



BOARD OF HEALTH

Minutes of November 3, 2008

1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Oberquell called the meeting to order.

Attendance: Chairman Oberquell and Vice-Chairman Macleod, Commissioner 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** –Agenda approved as submitted.

b) **Approval of Minutes** – Commissioner Macleod moved to approve the Minutes of September 8, 2008 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) Family Planning Advisory Committee Member appointment– Move to appoint Curran Roy and Melanie Tefejian as members of The Family Planning Advisory Committee for a two (2) year term beginning November 2008 – October 2010

Commissioner Macleod moved to approve consent agenda item “a”. Commissioner Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

5) YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION

Dr. Yu provided a summary of work being done in Youth Suicide Prevention. In 2006, the Child Death Review (CDR) Team discussed a number of deaths among youth under age 19 that were determined to be due to unnatural causes such as accidents or suicides. Since the purpose of CDR was to look at preventable causes of death the Team came together and concurred with the Coroner’s office that a number of the deaths were due to suicide. A workgroup led by Maddy De Give and the Youth Suicide Prevention Project met in 2007 to discuss the findings and work on the issue of youth suicide prevention. Dr. Yu then introduced Dr. Maddy De Give with the North Thurston Public Schools (NTPS) and Debbie Ruggles with the Community Health Systems office of the Washington State Department of Health. Dr. De Give addressed the Board describing the NTPS’ Youth Suicide Prevention Campaign and the Youth Suicide Prevention Action Plan for 2008-2010. Discussion ensued regarding the Campaign and Action Plan. Dr. Yu and Dr. De Give addressed the Board’s

questions. Dr. De Give expressed her appreciation of the Board's support. The Board suggested a letter signed by all three Board members, Dr. Yu and Sherri McDonald be sent to all local School District Superintendents. Dr. Yu agreed to draft a letter for review and signature.

6) FAMILY PLANNING – PUBLIC HEALTH SUCCESS STORY

Linda Jacobsen, a Community Health Nurse and Supervisor of the Family Planning Program, gave a presentation and overview of the FP Program for 2008. Ms. Jacobsen and Ms. McDonald addressed the Board's questions. Ms. Jacobsen introduced Family Planning Advisory Committee members Pat Sonnenstuhl, Jennifer Allen and Melanie Tefejian. Ms. Sonnenstuhl addressed the Board. The Board thanked the Committee Members and Program Staff for their dedication to the Program.

7) OUTREACH TO PESTICIDE RETAILERS

Jane Mountjoy-Venning, an Education and Outreach Specialist with the Environmental Health Division, gave a presentation providing an update on Environmental Health's work with pesticide retailers to stock low-hazard products. In late 2007 the Board approved Environmental Health's plans to advise and encourage retailers to stock specific low-hazard products that have passed Thurston County's Integrated Pest Management (IPM) pesticide review. In July 2008 a list of approved "natural gardening products" was sent to, and well received by, regional retailers. Ms. Mountjoy-Venning addressed the Board's questions. The Board suggested staff visit Home Owner's Associations to promote purchasing of low-hazard products.

8) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Sherri McDonald discussed with the Board the topic of, and time frame options, to present a proposed 2009 Environmental Health Fee schedule which includes a 5% increase on certain fees. Ms. McDonald will work with Don Krupp, the Chief Administrative Officer, to schedule an acceptable date and time prior to December 15, 2008.

Ms. McDonald informed the Board that the downtown location for the mobile Syringe Exchange location has been sold requiring services to be relocated. A building location has been found and Region 6 has preliminary agreed to pay the rent. Ed Burnett, with Facilities Services, is working with the landowner regarding the specifics of a possible lease. The goal is to lease the building in December of this year and be ready to begin operating in January 2009. This building would replace the use of the syringe exchange van, which operates 2 afternoons a week. The Board expressed concern about potential vandalism at the location when services are not being offered. Ms. McDonald stated potential alternate uses of the building are to be explored during these time frames.

9) HEALTH OFFICER’S REPORT

Dr. Yu introduced Annie Merritt the Medical Reserve Corp (MRC) Education and Outreach Specialist and Jennifer Burns a VISTA Volunteer. In addition, she shared an award Public Health & Social Services received from “The Office of the Civilian Volunteer MRC of the Surgeon General’s Office commending Washington Region 3 MRC for their dedication of service to their local community and nation.” Dr. Yu and Ms. Merritt recently attended a MRC conference in Ketchikan Alaska.

Dr. Yu stated there have been no reported cases of influenza in Thurston County to date. She reminded the Board Public Health and Social Services is once again offering free flu shots to Thurston County Employees at two separate clinic times November 6th, from 7:30-8:30 AM and from 4:30-5:30 PM in room 152 of the Courthouse. MRC volunteers will be assisting at the clinic.

10) ADJOURNMENT

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ATTEST:

DIANE OBERQUELL, Chairman

Lydia Hodgkinson, Clerk of the Board

ROBERT N. MACLEOD, Member

Date: _____

CATHY WOLFE, Member