



THURSTON COUNTY
WASHINGTON
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BOARD OF HEALTH

Minutes of March 3, 2009

1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Attendance: Chair Romero, Vice-Chair Wolfe, Commissioner Valenzuela, Department Director Sherri McDonald, Health Officer Diana Yu, Environmental Health Division Director Art Starry and Clerk of the Board Lydia Hodgkinson.

Commissioner Romero called the meeting to order.

- a) **Approval of Board of Health Agenda** – Commissioner Valenzuela moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Commissioner Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- b) **Approval of Board of Health Minutes** – Commissioner Valenzuela moved to approve the minutes of February 3, 2009. Commissioner Romero 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 - none

5) PARTNERS FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES ADVISORY BOARD

Sherri McDonald explained that the Partners for Children, Youth, and Families Advisory Board has proposed, voted, and now recommends that the Board of Health make the Advisory Board inactive and combine Advisory Board efforts with the Thurston Council for Children and Youth. The work of the Advisory Board would continue as stated in the Thurston Council for Children and Youth By-Laws. The Advisory Board also recommends transferring BOH support and representation from Partners to the Thurston Council for Children and Youth. Ms. McDonald introduced Pat Sonnestuhl, an Executive Board Member of the Advisory. Ms. Sonnestuhl provided a summary of the Advisory Board's decision to disband and addressed the Board's questions. The Board agreed the merging of the Advisory and the Council is in line with the County's overall goal of streamlining without losing services and expressed their admiration to the Advisory Board for their dedication and accomplishments. Ms. McDonald noted thank you letters address to the Advisory members will be drafted for the Board's signatures. **Commissioner Valenzuela moved to approve to disband the Partners for Children, Youth, and Families Advisory Board as recommended by Advisory Board members. Commissioner Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

6) WORKWELL AND WORKPLACE HEALTH PROMOTION EFFORTS OF PUBLIC HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Chris Hawkins, the Chronic Disease Prevention Program Supervisor, provided handouts and gave an overview of the WorkWell, a Workplace Health Promotion Project. Mr. Hawkins introduced David Schaffert, President of the Thurston County Chamber of Commerce which is a major partner in the project. Mr. Schaffert provided additional project information and a copy of the “Thurston County Chamber VOICE” publication. Mr. Hawkins acknowledged and thanked all of the WorkWell Workgroup members, including Brad Payne of the City of Olympia and Susan Strong of GHB Insurance, both of which were present at the meeting. Mr. Hawkins also acknowledged Lesley Wigen, the program Public Health Nutritionist. The Board voiced their appreciation of the program and thanked staff, the Chamber of Commerce and all participating employers for providing healthy choices. In addition, the Board commended Chris Hawkins for his personal and professional dedication to healthy living. Sherri McDonald provided funding information for this program.

7) DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Sherri McDonald discussed alternatives to replace the Thurston County WIC program, noting the goal is to avoid a break in service for clients. Deborah Ahern, the Personal Health Division Director, is working with the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) regarding proposal options. The Board expressed their appreciation of maintaining services to WIC clients and staff’s hard work in finding alternate options.

8) HEALTH OFFICER’S REPORT

Dr. Diana Yu discussed and provided a copy of the newest version of the “Epi Info” Newsletter which is routinely sent to local health care providers. Dr. Yu provided an influenza update in the County and she provided location information where flu shots are available. Dr. Yu informed the Board she has expressed her support to Intercity Transit in regards to their proposed smoking ban at their transfer stations.

9) ADJOURNMENT

BOARD OF HEALTH
Thurston County, Washington

ATTEST:

SANDRA ROMERO, Chair

Lydia Hodgkinson, Clerk of the Board

CATHY WOLFE, Vice-Chair

Date: _____

KAREN VALENZUELA, Commissioner