.

## **6) DANIEL GLENN APPEAL DECISION**

Mr. Macleod stated this matter came before the Board of Health (Board) on January 7, 2008, February 4, 2008 and March 31, 2008, as a result of an appeal by Daniel Glenn of the hearing officer’s decision, dated October 18, 2007. The hearing officer’s decision affirmed a Notice of Violation filed against Mr. Glenn’s property at 2622 Lovejoy Court N.E. Olympia, WA for a failing septic system. The Board determined by unanimous vote to remand the matter back to the Environmental Health Division. **Commissioner Wolfe moved to remand this matter back to the Environmental Health Division for additional evidence. Staff is directed to conduct dye tracing evaluations on the adjacent properties and to include sample site #3 in their studies. Staff is also directed to re-test Mr. Glenn’s property, if necessary. After the dye tracing evaluations are complete, this matter shall be rescheduled before the Board of Health for a final determination on whether Mr. Glenn’s septic system is in failure.**

**7) STEPS “WORKWELL HEALTHY WORKPLACE DESIGNATION PROGRAM” UPDATE**

Sherri McDonald gave a brief overview of the WorkWell Healthy Workplace Designation Program and introduced Kateri Wimsett the Education and Outreach Specialist with the Chronic Disease Prevention Program. Ms. Wimsett gave special recognition to the Thurston County Chamber and Mr. David Schaffert, President of the Thurston County Chamber. Last year the Board honored 11 businesses who received their WorkWell Designations. This year the program has involved 24 workplaces, with 17 employers receiving the top honor of a “Gold” designation - having made a commitment to their employees’ health and specifically changing the workplace in ways that made healthy eating and physical activity easier for those employees. Ms. Wimsett introduced representatives from the businesses who recently received their "WorkWell Healthy Workplace Designation" that were present. The Board commended the program. Mr. Schaffert addressed the Board thanking them for their support and acknowledged the partnership.

Sherri McDonald noted this is Public Health Week.

**8) GARDEN RHAPSODIES TOUR COMMITTEE RECOGNITION**

Ms. McDonald explained the Garden Rhapsodies Tour Committee is a dedicated group of 12 volunteers which meets every month and commits to specific tasks to create the annual Garden Rhapsodies Tour. The Garden Tour is an educational event featuring between six and eight gardens that use Integrated Pest Management techniques to reduce their use of pesticides. The tour attracts about 600 people every year who receive information about Common Sense Gardening to take home with them and make changes to their own gardening practices. Ms. McDonald introduced Jennifer Johnson an Education and Outreach Specialist with the Environmental Health Division. Ms. Johnson recognized the volunteers that make up the Committee that were not present and introduced Marjory Doucette one of the Musician Coordinators. Ms. Doucette addressed the Board. The Board thanked Ms. Doucette for her dedication.

**9) LOAN REVIEW COMMITTEE’S CONTRIBUTION TO PUBLIC HEALTH IN THURSTON COUNTY**

Sherri McDonald gave a brief description of the Loan Review Program and introduced Art Starry. Mr. Starry stated the Loan Review Committee reviews applications for financial assistance that are submitted by county citizens who have failing on-site sewage systems. The committee members volunteer their time to review the applications and make recommendations on whether or not to make loans and grants. Mr. Starry introduced Debra Baker who manages the Loan Review Program for the Environmental Health Division. There were no volunteers present. The Board commended the program.

**10) SEPTIC DEMONSTRATION PARK RECOGNITION**

Ms. McDonald explained Thurston County constructed the Septic System Demonstration Park in the open space at the Thurston County Public Health & Social Services Building at 412 Lilly Road NE in Olympia. The park is an educational tool for training homeowners about septic system function, maintenance, and inspections. Ms. McDonald introduced Dave Tipton an Environmental Health Specialist with the Environmental Health Division. She acknowledged his vision of a Septic Demonstration Park. Mr. Tipton coordinated its construction from start to finish, manages the program and provides the trainings. Mr. Tipton addressed the Board noting that in 2007, forty-two classes of Henderson Watershed residents used the Park to learn about septic systems, and two county-wide “Septic Sense” classes were also held there. Mr. Tipton thanked several septic companies that contributed various materials and components of septic systems that were installed in the Park; explained funding was provided by the Puget Sound Action Team and the Henderson/Nisqually Shellfish Protection District, and acknowledged several County Departments that also helped with the construction and landscaping. Mr. Tipton acknowledged several company representatives that were present. The Board thanked all contributors.

**11) ARTICLE IV ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOGNITION**

Sherri McDonald gave a brief description of the Article IV Advisory Committee and commended Art Starry the Environmental Health Division Director and Jim Goode the Supervisor of the Drinking Water and Land Use Program for their work with this Committee. Mr. Starry acknowledged Kathy Patton an Administrative Assistant with the Division, for her contribution to the Committee. He expressed appreciation for the commitment of the Article IV Advisory Committee in giving their time and assistance for several months in 2006 and 2007. They assisted in the development of regulations that both comply with state law and are responsive to our local needs. Our committee members represented different facets of the community, which included OSS industry professionals, shellfish advocates, the building and real estate community, concerned citizens, and city and state government. Mr. Starry thanked those Committee participants that were present. The Board thanked the committee for the great deal of confidence they provide the Board.

