



## 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 May 14, 2013

#### 1) 3:32 p.m. Call Board of Health Meeting to Order

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

Chair Valenzuela called the Board of Health meeting to order.

- ◆ **Approval of the Board of Health Agenda:** Vice Chair Wolfe moved to approve the agenda for May 14, 2013. Commissioner Romero seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- ◆ **Approval of Board of Health meeting minutes:** Vice Chair Wolfe moved to approve the Board of Health meeting minutes from April 9, 2013. Commissioner Romero seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### 2) Thurston Thrives Introductions and Overview

##### a) **Introductions:**

Chair Valenzuela opened the Thurston Thrives Advisory Council meeting.  
Advisory Council Members introduced themselves.

**In Attendance:** Karen Valenzuela, Chair; Cathy Wolfe, Vice Chair; Sandra Romero, Commissioner; Michael Cade; Cole Mason, MD; Mariella Cummings, RN; Shelly Willis; Curt Andino; Lisa Smith; Jay Mason, MD; Barbara Clarkson; Kevin Haughton, MD; Nicole Hill

**Absent:** Raj Manhas; Dennis Mahar; Lon Wyrick

##### b) **Thurston Thrives Process Overview:**

Don Sloma, Public Health & Social Services (PHSS) Director and Chris Hawkins, Lead Staff for Thurston Thrives provided a Thurston Thrives Process Overview and described the Advisory Council role.

##### c) **2013 County Health Rankings: How Does Thurston County Compare?**

Mary Ann O'Garro, PHSS Epidemiologist, gave a presentation of how Thurston County compares to all other Washington State Counties in the 2013 County Health Rankings study produced by the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

**3) Kickoff for the Thurston Thrives Advisory Council:**

Faith Trimble, CEO FLT Consulting on behalf of The Local Government Performance Center, Office of the State Auditor, facilitated this portion of the Council meeting. Ms. Trimble facilitated an exercise to help the Board of Health and Thurston Thrives Advisory Council articulate their principles of success for the initiative. Details of what the Board and its advisors expressed will be summarized and posted to the Thurston Thrives meeting page. ([www.ThurstonThrives.org](http://www.ThurstonThrives.org))

**4) Closing – next Thurston Thrives Advisory Council Meeting/Steps**

Mr. Sloma and Mr. Hawkins provided future meeting dates and agenda information. The next Thurston Thrives meeting will be held during the June 11, 2013 regular Board of Health meeting. Mr. Sloma invited any Council Member to attend a May 31<sup>st</sup> Rotary Club meeting with him to discuss the Thurston Thrives initiative.

**5) Opportunity for the Public to Address the Board of Health**

Cheryl Mongovin addressed the Board of Health Members and the Thurston Thrives Advisory Council Members expressing her concerns and asking for a letter of support regarding the Providence St. Peter Hospital health care cuts for their employees. Ms. Mongovin provided informational handouts for all Members.

**6) Board of Health Members' Reports**

Board Members reported on public health and social services involvement since the last Board of Health meeting:

◆ **Vice Chair Wolfe reported on:**

- Lydia Hawk Elementary – Washington State University (WSU) Extension School Food Program teaching healthy eating

◆ **Commissioner Romero reported on:**

- WSU Extension Thurston County Director - anaerobic digester to deal with dairy waste
- Interview with TCTV - bee colony deaths
- Coffee Chat in City of Lacey with Shelly Willis of Executive Director of Family Education and Support Services
- Alliance for a Healthy South Sound meeting
- Climate Solutions Annual dinner
- Thurston Community Summit – Resilient Children
- Black Lake Coalition meeting
- Rainier constituents – keeping wild animals in County
- County Hydrogeologist - ground water in Scatter creek
- TCOMM Board – 9-1-1 services
- Thurston County Council for Children and Youth (TOGETHER!)
- LOTT Board meeting
- Training on Healthy Work Environment – attended by all three Board Members
- Faith Trimble, CEO FLT Consulting – retreat for child resiliency collective impact

♦ **Chair Valenzuela reported on:**

- Regional Health Improvement Collaborative (RHIC) regular meetings
- New Market Skills Center; acknowledged Michael Cade, Executive Director of the Thurston Economic Development Council
- YWCA Annual luncheon – featured Girls Circle after school program
- Catholic Community Services Kinship Dinner
- Commented on the Board's review of a proposed Guardrail Vegetation Control Prescription

7) **Director's Report** - Don Sloma reported on PHSS items:

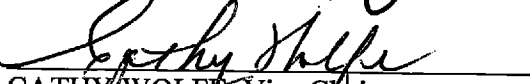
- ♦ Successful Blood Drive - held May 1<sup>st</sup> at PHSS Lilly Road Bldg, put on by Puget Sound Blood Center with help from Medical Reserve Corps; another drive planned for later this year
- ♦ Dave Tipton – received the 2013 John Nordin Outstanding Sanitarian Award from the Washington State Environmental Health Association; Mr. Tipton was nominated by his coworkers; he has earned the respect of his peers for his outstanding service in the promotion of, and contribution to, the environmental health profession
- ♦ Urban County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Requests for Proposals (RFP) have been received – provided update on process
- ♦ Staff are working with the County Resource Stewardship Department regarding options for long term sustainability of Special Recreation and Developmental Disabilities programs
- ♦ Marijuana Use and Youth – information has been posted on the Department Website for parents (<http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/health/sscd/index.html> )
- ♦ Investigation on Mental Health Contractor - pursuing partnership with the state on investigation of whether there may have been contract violations with a major mental health contractor
- ♦ Suspect Botulism Case - collaborating with Washington State Department of Health and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on the suspect case
- ♦ PHSS is holding a Veterans Conference for service Providers in Thurston County on June 5<sup>th</sup> at the Thurston County Fairgrounds – connecting and maximizing federal, state and local resources for Veterans and their families; for information contact Linda Loyle, Program Manager for the PHSS Veteran's Assistance Program

8) **Adjournment**

The Board thanked everyone for the collaboration of Thurston Thrives. **Vice Chair Wolfe moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Romero seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

BOARD OF HEALTH  
Thurston County, Washington

  
KAREN VALENZUELA, Chair

  
CATHY WOLFE, Vice Chair

  
SANDRA ROMERO, Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Lydia Hodgkinson, Clerk of the Board

Date: June 11, 2013