



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, 2013

3:50 p.m.) Call Meeting to Order

In Attendance: Karen Valenzuela, Chair; Sandra Romero, Commissioner; Don Krupp, County Manager; Don Sloma, Public Health & Social Services Department Director; Art Starry, Environmental Health Division Director; and Lydia Hodgkinson, Clerk of the Board of Health

Excused Absences: Cathy Wolfe, Vice-Chair; Dr. Diana Yu, Health Officer

Chair Valenzuela called the meeting to order.

- ♦ **Approval of the Board of Health Agenda:** Commissioner Romero moved to approve the agenda for March 12, 2013. Chair Valenzuela seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- ♦ **Approval of Board of Health meeting minutes:** Commissioner Romero moved to approve the Board of Health meeting minutes from February 12, 2013. Chair Valenzuela seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Presentations:

Washington State Department of Health 2012–2014 Consolidated Contract #C16904 Overview –

Don Sloma, Department Director, gave a presentation explain how the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) and Public Health and Social Services (PHSS) interact and how this mechanism drives our local actions. The DOH Consolidated Contract is the mechanism used to transmit federal and state funding for public health services to the county where the services are delivered. The original 2012 – 2014 Consolidated Contract is for the duration of January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014 for a maximum consideration not to exceed \$347,645. Forthcoming contract amendments will provide additional funding allocations for the remaining years of the contract. To date, five amendments have been fully executed revising the maximum consideration to \$1,550,894 amending a variety of programs. Amendment No. 6 was approved earlier this day by the Board of County Commissioners' for a new maximum consideration of \$1,779,191. Mr. Sloma gave a breakdown of all funding sources for the Department: Consolidated Contract provides 12%; County General Fund 14%; Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Backfill (MVET) 7%; Treatment Sales Tax 4%; Fees 44% and other various grants and contracts 19%. He then gave a breakdown of programs funded by the Consolidated Contract 12%. Commissioner Romero requested additional information regarding the MVET Backfill funding. Mr. Sloma gave a background of the funds and described how they may be used. Chair Valenzuela requested an example of the Fee based funding. Mr. Sloma used the Environmental Health Division on-site septic system inspection fees as an example. Chair Valenzuela noted DOH contracts with every Washington county and district they do business with to provide public health funding with this same consolidated contract mechanism. The contracts are used to add or reduce funding and also to revise or add new scopes of work. The Board requested the 2013 'Public Health' Funding chart

presented by Mr. Sloma be posted on-line for the public to view. The Board thanked Mr. Sloma for the presentation and valuable information.

Update on Community Transformation Grant in Thurston County –

Chris Hawkins the Active Healthy Communities Coordinator gave a presentation providing an update on current year Thurston County projects funded by the Community Transformation Grant (CTG). He explained that in 2011 the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) was awarded a CTG Grant from the federal Public Health and Prevention Fund which is a part of the Affordable Care Act. DOH had applied for this funding in concert with local health departments across the state. The goal of the funding is to create increased access to opportunities for active living, healthy eating and tobacco-free living in lower income areas of Washington's counties. Thurston County Public Health and Social Services, as part of a five-county Healthy Communities Hub in Central Western Washington, received just under \$80,000 grant funds for year two of the grant.

The year two work plan focuses on the following:

- 1) Establishing Healthy Eating with the Community Gardens project – completed and published an assessment of community gardens in the county identifying 11 gardens countywide; created and posted an on-line resource for gardens in the County at www.ThurstonCommunityGardens.org ; are collaborating with local partners to select five new sites in zip codes 98501 and 98503.
- 2) Implementing Active Living with the Safe Routes to School projects in North Thurston Public Schools – walk to School Day in October with Lydia Hawk Elementary in Tanglewilde area; working with County Public Works and Safe Kids Thurston County to implement Task Force recommendations.
- 3) Promoting tobacco-free living - creating more tobacco free public spaces in the County ,building on the State's Smoking in Public Places Law"; working with our own Thurston County government to update the "Tobacco use and Smoking Policy" making most workplaces tobacco-free with very limited designated tobacco use areas; working with the Timberland Regional Library (TRL) system to form a policy to reduce patron exposure to secondhand smoke on TRL properties.

Mr. Hawkins also noted that in January of this year the Board approved a Health and Human Services Chapter of the Thurston County Comprehensive Plan. The new chapter adds health to the County's growth management plan for the first time, including goals, objectives and policies on nutrition, physical activity and tobacco prevention.

