



BOARD OF HEALTH

Minutes of June 2, 2009

1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Attendance: Chair Romero, Vice-Chair Wolfe, Commissioner Valenzuela, Health Officer Dr. 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 Wolfe moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Commissioner Valenzuela seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- b) **Approval of Board of Health Minutes** – Commissioner Wolfe moved to approve the minutes of May 5, 2009. Commissioner Valenzuela seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2) UPDATE ON CITIZEN ISSUES - none

3) OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD - none

4) MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH PROGRAMS UPDATE

Dr. Yu introduced Diana Rice, Supervisor of the Maternal Child Health Program. Ms. Rice described and provided updates of the Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) Program and Children with Special Health Care Needs Program. She also presented a 20 minute video on the NFP program containing interviews and comments from multiple community professionals in support of the program.

5) SWINE FLU H1N1 UPDATE ON HEALTH DEPARTMENT RESPONSE

Dr. Yu introduced Marianne Remy the Supervisor of the Emergency Response Team. Ms. Remy provided an update and presentation on the Public Health and Social Services Department's response to the Swine Flu H1N1 event including a summary of activities, costs and incident command structure. Ms. Remy noted there will be a Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteer orientation/training on June 18th at 6:00 p.m. at the Health Department on Lilly Road. She explained that all types of volunteers are needed and that all interested individuals must register with Annie Merritt the MRC Coordinator. The orientation does not obligate anyone to volunteer. Ms. Remy explained the Department is now preparing for the seasonal Fall Influenza.

6) SCHEDULE HEARING TO AMEND ARTICLE I AND ARTICLE IV OF THE THURSTON COUNTY SANITARY CODE

Art Starry gave an over view of the request to set a public hearing to receive testimony regarding an ordinance to amend Article I and Article IV of the Thurston County Sanitary Code including Article I, Appendix A, the Environmental health Division Fee Schedule. The Board suggested the Notice of Public Hearing be printed in the Tenino Newspaper in addition to the Nisqually Valley News and the Olympian. Commissioner Wolfe moved to set a Public Hearing on July 14, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. to receive testimony regarding an ordinance to amend Article I and Article IV of the Sanitary Code for Thurston County, Rules and Regulations of the Thurston County Board of Health. Commissioner Valenzuela seconded the motion. The motion carried.

7) DIRECTOR'S REPORT – none

8) HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

Dr. Yu introduced Monica Lyons, an Education and Outreach Specialist and Peggy Grenier, an Administrative Assistant, both of whom provide services in the Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) Program. Dr. Yu explained that Mark Aubin with Department of Health STD Services has expressed their appreciation of the work Ms. Lyons does for STD Services in Thurston County. In 2008 Ms. Lyons completed follow-up interviews for a combined total of 95.8% of reported Chlamydia and Gonorrhea cases. Ms. Lyons provided the Board members with a Sexually Transmitted Infections Fact Sheet and statistics information. The Board congratulated Ms. Lyons on her recognition.

Dr. Yu noted that during the same time period as the Swine Flu H1N1 event there were 5 suspect Tuberculosis (TB) cases, of which 3 were confirmed active. Normally there 5 to 9 TB cases per year. The Board recognized the Department as a big part of what keeps our community safe.

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