



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 June 10, 2014

1) 3:35 p.m. Call Board of Health Meeting to Order

In Attendance: Cathy Wolfe, Chair; Karen Valenzuela, Commissioner; Don Sloma, Public Health & Social Services Department Director, Dr. Rachel Wood, Health Officer and Lydia Hodgkinson, Clerk of the Board of Health

Excused absence: Sandra Romero, Vice Chair

Chair Wolfe called the Board of Health meeting to order.

Chair Wolfe noted having the Thurston Thrives Action Team presentations as part of the regular Board of Health meetings has not always allowed ample time for good communication between the Commissioners, Public Health staff and the Advisory Council Members. Several Members have requested more in depth conversations about how and when the strategy maps are used, options for continued funding of Thurston Thrives and other issues. Chair Wolfe requested the Thurston Thrives Advisory Council Members plan to stay 10 minutes after the adjournment of the Board of Health meeting to discuss possible dates for the Commissioners, Council Members and Public Health and Social Services staff to meet. Possible dates to be considered: June 17, 18, 19, 26, 30, July 1, 2 or 3. She also noted a meeting of the Thurston Thrives Advisory Council has been added to the October 14, 2014 Board of Health meeting agenda.

- a. Commissioner Valenzuela moved to approve the June 10, 2014 agenda. Chair Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- b. Commissioner Valenzuela moved to approve the meeting minutes for the April 22, 2014 regular meeting. Chair Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2) Thurston Thrives Advisory Council Meeting

- a) **Introductions** – Board of Health Chair Wolfe opened the Thurston Thrives Advisory Council meeting. She introduced Commissioner Karen Valenzuela and then requested those Advisory Council members who were present to introduce themselves.

Advisory Council Members in attendance: Curt Andino; Michael Cade; Mariella Cummings; Kevin Haughton, MD; Nicole Hill; Dennis Mahar; Cole Mason, MD; Jay Mason, MD; Lisa Smith; Shelly Willis; Lon Wyrick.

Advisory Council Members Absent: Barbara Clarkson and Raj Manhas

In attendance for Public Health and Social Services Department (PHSS): Don Sloma, Director; Mary Ann O'Garro, Epidemiologist and Chris Hawkins, Healthy Environmental and Action Team (HEAT) Supervisor and Thurston Thrives Coordinator.

In attendance for the Environment Action Team: Art Starry, Action Team Lead and Tom Crawford.

Chair Wolfe welcomed everyone and thanked them for their time and hard work.

Art Starry, Public Health and Social Services Department Environmental Health Division Director and Environment Action Team Lead introduced himself. He then introduced Chris Hawkins the PHSS Healthy Environment and Action Team (HEAT) Supervisor and Thurston Thrives Coordinator; and Tom Crawford of the Thurston Climate Action Team. Mr. Starry stated Thurston Thrives aims to bring together community partners to ensure that our county is thriving through collaboration on the public health, social services and other work we share, to honor those who make Thurston County a healthy and safe place to live, and to align efforts to make an even bigger difference in the health of our community. Its purpose is to engage our leaders to move forward an action agenda we can all believe in to improve health for all Thurston County residents. He explained Environment is one of the nine action areas in Thurston Thrives. PHSS staff worked with key informants in five topic areas: clean air, clean water, waste reduction, emergency preparedness, and zoonotic disease/vectors. For each action area the groups worked to identify and evaluate community efforts, and assess community strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT), which they used to develop a strategy map. The presentation would convey the SWOT analysis, strategy map and recommendations to the Board of Health and Thurston Thrives Advisory Council.

- b) **Topic Area Definition and Health Implications, and Community Data/Assessment and Risks** –

Mary Ann O'Garro, PHSS Epidemiologist, gave a presentation describing the connection between the environment and health. She explained environment includes natural and human made, and is unique because it impacts large numbers of people with long term consequences. She described the changing causes of death since 1900; reviewed and provided statistics of health concerns as related to the environment. She also referenced a Data Snapshot Report of

the most current local data of community health issues associated with the environment that supports the work of the Thurston Thrives Environment Action Team.

The Advisory Board Members asked questions and discussion ensued on the following:

Shelly Willis – trends in asthma

Cole Mason – E-cigarettes

Dennis Mahar – Alzheimer being third cause of death in Thurston County and Washington; questioned what statistics are for other states with similar old age populations. Ms.

