



BOARD OF HEALTH

Minutes of July 14, 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 Kathy Patton.

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 June 2, 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) INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT TOOLS FOR HOMEOWNERS AND LAND MANAGERS

Art Starry introduced Patrick Soderberg, Hazardous Waste Specialist II. Mr. Soderberg provided information on the Integrated Pest Management policy and new web pages. A presentation was included, which provided screen shots of the web pages that have been developed to provide Homeowners and Land Managers with information to make educated decisions on pest and vegetation management and to help them be successful in their control efforts.

5) HEALTHY CHILD WEIGHT INITIATIVE UPDATE

Dr. Yu introduced Chris Hawkins, Education and Outreach Specialist II. Mr. Hawkins briefly explained the origins of the initiative and funding. He then introduced Jamilia Sherls an Education and Outreach Program Assistant. Ms. Sherls presented information about the initiative activities. Mr. Hawkins outlined future goals and funding of the initiative.

**6) RESOLUTION URGING IMMEDIATE PASSAGE OF
COMPREHENSIVE FEDERAL HEALTH REFORM LEGISLATION**

Dr. Yu encouraged the Board to sign a Resolution which would include Public Health in any comprehensive reform proposals that would be considered by Congress. This would include establishment of Prevention and Wellness Trust Fund that would ensure stable funding for science-based public health activities, just as health insurance ensures payment for medical care.

Commissioner Wolfe read the Resolution and moved to adopt the Resolution. Commissioner Valenzuela seconded the motion. The motion carried.

7) DIRECTOR'S REPORT – none

8) HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

Dr. Yu provided an update on the novel H1N1 Influenza. We are at week 26 of 2009. Currently the illness seems to be slowing down. She does expect there to be waves of the illness, with the next wave to occur between 8 to 12 weeks later. This is an unusual time of the year to be seeing influenza. There are still some fairly ill members of the community in the hospital and it is mostly affecting people under the age of forty. We are still working on the process of how we will deal with the Fall influenza season as well as what might happen over the next few months with the pandemic influenza. We continue to be on alert and working with our community partners and hospitals. Summer camps are the focus at this time. Dr. Yu recommends that if you are sick stay home.

9) ADJOURNMENT

**BOARD OF HEALTH
Thurston County, Washington**

ATTEST:

SANDRA ROMERO, Chair

Kathy Patton, Clerk of the Board

CATHY WOLFE, Vice-Chair

Date: _____

KAREN VALENZUELA, Commissioner