



# BOARD OF HEALTH

## Minutes of September 1, 2009

### 1) **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Attendance: Chair Romero, Vice-Chair Wolfe, Commissioner Valenzuela, County Manager Don Krupp, Department Director Sherri McDonald, 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 regular meeting minutes and the Public Hearing minutes of August 4, 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) **SCHEDULE HEARING TO AMEND ARTICLE I AND ARTICLE II OF THE THURSTON COUNTY SANITARY CODE**

Art Starry explained the request for the Board to hold a Public hearing to receive testimony regarding an ordinance to amend Articles I and II of the Sanitary Code for Thurston County, including Article I, Appendix A, the Environmental Health Division Fee Schedule. The Proposed amendments increase fees and create new fees for Article II, Food Service, Article V, Solid Waste, Article VII, Water Recreation Facilities, School Surveys and miscellaneous services, and modify how late fees are imposed and escalated for food establishments. Mr. Starry stated copies of the proposed fee schedule and ordinance will be available beginning September 11, 2009 at the Thurston County Health Department, Environmental Health Division, Building 1, Thurston County Courthouse, 2000 Lakeridge Drive SW, Olympia, WA 98502, at the Environmental Health Division internet site <http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/health/ehadm/index.html>, or will be mailed upon request. Two community meetings are schedule where staff will be available to discuss proposed fee increases and changes for the food service, water recreation (swimming pool), school inspection and solid waste programs. The meetings are scheduled for September 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Lilly Road Building, and September 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm at the Courthouse.

Commissioner Wolfe moved to set a Public hearing on October 1, 2009 at 5:30 P.M. in room 280 of the Thurston County Courthouse to receive testimony regarding an ordinance to amend Article I and Article II of the Sanitary Code for Thurston County, Rules and Regulations of the Thurston County Board of Health, including Article I, Appendix A and the Environmental Health Division Fee Schedule. Commissioner Valenzuela seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Art Starry addressed the Board's question explaining there are 165 permitted public pools and spas in Thurston County, which includes the fountain located in downtown Olympia.

Commissioner Wolfe clarified that this Board of Health governs all of Thurston County. Each city jurisdiction does not have a separate Board of Health.

**5) OPIATE DOSING AND TREATMENT PROGRAM IN THURSTON COUNTY**

Sherri McDonald introduced Colin Williams the Chemical Dependency Program Manager. Mr. Williams gave a background and description of the Opiate Dosing and Treatment program stating the opiate substitution (methadone) program was established in 2001 with funding from the Division of Alcohol & Substance Abuse, Department of Social & Health Services. Beginning in 2002 Evergreen Treatment Services, under contract with Thurston County, opened an Opiate Dosing and Treatment program at South Sound Clinic (SSC) in Olympia. Mr. Williams explained the Program has reached capacity of 350 clients and is in need of additional treatment capacity for 50 clients for which no additional funding is requested. Mr. Williams introduced Doug Stenchever from the South Sound Clinic. Dr. Yu, Ms. McDonald, Mr. Stenchever and Mr. Williams addressed the Board's questions.

Commissioner Wolfe moved to authorize additional treatment program capacity of 50 clients for opiate substitution treatment beginning October 1, 2009 at the South Sound Clinic and further to allow the Director of Public Health & Social Services to negotiate and execute a contract amendment with Evergreen Treatment Services to allow for this increase in client treatment capacity. Commissioner Valenzuela seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**6) DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Sherri McDonald stated she was invited by Congressman Baird, and attended a Health Reform meeting on August 31, 2009, which was well attended.

**7) HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT**

Dr. Yu provided an update and recent history on the Novel H1N1 Pandemic Influenza in Thurston County and worldwide.

Ms. McDonald noted the Incident Command System (ICS) Management Team has begun to meet this week with Public Health staff to create a plan to manage large emergency events. This collaboration will provide additional incident command training to Public Health staff and also train the ICS Management Team in public health issues.

Dr. Yu explained she has been working with 10 to 20 local physicians as designed health officer helpers to help her communicate info to the public. She explained she is the only legally appointed "Health Officer", an "Alternate Health officer" is appointed only in the event she is not available and "designed health officers" are used as part of an Incident Command System.

**8) ADJOURNMENT**

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**Thurston County, Washington**

**ATTEST:**

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SANDRA ROMERO, Chair

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Lydia Hodgkinson, Clerk of the Board

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CATHY WOLFE, Vice-Chair

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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KAREN VALENZUELA, Commissioner