

THURSTON COUNTY
WASHINGTON
SINCE 1852

BOARD OF HEALTH

Minutes of June 1, 2010

1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Attendance: Chair Valenzuela, Vice-Chair Wolfe, Commissioner Romero, County Manager Don Krupp, Budget and Fiscal Manager Robin Campbell, Department Director Sherri McDonald, Environmental Health Division Director Art Starry, and Clerk of the Board of Health Lydia Hodgkinson.

Commissioner Valenzuela called the meeting to order.

- 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 Board of Health Minutes** – Commissioner Wolfe moved to approve the minutes of April 27, 2010 and May 4, 2010 joint meeting with Mason County. Commissioner Romero seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2) UPDATE ON CITIZEN ISSUES - none

3) OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Sherri McDonald introduced Megan Hopkins a senior at Truman University interning in Public Health Administration through mid-July. The Board welcomed Ms. Hopkins.

4) CONSENT ITEMS – none

5) SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE I APPENDIX A OF THE THURSTON COUNTY SANITARY CODE (THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH FEE SCHEDULE)

Art Starry requested the Board approve an Emergency Ordinance reducing the administrative fee for six-month food establishment permits set forth in Article I, Appendix A, Section II, A, 13 of the Sanitary Code for Thurston County. He explained that when food establishment permit fees were amended last year a six-month permit was created to allow facility owners to split permit fees into two payments. An administrative fee of \$45 was created that would be added to the second payment to recover the additional costs associated with processing it. Recent analysis has shown the average cost of providing this service is \$15. In order to avoid charging in excess of the actual administrative cost of providing this service, the fee should be reduced to \$15 on an emergency basis so June 2010 invoices will not overcharge permit holders. Adoption of this ordinance is necessary to preserve the general welfare in accordance with Article I, Section 4.2 to prevent the collection of fees in excess of those allowed by state

law. Because this action is being adopted as an emergency ordinance, Mr. Starry requested the Board schedule a public hearing to consider adopting a regular ordinance implementing this fee reduction beyond the 45-day period. Mr. Starry addressed the Board's questions.

Commissioner Wolfe moved to adopt the Emergency Ordinance reducing the administrative fee for six-month food establishment permits set forth in Article I, Appendix A, Section II, A, 13 of the Sanitary Code for Thurston County; and moved to set a Public hearing on July 6, 2010 at 3:30 p.m. in room 280 of the Thurston County Courthouse to receive testimony and consider adopting a regular ordinance to amend Article I, Appendix A, Section II, A, 13 of the Sanitary Code for Thurston County implementing this fee reduction beyond the 45-day period. Commissioner Romero seconded the motion. The motion carried.

6) **HEALTH EFFECTS OF TOBACCO USE / PROGRAM AND POLICY
OPTIONS FOR REDUCING TOBACCO USE**

Sherri McDonald introduced staff members Art Starry, Chris Hawkins, Kateri Wimsett and TOGETHER! representatives Megan Sullivan and Jim Cooper. Ms. McDonald provided a Tobacco Policy Background Paper and gave a presentation on the health effects of tobacco Use in Thurston County and program/policy options for reducing tobacco use. Ms. McDonald asked the Board to review the data on health impacts and high rates of smoking in the County, and then to consider policy options to help address the high rate of tobacco use among county residents. Policy options for consideration are 1) a tobacco-free campus policy for Thurston County that could include hiring only non-smokers; and 2) create a local indoor air ordinance to increase penalties for establishments that violate the Smoking in Public Places Act to include defining "public places" and "employee". The board directed staff to research the policy options and bring back information for consideration in the next three to four months.

7) **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Sherri McDonald provided the Board with a list of 2010-11 State Legislative decisions effecting program budgets. Ms. McDonald discussed the information and answered the Board's questions.

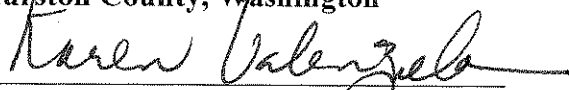
Ms. McDonald provided information on the "National Children's Study". Thurston County is one of 105 study locations across the United States, which includes King and Grant Counties. The Study will examine the effects of environmental influences on the health and development of children following them from pre-birth until age 21. The Study goal is to improve the health and well-being of children. Funding for the Study is not expected before 2012.


8) **HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT** - none

9) **ADJOURNMENT**

Vice-Chair Wolfe moved to adjourn the Board of Health meeting. Commissioner Romero seconded the motion. The motion carried.


BOARD OF HEALTH
Thurston County, Washington


KAREN VALENZUELA, Chair


CATHY WOLFE, Vice-Chair


SANDRA ROMERO, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Lydia Hodgkinson, Clerk of the Board

Date: 7/6/10