



BOARD OF HEALTH

The Thurston County Board of Health has responsibility
and authority for public health in both incorporated
and unincorporated areas of the County.

Minutes for March 12, 2020 EMERGENCY MEETING

1) Call Meeting to Order

Chair Tye Menser opened the emergency meeting at 1:15 p.m.

In Attendance:

Tye Menser, Chair; John Hutchings, Vice Chair; Gary Edwards, Commissioner; Ramiro Chavez, County Manager; Dr. Diana Yu, Acting Health Officer; Schelli Slaughter, Public Health and Social Services Department Director; and Lydia Hodgkinson, Clerk of the Board of Health.

2) Resolution H-03-2020 ordering restriction of events over 250 people and requiring of social distancing measures for events under 250 people to control and prevent the spread of COVID-19

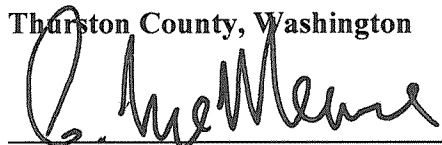
Chair Menser introduced the proposed resolution. Vice Chair Hutchings read Resolution H-03-2020 ordering the restriction of events over 250 people and requiring social distancing measures for events under 250 people to control and prevent the spread of COVID-19. Commissioner Edwards noted earlier discussions have taken place leading up to today which included Dr. Diana Yu, the acting Health Officer; and he wants to move forward with the resolution. Vice Chair Hutchings agreed with Commissioner Edwards' comments and expressed his appreciation of Schelli Slaughter, Director of Public Health and Social Services Department; Kurt Harding, Director of Emergency Services; Maria Aponte, Director of Human Services Department, for their work during this crisis. He also thanked all County Department Directors for the increased cleanliness in and around the workplaces. Dr. Yu expressed the importance of being prepared but not to panic; the importance of social distancing; and the importance of taking actions now to prevent additional COVID-19 cases if we can. She thanked the Board Members for their support. Chair Menser explained we are trying to get ahead and be prepared; and stated these actions are an appropriate approach. **Vice Chair Hutchings moved to adopt Resolution H-03-2020 as read by Chair Menser. Commissioner Edwards seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously. The motion carried.** Chair Menser noted Resolution H-03-2020 is effective immediately.

Chair Menser shared for a future discussion with legal counsel, a citizen's suggestion that the Board consider the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic to the community and consider actions such as moratoriums on evictions if allowed under the Board of Health's authority.

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3) **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 1:29 p.m.

BOARD OF HEALTH
Thurston County, Washington



TYE MENSER, Chair

ATTEST:



Lydia Hodgkinson, Clerk of the Board



JOHN HUTCHINGS, Vice Chair

Date: July 14, 2020



GARY EDWARDS, Commissioner

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