

THURSTON COUNTY
WASHINGTON
SINCE 1852

BOARD OF HEALTH

Minutes of December 8, 2009

1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Attendance: Chair Romero, Vice-Chair Wolfe, Commissioner Valenzuela, Department Director Sherri McDonald, Health Officer Dr. Diana Yu and Clerk of the Board of Health 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 September 22, 2009 Joint Board of Health Meeting with Mason County, October 1, 2009 Public Hearing and October 6, 2009 Board of Health Meeting. Commissioner Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- c) **Correspondence:** Sherri McDonald presented a letter from Cindi Holmstrom the Director of the State of Washington Department of Revenue expressing their appreciation of Rachel Laderman's and Ernie Paul's time and expertise at their agency's Safety Day event.

2) UPDATE ON CITIZEN ISSUES - none

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

4) INVESTIGATION AND CONTROL OF DISEASE 2009 UPDATE

Jeanie Knight, Supervisor of the Investigation and Control of Disease (ICD) Program, provided an update and presentation of 2009 activities for communicable disease investigation and follow up, travel consultations and immunizations. Ms. Knight addressed the Board's questions.

5) THURSTON MASON REGIONAL SUPPORT NETWORK PREVIOUS STATE BUDGET REDUCTIONS AND IMPACT ON SERVICES SUMMARY

Mark Freedman, the Social Services Division Director, presented information regarding the Department of Social & Health Services' (DSHS) budget cuts for both Medicaid and State Only funds and the potential program reductions for mental health services for the 2009 fiscal year. As a result of the budget reduction, several contracted service program changes were implemented to ensure budget compliance. Mr. Freedman described the changes that were made to the Crisis Triage and Behavioral Health Resources Core Outpatient Programs and the impact of these changes on mental health service availability for Thurston and Mason Counties. Mr. Freedman stated this is the

first of several anticipated DSHS budget reductions. Commissioner Wolfe stated she wants to meet with Mr. Freedman to work together and discuss options to address the loss of these needed services.

6) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Sherri McDonald discussed the tentative date for a joint meeting with the State Board of Health on March 10, 2010. She will provide more information as available. In addition, Ms. McDonald stated Mason County Board of Health is interested in holding another joint Board of Health meeting in May 2010 in Thurston County. Sherri would like to discuss with the Board the idea of utilizing an expanded Board of Health membership similar to Mason County's membership. Commissioner Romero requested this discussion take place outside of a Board of Health meeting.

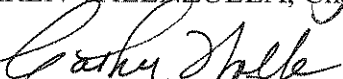
7) HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

Dr. Diana Yu provided an update of H1N1 cases in Washington State and Thurston County. She also provided an update on the availability and distribution of the H1N1 vaccine. Dr. Yu commended local physicians and hospitals for their great working relationship. She recommends everyone should get an H1N1 vaccine unless they have been tested positive for H1N1 by a physician.

8) ADJOURNMENT

BOARD OF HEALTH
Thurston County, Washington


KAREN VALENZUELA, Chair


CATHY WOLFE, Vice-Chair


SANDRA ROMERO, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Lydia Hodgkinson, Clerk of the Board

Date: 11/5/10