

THURSTON COUNTY
WASHINGTON
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BOARD OF HEALTH

Minutes of January 5, 2010

1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Attendance: Chair Valenzuela, Vice-Chair Wolfe, Commissioner Romero, County Manager Don Krupp, Department Director Sherri McDonald, Health Officer Diana Yu and Clerk of the Board of Health Kathy Patton.

Commissioner Valenzuela called the meeting to order.

- a) **Election of Board of Health Chair and Vice Chair for 2010** – Commissioner Romero moved that Commissioner Valenzuela be nominated as Chair of the Board of Health. Commissioner Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion carried. Commissioner Romero moved that Commissioner Wolfe be nominated as Vice-Chair of the Board of Health. Commissioner Valenzuela seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- b) **Approval of Board of Health Agenda** – Commissioner Valenzuela moved that the agenda be amended to move item number 7, Directors Report to be the new item number 4. Commissioner Wolfe moved to approve the amended agenda. Commissioner Romero seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- c) **Approval of Board of Health Minutes** – Commissioner Wolfe moved to approve the minutes of December 8, 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) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Sherri McDonald, Department Director, announced a cooperative project between the Thurston County Sheriff's Office, the organization Together, the Public Works Department and the Public Health and Social Services Department. This project has resulted in our ability to create an additional place within Thurston County where people can securely return medicines. This will keep medicines from becoming part of the waste stream that would contaminate our water and soil and will keep medications out of the hands of people who might use them illicitly. A press release has been prepared by John Tennis, Thurston County Public Information officer, and will be shared with the community.

Ms. McDonald introduced some of the key people instrumental in this effort, Jim Chamberlain with the Sheriff's Office, Jim Cooper with Together, Patrick Soderberg and Rachel Laderman with Public Health and Social Services. Mr. Cooper provided background information on this project and the other participants shared briefly on their involvement with the project and answered the Board's questions.

Commissioner Romero moved that Thurston County become part of the coalition that supports Second Substitute House Bill 1165. Commissioner Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

5) **CONSENT ITEMS** – none

6) **PROJECTED HEALTH IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON THURSTON COUNTY: WHITE PAPER AND NACCHO GRANT**

Ms. McDonald briefly introduced the project, which is a NACCHO (National Association of County and City Health Officials) Grant that was accepted by the Board of Health several months ago and would help us address health impacts due to climate change. This presentation is the first product of that grant.

Rachel Laderman, Supervisor for Environmental Health Education program, explained how the grant has given our department an opportunity to get started in this field. Work is preliminary and will be used to build capacity to plan for the public health consequences of climate change. Public Health and Social Services is now developing a needs assessment and will conduct a staff training to raise awareness of these impacts and identify gaps in readiness.

7) **RESOLUTION H-5-2009 APPOINTING ALTERNATE 2010 THURSTON COUNTY LOCAL HEALTH OFFICERS**

A slate of individuals to act as alternative Health Officers was presented to the Board of Health. The alternative Health Officer will serve should emergency situations arise when the primary Health Officer, Dr. Diana Yu, is not available due to illness, vacation or other situations.

Sherri McDonald reminded the Board about the Public Health and Social Services Department's Administrator On-Call (AOC) system, which is shared by managers in the department. They are available 24 hours per day, 7 days a week, and 365 days per year to assist with any public health emergency.

A resolution was presented to the Board for their approval. Commissioner Wolfe moved to approve Resolution H-5-2009 appointing Alan Melnick, MD, MPH; Rachel Wood, MD, MPH; James Edstam, MD, MPH; John Bausher, MD; Steve Standaert MD, MPH, and Jennifer Vines, MD, MPH as alternate local Thurston County Health Officers for 2010. Commissioner Romero seconded the motion. The motion carried.

8) **HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT**


Dr. Yu advised the Board that we continue to have H1N1 vaccine available for anyone who is interested in being vaccinated. Information regarding where the vaccine is available can be found on our website. Next week, January 10 – 16, is National Influenza Vaccination week. This is a reminder that it is not too late to be vaccinated for this flu season.

9) **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Wolf moved that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Romero seconded. The motion carried.

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Thurston County, Washington


KAREN VALENZUELA, Chair


CATHY WOLFE, Vice-Chair


SANDRA ROMERO, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Kathy Patton, Clerk of the Board

Date: 2/2/10