O'Garro will research data and provide info to Council.

c) Community Analysis of Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT)

Art Starry acknowledged the Action Team participants for their hard work and expertise. He then presented the Action Team's SWOT analysis. The Team recruited key informants in five topic areas: clean air, clean water, waste reduction, emergency preparedness, and zoonotic disease/vectors. Mr. Starry explained although safe food is part of the Environment the topic was addressed by the Food Action Team. The Team assessed current existing programs, plans and activities; reviewing over a dozen reports. Mr. Starry presented three draft Program Profiles which identify existing activities, gaps and needs for: Clean Air – improve air quality and address climate change; Clean Water – ensure safe and clean water; and Waste Prevention – reduce and properly manage hazardous and solid wastes.. He clarified for the Board the intent is to not re-invent the wheel. Mr. Starry reviewed and discussed specific strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats to the community. He used the newly created Grow Smart, Grow Safe® App as an example of an opportunity to engage the community by giving them a tool to help choose safer lawn and garden products.

d) Recommended Strategy Map and Plan

Art Starry gave a breakdown of the Environment Strategy map beginning with their Vision of "The environment of our community contributes to everyone's health"; and descriptions of their Goals, Objectives and Activities.

The Advisory Board Members asked questions and discussion with staff ensued on the following:

Lon Wyrick – clarification of the Climate Change objective

Shelly Willis – shellfish contamination

Commissioner Valenzuela – questioned Activities as related to the majority of the County

Cole Mason – contaminated shellfish are a problem only when they are eaten by people

Curt Andino – social behaviors as related to accidents. Mr. Starry noted water recreation accidents are part of the Environment topic but the group did not include accidents in their review. Mr. Hawkins noted traffic accidents are part of the Design Action Team review and poisoning could find a place in the Environment Action Team. Ms. O'Garro stated poisoning, alcohol and prescription drugs data were included in the information regarding changing causes of death.

Cole Mason – shared he has not had good experience in regards to multiple agencies (local cities, county, state and federal agencies) working together. Don Sloma acknowledged Art Starry for his decade plus long efforts working with multiple agencies to expand harvestable shellfish beds in Henderson Inlet which resulted in new regulations and a clean inlet. Art said Henderson is an example of collective impact, where many parties worked together to achieve a common goal.

Mariella Cummings – complimented Action Team on Strategy map and presentation; stated PHSS stepped up to be lead for Thurston Thrives Phase I and wondered if PHSS will also serve as the lead for the next phase of Thurston Thrives. Mr. Sloma stated Phase II has not been planned yet, but it would make sense that PHSS would be lead.

Mariella Cummings – she expressed a concern regarding increased population in years to come and how it will be dealt with in Phase II.

Art Starry – there are many challenges to come; climate change is a big one; resources to plan and implement strategies is another.

Don Sloma – added challenges such as adding toxics – chemicals going into the environment; climate change - extraordinary area; noted enterprise is regulated by policy and finance.

Nicole Hill – noted Tree Canopy was not measured. Art Starry addressed the topic.

Tom Crawford – briefly commented on the County climate change study.

Art Starry welcomed anyone with comments or questions to contact himself or Chris Hawkins or join the Environment Action Team discussion by visiting the Thurston Thrives Environment Blog located at: www.thurstonthrives-environment.blogspot.com

e) Questions and Answers – Board and Advisors

The Board, Advisory Board and Action Team asked questions and shared information as follows:

Cole Mason – discussed bio mass fuel pros and cons; Mr. Starry discussed the topic briefly, saying it is complex and that what makes sense in one situation may not in another.

Michael Cade – commented on clean water and using reclaimed water for industrial use as a topic of discussion for the Economic Action Team and would like to see more discussion on this issue; thanked Team for their good work.

f) Opportunity for Public Comments from Community members - none

g) Discussion – Board, Advisors and Action Team – see above items

h) Closing - Chair Wolfe noted Advisory Council members would like more opportunities to discuss all Action Team presentations before their November retreat. She confirmed an Advisory Council meeting will be included on the October 14, 2014 Board of Health meeting and a date for a Advisory Council dinner meeting will be confirmed soon.

3) Thurston Thrives – Recent and Upcoming Update on the Initiative

Mr. Sloma provide a brief update on recent work done under the initiative and provided information looking ahead at remaining work for the Board of Health, staff and Thurston Thrives Advisory Council in 2014. He explained at last month's April 22, 2014 the Board was given an update on the progress of the Thurston Thrives initiative so far, including a description

of the effort to form a Thurston Thrives Core or backbone structure and the initial discussion - draft 'request' document developed by health department staff to be sent to various organizations asking if they would like to participate in that Core. The Board indicated health department staff could begin using this document to talk with individuals from possible contributor organizations in the community who have expressed interest in the initiative. The Board was also updated about the inclusion of Thurston Thrives in the guidance to local organizations seeking funding through the Community Investment Partnership (CIP), about work being done to align efforts behind the community health strategies of Thurston Thrives; about some events occurring in April and May; and the anticipated schedule of meetings the remainder of the year. Mr. Sloma stated since the April message, there has been substantial interest in supporting the Thurston Thrives Core expressed by groups such as NW Venture Philanthropy and United Way of Thurston County. He noted this support will be very important to ensure that the collective impact strategies of Thurston Thrives can be implemented, their progress tracked, and results shared across the community in the years ahead. He explained since there had not been a meeting of the Board and Council since March, over the past few weeks staff has reached out directly to members of the Advisory Council asking them for any comments, questions or concerns they have about the initiative, upcoming work, etc. Mr. Sloma stated general support was received from Advisory Council members for the way the initiative is proceeding but there were concerns expressed by some members on the following points:

- Efforts to align, including the CIP, may be premature.
- The Core could be a new organization that becomes a competitor for resources.
- Advisory Council role is not always clear and members have not been involved in reviewing the work being done on the initiative.
- CIP consolidation of funding may further constrain funding for creative small projects and organizations; raising the bar too high.
- Some groups who are closer to the center of the Thurston Thrives partnerships and process may be gaining advantage and more opportunities. There is the risk that more of this will happen.

Chair Wolfe opened the floor requesting Council Members to express their concerns and comment on the above listed concerns; discussion ensued. It was agreed that further discussion on the topics of concern will take place at additional meetings leading up to the November Advisory Council Retreat where decisions will be made regarding the Core and Phase II of the Thurston Thrives Initiative.

4) Opportunity for the Public to Address the Board of Health

Sylvia Aguilar, Outreach Specialist with UnitedHealthcare Community Plan, addressed the Board. She introduced GuiHui Yuan also an Outreach Specialist. Ms. Aguilar shared information and handouts about UnitedHealthcare's Community Plan and expanding health care access in Washington as related to the Affordable Care Act.

5) Board of Health Members' Reports –

◆ Commissioner Valenzuela reported on:

- Has attended several meetings over the past two months as the County's representative on the HOME Consortium and Community Investment Partnership, reviewing proposal for both groups.
- Has been appointed to the Governor's new Legislative Passport for Behavioral Health integration for which she provided a brief update.

◆ Chair Wolfe reported on:

- Cascade Pacific Action Alliance (was Regional Health Improvement Collaborative/ RHIC) Conference on May 21st with representatives from 10 counties, several Thurston Thrives Advisory Council Members, Dr. Rachel Wood and Mary Ann O'Garro
- Thurston Thrives Clinical Action Team meeting
- Thurston Thrives presentation at the Tumwater City Council meeting

6) Director's Report –

Mr. Don Sloma reported on:

- ◆ Sprout recall – eleven people in Washington and Idaho become ill after consuming E. coli contaminated clover sprouts from a producer in Idaho. No cases have been reported in Thurston County.
- ◆ 2014 Hazardous Waste Plan update – the Plan has been approved by Bucoda, Rainier, Tumwater, Yelm and Olympia; Lacey is currently reviewing the Plan; the Plan will be considered by Tenino in June.
- ◆ Scatter Creek Aquifer Septic System Management Project - the project advisory committee discussed the April 23rd community meeting as well as elements to address in their recommendations to the Board of Health; the Committee members will work with staff to draft a septic system management strategy for the Scatter Creek area.
- ◆ Housing and Community Renewal - the draft HUD FY 2014 Annual Plan is available for public comment from May 23rd through June 23rd; a public hearing is scheduled for 3:00 P.M. June 17th; the finalized plan will be submitted to HUD by July 15, which will allow contracts to begin in September, 2014.
- ◆ Timberline Regional Library will not be a smoke free campus.
- ◆ Watching the drug treatment infrastructure; Providence St. Peter Hospital drug treatment is now closed and the status of reopening is unclear.

7) Health Officer's Report –

Dr. Rachel Wood reported on the following:

- ◆ Infectious diseases update – cases of measles are still being reported; Dr. Wood recommends everyone get vaccinated.
- ◆ Update of E. coli cases in Thurston County.

Commissioner Valenzuela questioned how the public knows if they have been vaccinated for measles. Dr. Wood stated the Washington State Immunization Information System, formerly Child Profile Immunization Registry, is a statewide, lifetime immunization registry that keeps track of immunization records for people of all ages.


8) Adjournment – meeting was adjourned

BOARD OF HEALTH
Thurston County, Washington

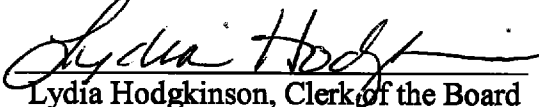

CATHY WOLFE, Chair

excused absence

SANDRA ROMERO, Vice Chair


KAREN VALENZUELA, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Lydia Hodgkinson, Clerk of the Board

Date: July 8, 2014

Thurston Community Television (TCTV)

The Board of Health meetings are aired on TCTV each week on Sundays at 3:30 p.m., Mondays at 8:00 p.m., Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m., Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m., and Fridays at 6:30 a.m. and at 5:00 p.m.