



BOARD OF HEALTH

Minutes of August 4, 2008

1) **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chairman Oberquell called the meeting to order.

Attendance: Chairman Oberquell and Vice-Chairman Macleod, Chief Administrative Officer Don Krupp, 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 moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Commissioner Oberquell seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- b) **Approval of Minutes** – Commissioner Macleod moved to approve the Minutes of July 7, 2008 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 No.C14967 Amendment No.10 – Move to approve and authorize Sherri McDonald, the Director of Public Health and Social Services to execute Amendment No.10 to the 2007-2011 Consolidated Contract No.C14967 with the State of Washington Department of Health in the amount of \$104,925 for a revised total maximum consideration of \$5,803,796.
- b) Council for Children and Families Contract #K-380914- Move to approve, and authorize the Director of Public Health and Social Services to execute, the Council for Children and Families, Nurse Family Partnership Home Visiting Program, Contract #K-380914 with a begin date of beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009 for the maximum contract amount of \$30,025.25

Commissioner Macleod moved to approve consent agenda items “a” and “b”. Commissioner Oberquell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

5) ROCHESTER WEED AND SEED PROGRAM –AWARD PRESENTATION

Sherri McDonald stated Thurston County Public Health and Social Services (PHSS) was awarded a certificate of service at the June 25, 2008 “Rochester in Motion: Sustaining Progress” Building Leadership from Within event. This event was both a recognition of accomplishments over the six year grant as well as a time to come together as a community and discuss ways to maintain the momentum and add to the success. Erik Landaas a Social Services Program Specialist provided a background of the Program. The PHSS staff was at the ground floor of preparing and documenting the need for a federally funded (US Department of Justice) Weed and Seed site in Rochester. The goal of the project was to reduce drugs and crime in the Rochester area. The Program has had strong collaboration between PHSS, the Prosecutor’s Office, Commissioner’s Office, law enforcement, community agencies and the Rochester community. Where law enforcement and the Prosecutor’s office were arresting and convicting Meth cooks and dealers, the PHSS Department was helping get addicts into treatment. Accomplishments of the six year project include: new and expanded community services (ROOF, Thurston County Parks, True North, PHSS, Boys & Girls Club, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Family Education & Support, VITA Tax Center), local library and park development, elimination of meth labs, increased law enforcement visibility and response. Recommendations for continuing the momentum include: expanding partnerships and maintaining community voice with county and other systems. The Board commended dedicated staff. Jim Anderson, a Roof Board of Directors Board Member, addressed the Board and gave special recognition to staff members Tina Gehrig and Kristi Strup, Vickie Larkin of the Commissioner’s office and Sherri McDonald.

6) ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION BUDGET CHALLENGES

Sherri McDonald stated the Environmental Health Division, like the Personal Health Division, of the Public Health and Social Services Department uses a variety of funding sources to support programs. She provided the Board with budget challenges information, issues, options and recommendations. These funding sources include fees, grants, contracts, and a small amount of County general fund. Programs supported by these revenues include drinking water, solid waste, on-site sewage, food safety, chemical and physical hazards, living environment, surface and groundwater, and the environmental health laboratory. She noted the current revenue is not matching what was projected and the Department would like to reevaluate current fees for appropriateness, and consider new fees for specific services that have not previously been charged for. Art Starry addressed the Board’s questions and provided additional information. The Board directed the Department to continue to reevaluate fees, but requested additional discussion take place at a time when all three Commissioners are present. Sherri stated the Department has a Board Briefing scheduled for August 12, 2008 to discuss budget.

7) DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Sherri McDonald reminded the Board about the joint Board of Health meeting with Mason County on September 23, 2008 at 3:30 P.M. The meeting will be held in Mason County and the agenda topic will be the Social Services Division’s Joint Operating Agreement.

Art Starry informed the Board the water quality in the Henderson Inlet area appears to be improving. The Washington State Department of Health (DOH) is officially changing the rainfall closure limit for Henderson Inlet from 0.5” to 1.0” effective July 28, 2008.

8) HEALTH OFFICER’S REPORT

Dr. Yu updated the Board on a recent reported case of West Nile Virus noting it was actually from another state; an African National traveler who lives here visited their home country and contracted malaria; an unconfirmed case of Dangi fever has been reported in an American born individual who visited Vietnam; and an unconfirmed case of Cryptococcus (a fungal infection) in a dog has been reported for which she is working with DOH in their investigation.

9) ADJOURNMENT

BOARD OF HEALTH
Thurston County, Washington

ATTEST:

DIANE OBERQUELL, Chairman

Lydia Hodgkinson, Clerk of the Board

ROBERT N. MACLEOD, Member

Date: _____

Absent
CATHY WOLFE, Member