



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 October 8, 2019

1) Call Meeting to Order

Chair John Hutchings called the meeting to order.

In Attendance:

John Hutchings, Chair; Tye Menser, Vice Chair; Gary Edwards, Commissioner; Robin Campbell, Assistant County Manager; Schelli Slaughter, Public Health and Social Services Department Director; and Lydia Hodgkinson, Clerk of the Board of Health.

Excused absence: Dr. Rachel Wood, Health Officer; Ramiro Chavez, County Manager.

2) Proclamations and Presentations

Proclamation – Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Liz Davis, Public Health and Social Services Department (PHSS) Child, Family and Community Wellness Division (CFCW) Director, introduced the Breast Cancer Awareness Proclamation and shared her personal family and friends' experiences with breast cancer. She then introduced Thurston County Sheriff John Snaza. Sheriff Snaza spoke in honor of breast cancer awareness and discussed the Sheriff Office's participation in the 2019 Pink Patch Project which is a campaign of law enforcement agencies nationwide designed to increase awareness about the life-saving benefits of early detection and intervention in the fight against breast cancer. The campaign sells collectible patches for a \$10.00 donation per patch which is donated to the Breast Cancer Society. Sheriff Snaza thanked the Board for their support. Nichole Woolsey, of the American Cancer Society (ACS), spoke on behalf of ACS and shared their mission which is to save lives, celebrate lives, and lead the fight for a world without cancer. She discussed efforts happening in honor of the fight against breast cancer which includes a Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk (October 19th 9:00 a.m. at Huntamer Park) and the Real Men Wear Pink campaign. Ms. Woolsey then introduced Meghan Means, ACS Senior Program Manager. Ms. Means explained she supports cancer patients, their families and caregivers assisting them with available resources. She then discussed ACS services provided such as the Road to Recovery Program which entails volunteer provided transportation to treatment appointments; and the Lodging Program which in partnership with three local hotels, Candlewood Suites, Best Western and Bonaventure, provides free nights of lodging. Ms. Means shared the www.Cancer.org website and a 24-hour hotline (800)227-2345 for additional information and available resources. She then introduced Cierra Richards, the 2019 USA National Miss Washington and ACS Cancer Action Network Washington Ambassador. Ms. Richards spoke on behalf of breast cancer awareness and provided breast cancer statistics. Cheryl Sparkle, a local business owner and Chair-person for the Real Men Wear Pink Campaign, shared her story of supporting friends with their cancer battles and explained why she became involved in the cancer fight. Ms. Woolsey then provided information on the number of individuals served by ACS and encouraged men and women to self-exam. She then shared breast cancer survivor Corrine Wohl's story and her participation with ACS. Ms. Woolsey acknowledged Marty Elliott an ACS supporter present at the meeting.

Vice Chair Menser read the Proclamation proclaiming October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Thurston County, to honor those who have lost their lives to breast cancer, recognize the courageous women and men who are living with this disease, and rejoice with those who are breast cancer survivors. The Board encourages residents, other government agencies, private businesses, nonprofit organizations, and all other interested groups to join in activities that will increase awareness of breast cancer and advocate for comprehensive cancer care close to home. The Board Members thanked everyone for their support of this important issue. A photo was taken of the Board members and all present in support of the Proclamation.

3) Opportunity for the Public to Address the Board - none

DEPARTMENT ITEMS

4) Healthy Schools' Pilot and Voluntary Environmental Health School Inspection Program

Sammy Berg, Senior Environmental Health Specialist and PHSS, Environmental Health Division Food and Environmental Services Section (FESS) Supervisor, gave a presentation on the FESS Program's ongoing work and a special pilot project. He explained the program offers public and private school assistance with twice yearly food safety inspections; and the once a year campus safety inspection looking at areas such as playgrounds, chemical safety, lighting, wood shops and classrooms. Mr. Berg explained the campus safety inspections are voluntary and the schools appreciate the help identifying hazards. He noted plan review is also done for new school construction and remodel/addition projects; and playground design review which helps ensure the volunteers' hard work results in safe and fun playgrounds. Jennifer Johnson, a PHSS Education and Outreach Specialist II, explained a grant funded Healthy Schools Pilot Project which was offered to several schools to reduce the amount of hazardous cleaning products used on their campuses. She explained the Griffin School District agreed to participate in the project. She then acknowledged Randy Martin the District's Facilities Supervisor and expressed appreciation for his hard work and participation. She explained the project resulted in the District agreeing to eliminate the use of five of their commonly used cleaning products and replacing them with one product that uses hydrogen peroxide as the active ingredient. Ms. Johnson shared additional project results and the next steps which include: 45 gallons per year of hazardous cleaning products are replaced by a product considered non-toxic, and a significant reduction up to 40% in total use of cleaning materials can be achieved; the project success will be shared with the community; and two Integrated Pest Management plans for the playground and the offsite playing fields were created. She then explained additional school districts are being sought out to participate in the project; a Thurston Talks article will be coming. At Commissioner Edwards' request, Ms. Johnson explained the lower toxic products are chosen from the Environmental Protection Agency's certified products. At Vice Hutchings' request, Mr. Berg noted inspections of approximately 100 schools are completed by six FESS inspectors. The Board thanked Mr. Berg and Ms. Johnson for the presentation and information.

