

## 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 December 6, 2017

### SPECIAL MEETING

#### 1) Call Meeting to Order

Chair Bud Blake called the meeting to order.

**In Attendance:** Bud Blake, Chair; John Hutchings, Vice Chair; Ramiro Chavez, County Manager; Dr. Rachel Wood, Health Officer; Schelli Slaughter, Public Health and Social Services Department Director and Lydia Hodgkinson, Clerk of the Board of Health.

**Excused Absence:** Gary Edwards, Commissioner

**Approval of the Board of Health Agenda:**

Vice Chair Hutchings moved to approve the special meeting agenda. Chair Blake seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### 2) Opportunity for the Public to Address the Board – no public comment

#### DEPARTMENT ITEMS

#### 3) Lewis County Contract for the Purchase of Nurse Family Partnership Health Services

Gretchen Thaller, Community Health Nurse and Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) Supervisor, introduced the contract explaining Lewis County desires to deliver NFP home visiting services to low-income, first time mothers living in Lewis County. Lewis does not have sufficient personnel to continue to provide these health services and desires to purchase these health services from Thurston County. At Chair Blake's request, Ms. Thaller provided a background of the Lewis County NFP program noting Thurston County contracted with Lewis to provide a NFP Supervisor for 2017. Dr. Rachel Wood, Health Officer for both Thurston and Lewis Counties expressed her appreciation of Thurston providing these services to Lewis.

Vice Chair Hutchings moved to approve the Lewis County Contract for the Purchase of Nurse Family Partnership Health Services for a total maximum amount of \$309,822.25; and authorized the Public Health and Social Services Director to sign the contract. Chair Blake seconded the motion. The Board unanimously voted. The motion carried.

**4) Approval of a Lewis Contract for 2018 Health Officer Services**

Schelli Slaughter, Public Health and Social Services Director, explained the contract with Lewis County appoints Dr. Rachel Wood as the Lewis County Local Health Officer for 2018. She explained this contract requires eight (8) hours per week of Dr. Wood's time and each year these services and hours are evaluated before considering continuation of the contract. Discussion ensued regarding funding allocations; potential adjustments to the contract amount to include costs such as membership fees for the Health Officer; invoicing and payments processed quarterly; and how health officer hours over eight (8) hours per week are handled.

**Vice Chair Hutchings moved to approve the Lewis County Health Officer Services contract for the duration of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 for a total compensation of \$41,615; and authorize the Public Health and Social Services Director to sign amendments to this contract that do not revise the compensation or duration of the contract by more than 25%. Chair Blake seconded the motion. The Board unanimously voted. The motion carried.**

**5) Approval of Resolution appointing alternate local Health Officers for 2018**

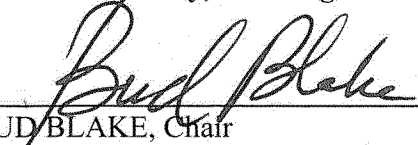
Dr. Wood, Health Officer, explained Resolution No. H-4-2017 formally appoints alternate Health Officers to serve should emergency situations arise when she, the primary Health Officer appointed by the Board of Health for Thurston County, is not available due to illness, vacation, etc. She noted the Resolution retains Alan Melnick, MD, MPH, James Edstam, MD, MPH, Steve Standaert, MD, MPH, Jennifer Vines, MD, MPH, and Diana T. Yu, MD, MSPH as alternate Health Officers for 2018. Dr. Wood explained that with the exception of Dr. Steve Standaert, there is no compensation when any of the physicians are called upon to serve as an alternate local health officer. After discussion, it was decided to amend the resolution by removing Dr. Standaert. Chair Blake questioned if all local Health Officers meet on a routine basis, for which Dr. Wood explained they all attend Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials (WSALPHO) meetings. She also noted discussions are taking place around health officer succession over the next two years and shared ideas being discussed. She will provide the Board with additional information as discussion progresses.

**Vice Chair Hutchings moved to amend the motion to exclude Dr. Steve Standaert from the Resolution. Chair Blake seconded the motion. The Board unanimously voted. The amendment carried.**

**Vice Chair Hutchings moved to adopt Resolution H-4-2017 appointing Alan Melnick, MD, MPH; James Edstam, MD, MPH; Jennifer Vines, MD, MPH; and Diana T. Yu, MD, MSPH as alternate local Health Officers for 2018. Chair Blake seconded the motion. The Board unanimously voted. The motion carried.**

- 6) **Adjournment** – Vice Chair Hutchings moved to adjourn the special Board of Health meeting of December 6, 2017. Chair Blake seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**BOARD OF HEALTH**  
Thurston County, Washington

  
BUD BLAKE, Chair

  
JOHN HUTCHINGS, Vice Chair

  
GARY EDWARDS, Commissioner

**ATTEST:**

  
Lydia Hodgkinson, Clerk of the Board

Date: January 9, 2018

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