**12) PROJECT ACCESS PROVIDER RECOGNITION**

Ms. McDonald gave a brief description of the Project Access Program noting the information on the submitted Fact Sheet and introduced Colin Williams the Supervisor for the Access to Medical/Dental Care program. Mr. Williams described the program and thanked the variety of medical providers who donated medical services to Project Access Clients 2007, noting the dollar value of their donated care exceeded \$3.6 million. No medical providers were present. The Board expressed gratitude to all involved in the evolution of this great and successful program.

### **13) DENTAL PROVIDER RECOGNITION**

Ms. McDonald gave a brief description of the Dental Provider Program noting the information on the submitted Fact Sheet. Colin Williams recognized the volunteer dental providers, the Thurston County Dental Access Network (TCDAN) and Olympia Union Gospel Mission Dental Clinic (OUGM) who have provided dental care to the thousands of individuals otherwise unable to access care for preventive and urgent dental needs. OUGM is staffed by volunteers who render all professional services and is funded primarily by donations from Thurston County Residents and Foundations. TCDAN provides no-fee dental care to patients in the offices of private practice dentists. Patients are screened and referred by staff at the OUGM No-Fee Dental Clinic and is funded by contributions from local dentists and interested parties. Mr. Williams also acknowledged Carolyn Richardson with TCDAN for her valuable contributions. In addition, he expressed gratitude to the Board for the recent “Thank you” letters that were sent out to the volunteer Dentists. The Board commended Project Access for its valuable contributions to the community.

### **14) MENTAL HEALTH ACCESS PROJECT RECOGNITION**

Sherri McDonald described the Mental Health Access Project (MHAP) and introduced Patti Swanson the Department Administrative Services Manager. Ms. Swanson gave an overview of the MHAP services stating it is a community-based program developed to improve access to basic mental health services in Thurston County, providing brief intervention therapy targeting clients who are responsive and successful in this environment. In partnership with the Thurston County Public Health and Social Services Department who is providing the clinic space, uninsured and under-insured adults, 18 years and older are accepted after being screened by a referring medical professional. A volunteer staff of credentialed mental health professionals works with persons troubled by adjustment disorders such as disabling anxiety or depression. In addition, volunteers provide important service as greeters, receptionists and resource specialists. Ms. Swanson acknowledged Dr. Sherwin Cotler and Dr. Steve Macuk, Co-Clinical Directors of MHAP, Holly Detzler with CHOICE Regional Health Network, Executive Director of MHAP and Kristin West with CHOICE Regional Health Network. In addition, Ms. Swanson acknowledged all MHAP volunteers and staff for the great work they are doing for the community. Ms. West addressed the Board providing additional acknowledgment of Holly Detzler. Dr. Cotler addressed the Board acknowledging Patti Swanson, Sherri McDonald and Mark Freedman the Social Services Division Director. A handout containing a summary of the MHAP’s ten months of service update was provided to the Board. Ms. West gave Dr. Colter extra acknowledgement for all his hours of work. The Board acknowledged the crucial success and value of MHAP’s help to the community.

### **15) CHAMPION FOR KIDS**

Ms. McDonald noted that Gary Enns, who works with the Thurston Mason Regional Support Network, Public Health & Social Services Department, received an award from CHOICE Regional Health Network at the 7<sup>th</sup> annual “Champions for Kids” celebration for his work with Children. Ms.

McDonald introduced Mark Freedman who noted Mr. Enns was acknowledged for his efforts to create and support children's mental health services and he has been an essential creator of several different children's programs for Thurston County, including "Safe Schools", Evidence Base Practices for Children, and diversion services for children in Juvenile Rehabilitation. The Board acknowledged Mr. Enns for his hard work and dedication. Mr. Enns addressed the Board thanking them for their acknowledgement.

**16) DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Sherri McDonald informed the Board, and provided a brief description, of the Public Health Standards Review which took place in March. The extensive review lasted two full days and ended with an exit interview. Although a formal report will not be available until early August, during the exit interview many complimentary comments were received along with a few practices that are to be labeled "exemplary". The Board noted this positive review comes as no surprise to them. Ms. McDonald stated the final formal review will be brought to the Board when received.

**17) HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT**

In celebration of Public Health Week, Dr. Yu acknowledged all of the individuals, agencies, and community partners that volunteer and work so hard for the health of our community. She stated it is her opinion that the Health Department is not working for the community, it is the community working for the community and she feels very fortunate to be working in such an environment. She noted there is no way county government could run without such caring community members. Dr. Yu acknowledged the Medical Reserve Corp for their contribution to public health.

**18) ADJOURNMENT**

**BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**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