5) Homeless Community Inclement Weather Preparation

Keylee Marineau, the PHSS Homeless and Affordable Housing Coordinator, discussed the current status of the Hazardous Weather Task Force (HWTF) and the Hazardous Weather Response Plan. She noted the cold weather season will officially start November 1st and run through March 31st. Ms. Marineau explained two new agencies have joined the HWTF to provide additional services during a hazardous weather event also known as a “Code Blue”; and noted extra staffing has been added to assist with the “Shelter in Place” activities. She discussed the issue of a lower capacity of day time sheltering this year as compared to last year and explained the challenges this presents. Ms. Marineau then stated there are 800 to 1,000 unsheltered individuals that potentially will not have a place to sleep or go to during the day, noting some could go to the Providence Community Care Center. She noted all shelters are currently at 100% capacity with no additional beds available unless a “Code Blue” event is called for which the Salvation Army would be able to expand to provide additional beds. She then discussed the Mitigation Site which has assigned beds and would not provide emergency extra beds in a cold weather event. She stated, knowing there are deficiencies for the upcoming cold weather season, the Task Force is meeting to discuss creative solutions to address the shortage of day time warming places; to discuss a proposal to increase shelter in place activities; and doing everything they can in order to make this season successful. At Commissioner Edwards’ request, Ms. Marineau provided additional information regarding the agencies who provide year-round beds and emergency shelter beds which include Drexel House, Interfaith Works, Salvation Army, St. Mike’s and Sacred Heart Catholic Churches, Community Youth Services, Family Support Center, and Union Gospel Mission. Commissioner Edwards questioned if an issue with the Salvation Army being unable to provide additional beds is associated with a hold up of their City of Olympia Occupancy Permit for which Ms. Marineau responded she is not aware. At Vice Chair Menser’s request, Ms. Marineau explained hazardous weather beds are available to unsheltered individuals on a first come first serve basis. Individuals who wish to donate supplies may drop them off at any of the shelters or contact Keylee Marineau at (360) 867-2544. Vice Chair Menser noted Ms. Marineau will now provide a Hazardous Weather Response update every Tuesday morning at the 9:00 A.M. Board of County Commissioners’ agenda setting at the Thurston County Courthouse, 2000 Lakeridge Dr. SW, Olympia WA 98502, Building One, Second Floor, room 280.

6) Adopt Ordinance H-2-2019 establishing Board of Health regular meeting times and locations

Schelli Slaughter, Public Health and Social Services Department Director, introduced the topic explaining on September 10, 2019 the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) held a Public Hearing to review and receive testimony on a proposed BoCC Ordinance amending Chapter 2.03 of Title 2 Thurston County Code, relating to the regular meeting times and location of the Thurston County Board of Health. At this Public Hearing the BoCC adopted the Ordinance. This is a request for the Board of Health to formally adopt the meeting dates approved by the BoCC on September 10, 2019 by adopting the Board of Health Ordinance H-2-2019. The Ordinance revised the Board of Health meeting schedule and location to include:

- setting the 2nd Tuesday of each month beginning at 3:30 PM for the transaction of any business required or permitted by law.
- holding regular meetings on the 1st Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. and the 2nd Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. of each month; and other special meetings may be called by the Board of Health as provided by the provisions of RCW 42.30.080. Adjournments, continuances and executive sessions shall be governed by the provisions of RCW 42.30.090, 42.30.100 and 42.30.110.
- allowing commissioners to participate in meetings by telephone or video conference provided there is equipment available at the location of the meeting which will allow all present at

the meeting, including the public, to hear the member's voice and for the member participating to hear all that is stated at the meeting;

- codifying in county code updates to the Open Public Meetings Act requiring the publishing of a daily calendar for all meetings at which two or more commissioners will be present and the posting of agenda for all scheduled meetings.