At the Board's request, Mr. Hawkins provided additional information on the status of the Thurston County's "Tobacco use and Smoking Policy". Commissioner Romero questioned if marijuana will be addressed in the proposed policy for which Mr. Hawkins stated the County Prosecuting Attorney has recommended it be included. Chair Valenzuela questioned if the CTG is a three or five year grant. Mr. Hawkins stated the funding is dependent on federal budgets. He provided clarification that Grays Harbor, Lewis, Mason, Pacific and Thurston Counties are included in the grant "HUB" of which Grays Harbor, Lewis and Thurston receive funding.

Thurston Thrives – Begins in April –

Don Sloma the PHSS Department Director introduced the topic explaining the Board of Health is launching a community call to action for protecting and promoting the health of our community called Thurston Thrives. Thurston Thrives will also address factors recognized in the annual County Health

Rankings as having strong influence on health outcomes for our community. Chris Hawkins the Active Healthy Communities Coordinator gave a presentation providing an update on the preparations for Thurston Thrives to be launched in conjunction with Public Health Week, April 2013. The initiative will start with the Board of Health appointing an advisory council of key leaders and identifying leads for action teams at their April 2013 Board of Health meeting. At that time, at least nine action teams in the areas of environment, food, housing, income/economy, education, community design, community resilience, clinical care and emergency response, child and youth resilience will also begin work. These groups will prepare to present their findings and recommendations to the Board and the Advisory Council in the succeeding months. Mr. Hawkins and Mr. Sloma described and discussed a proposed timeline with approximate dates and steps for the Thurston Thrives Project and provided a layout of how the Board, the Advisory Council Members, the Action Team Leads and Team Members will relate to each other. Mr. Hawkins explained that over a year period, the Board and its advisors will hear from each of the action teams. The initiative will conclude in the fall of 2014 when the Board and its advisors craft an integrated action plan toward community health improvement. For more information, visit www.thurstonthrives.org. Chair Valenzuela questioned if there is staff assigned to support the Action Teams for which Mr. Sloma stated although very limited there are some funds to help teams if needed. Mr. Hawkins stated the Thurston Thrives logo, tag line and video will be presented at the April Board of Health meeting. Chair Valenzuela thanked Mr. Hawkins and Mr. Sloma for the presentation. Commissioner Romero stated the Thurston Thrives project needs the same energy as the recent “Grow Happy Kids 75210” project.

1) Opportunity for the Public to Address the Board – none

2) Follow-up on Citizen Issues - none

3) Department Items

Board Members’ Reports - Board Members reported on public health and social services involvement:

◆ **Commissioner Romero reported on:**

- Child Abuse Prevention Task Force – “Purple Crying” project moving through the County
- TCTV taping on noxious weeds
- Meeting regarding homeless issues with the Olympia City Council
- April Child Abuse Prevention month – “pinwheels” at Arts Walk

◆ **Chair Valenzuela reported on:**

- Meeting regarding homeless issues with the Olympia City Council

Director’s Report - Don Sloma reported on the following items:

- ◆ New Washington State Department of Health Director announced
- ◆ Health Officer Dr. Diana Yu is retiring at the end of November 2013; the Health Officer Job description will be sent to Board Members by end of this week; need direction for next steps in recruitment process
- ◆ Influenza, Pertussis and other respiratory illnesses continue to circulate; Levels are declining in Thurston County and across Washington State; individuals not vaccinated for flu and Pertussis should get vaccinated, a reminder to stay home if you are ill, avoid contact with ill people, cough into your elbow, keep hands away from eyes, nose and mouth and frequently wash hands with soap and warm water

- ◆ Update on Medicaid Administrative Match and thanked Board for letter on impacts to legislative delegation
- ◆ Update on new Sequestration estimates
- ◆ Specialized Recreation Program - PHSS and Resource Stewardship discussing long range sustainability of the Specialized Recreation Program
- ◆ Enforcement of the Social Host Ordinance - Chemical Dependency Program, Sheriff's Department, Mayor of Rainier, Together! and Target Zero Thurston met to discuss ways to educate Rainier citizens on ordinance
- ◆ Thurston Mason Regional Support Network (TMRSN) is revising the Utilization Management and Benefit Assignment System
- ◆ Syringe Exchange – update on funding challenges for coming years

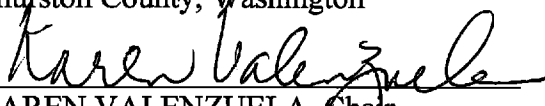
Chair Valenzuela invited Mr. Sloma to attend a meeting with her happening next week that is being conducted by the Director of the Pierce County Aids Task Force to discuss HIV services in Thurston County.

Health Officer's Report – No report, Dr. Yu absent

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Romero moved to adjourn the meeting. Chair Valenzuela seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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Thurston County, Washington


KAREN VALENZUELA, Chair

excused absence
CATHY WOLFE, Vice Chair


SANDRA ROMERO, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Lydia Hodgkinson, Clerk of the Board

Date: April 9, 2013