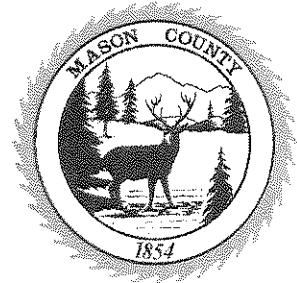




BOARD OF HEALTH
Joint Meeting of
THURSTON & MASON
COUNTIES

Minutes of May 4, 2010



Held at the Thurston County Courthouse
2000 Lakeridge Dr SW, Bldg 1, Room 280 Olympia, WA 98502

1) **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Thurston County Chair Karen Valenzuela called the meeting to order.

Attendance: Mason County Commissioners Lynda Ring Erickson, Ross Gallagher and Tim Sheldon, Thurston County Commissioners Karen Valenzuela, Cathy Wolfe and Sandra Romero, Mason County Ex-Officio Board Members Peggy Vanbuskirk, Hospital District #2 and Fire Commissioner Frank Phillips, Mason and Thurston County Health Officer Dr. Diana Yu, Mason County Public Health Director Vicki Kirkpatrick, Thurston County Public Health & Social Services Department Director Sherri McDonald, and Clerk of the Thurston County Board of Health Lydia Hodgkinson.

- a) **Approval of Board of Health Agenda** – Commissioner Wolfe moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Commissioner Romero seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- b) **Approval of Thurston County Board of Health Minutes** – Commissioner Wolfe moved to approve the minutes of March 2, 2010. Commissioner Romero seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2) **UPDATE ON CITIZEN ISSUES**

Commissioner Ring Erickson noted the attendance of Mason County's extended Board of Health Ex-Officio Members Ms. Vanbuskirk and Frank Phillips. Ex-Officio Members participate regularly in their meetings.

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

4) **CONSENT ITEMS** – none

5) **COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL**

Vicki Kirkpatrick and Sherri McDonald addressed the Board Members providing a brief explanation of the presentation to be given by staff explaining the common responsibilities and functions relating to control of communicable disease in both Counties. Lydia Buchheit the Mason County Community and Family Health Manager and Jeanie Knight the Thurston County Investigation and Control of Disease

Supervisor Program presented information regarding Public Health roles and responsibilities relating to communicable disease control common to both local public health agencies; conditions that are reportable to local public health by medical providers, hospitals, and laboratories; the investigation process undertaken by public health staff; methods of surveillance; and numbers reported of suspect and confirmed disease cases for both Mason and Thurston Counties

Joy Fuller, Mason County Public Health Nurse and Marianne Remy, Thurston County Emergency Preparedness Coordinator presented information regarding activities of both County public health agencies regarding the H1N1 outbreak including numbers of reported and confirmed cases. These activities are an extension of the public health role in Communicable Disease control.

Commissioner Wolfe noted that staff are designated Health Officers authorized to enforce all Health Officer directives. Ms. McDonald, Ms. Kirkpatrick, Dr. Yu and Program Staff addressed the Board Members' questions. Commissioner Ring Erickson expressed the desire to explore additional opportunities for both Counties to share services.

6) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. McDonald shared that Dr. Yu has been awarded a "Heroes in Health Care" award. The Health Care Champions event is scheduled for Tuesday, June 15, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the Heritage Room at Capitol Lake.

Ms. McDonald requested Commissioners sign a Certificate of Appreciation for Ann Edington who recently left the Thurston County Social Services Ombuds Program Assistant position. This position provides advocacy for consumers served by the Thurston Mason Regional Support Network (TMRSN) who wish to file a complaint, grievance, appeal or fair hearing regarding services received. All Board Members agreed to sign the Certificate.


7) HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

Dr. Yu noted May is "Physical Fitness" month and encouraged everyone to get moving and active for better health. Ms. Kirkpatrick challenged all Board Members to participate in some type of physical activity in May and share what they did at the next Board of Health meetings.

8) **ADJOURNMENT**

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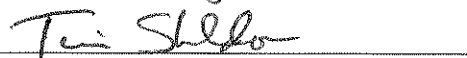

KAREN VALENZUELA, Chair


CATHY WOLFE, Vice -Chair


SANDRA ROMERO, Commissioner

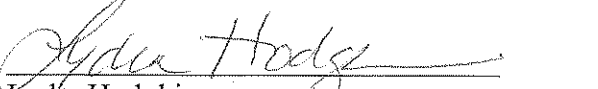
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LYNDA RING ERICKSON, Chair


TIM SHELDON, Commissioner


ROSS GALLAGHER, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Lydia Hodgkinson
Thurston County Clerk of the Board of Health

Date: June 1, 2010