Vice Chair Menser moved to approve Board of Health Ordinance H-2-2019 amending chapter 2.03 of title 2 Thurston County code relating to the regular meeting times and locations of the Thurston County Board of Health. Commissioner Edwards seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously. The motion carried.

7) Board of Health Members' reported on health related activities

Commissioner Edwards reported on:

- healthy environment
- biosolids
- received flu shot

Vice Chair Menser reported on:

- reclaimed water study
- Syringe Services – visited downtown Olympia site
- received flu shot

Chair Hutchings reported on:

- visited a marijuana shop for observation purposes and observed the on-site posting of Department of Health (DOH) signage against vaping
- received flu shot

8) Health Officer's Report

On behalf of Dr. Rachel Wood, Ms. Slaughter, reported on:

- Dr. Wood is attending a conference and unable to attend this meeting.
- Vaping and Pulmonary Illness issue alert – an alert went out on October 27th coinciding with Governor Inslee's Executive order; Dr. Wood recommends vaping is not safe for anyone at any age; she asks the Board to consider banning vaping products and posting warnings; and shared resource information:
 - 1-800-QUIT-NOW
 - www.smokefree.gov
 - Install a quit smoking app on smart phones
- Tobacco and vapor product prevention project - PHSS staff ran movie theatre media campaigns about "Vaping: Not as harmless as you think," reaching movie goers at Century Olympia, Regal Martin Village, and Yelm Cinemas; regional education efforts in Cowlitz, Lewis, and Mason counties were also supported.
- Staff is working on a follow-up Communicable Disease Update on Vaping-associated Pulmonary Illness as cases continue to climb across the U.S. with 530 cases from 33 states and 7 cases in Washington State in Mason, King, Pierce, Snohomish, and Spokane counties.
- Investigation and Control of Disease - staff investigated and followed up 86 confirmed and suspect cases of Campylobacteriosis, Chlamydia, Giardiasis, Gonorrhea, Chronic Hepatitis B and C, Herpes, Lyme Disease, Pertussis, Salmonellosis, Shiga toxin-producing Escherichia coli (STEC), Syphilis, Tuberculosis, Vibriosis, and West Nile Virus.

- Measles - cases continue across the U.S. with 31 states reporting 1241 cases in 2019.

At Commissioner Edwards' request, Ms. Slaughter provided additional information regarding vaping devices and the variety of products that can be used such as nicotine and THC. Discussion ensued regarding the requirement for medical providers to report Vaping-associated Pulmonary Illness as directed by the Governor and Health Officer Dr. Wood. Chair Hutchings expressed his frustration questioning why opioid overdoses are not required to be reported also.

8) Director's Report

Schelli Slaughter reported on the following:

- Emergency Response Program's Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) staffed a Kaiser Permanente Olympia Medical Clinic Immunization event; 88 Students seen; 209 Immunizations administered; 14 MRC volunteers, 77.5 hours of service; two Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) nurses assisted at the clinic. She encouraged everyone to get immunized.
- Syringe Services Program - collected 1,150,983 syringes for disposal and dispensed 1831 doses of Naloxone through September 24th.
- Opioid Response Task Force – next meeting is scheduled for November 4th from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the PHSS building located at 412 Lilly Road NE, Olympia.
- Breast Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation – thanked the Board for their support; noted she is scheduled for a mammogram.

Commissioner Edwards questioned the cost of a Naloxone dose for which Ms. Slaughter explained Naloxone is paid for and supplied by the University of Washington. He also requested information regarding the outcome of an overdosed individual who receives Naloxone and survives - is brain damage a possibility? Ms. Slaughter stated she will have the information researched.

9) Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned.

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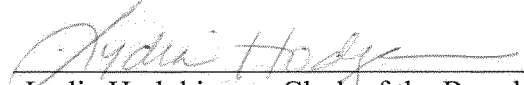
Thurston County, Washington


JOHN HUTCHINGS, Chair


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GARY EDWARDS, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Lydia Hodgkinson, Clerk of the Board

Date: December 10, 2019

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