



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 of February 14, 2012

1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Attendance: Chair Romero, Vice Chair Valenzuela, Commissioner Wolfe, County Manager Don Krupp, Health Officer Diana Yu, Department Director Sherri McDonald, Environmental Health Division Director Art Starry and Clerk of the Board of Health Lydia Hodgkinson.

Chair Romero called the meeting to order.

- a) **Approval of Board of Health Agenda** – Vice Chair Valenzuela requested to pull Item #4 Oral Health from the agenda and with that change moved to approve the agenda of February 14, 2012 as amended. Commissioner Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- b) **Approval of minutes** – Vice Chair Valenzuela moved to approve the Board of Health meeting minutes of January 10, 2012. Commissioner Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- c) **Correspondence** – Health Officer Dr. Diana Yu presented a letter from Rebecca Adams the Emergency Services Coordinator with the American Red Cross expressing their gratitude for the opportunity to work with the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteers during the recent winter storm and thanked them for their help. Chair Romero commended the MRC volunteers for the outstanding work.

2) UPDATE ON CITIZEN ISSUES - none

3) OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD - none

4) ORAL HEALTH: ADULT ACCESS TO CARE - removed from agenda, to be presented at a later date.

5) THURSTON COUNTY HEALTHY CHILD WEIGHT INITIATIVE – 7-5-2-1-0 CAMPAIGN

Chris Hawkins Supervisor of the Public Health & Social Services Department Chronic Disease Prevention Section gave a presentation and 2012 update on Healthy Child Weight (HCW) in Thurston County. The presentation provided information about the HCW Coalition; data regarding Health issues and high levels of factors contributing to risk; information on the 7-5-2-1-0 Message campaign including 2011 events and what is planned for the spring. Mr. Hawkins explained there is a launch of media outreach (new Face Book Page in the works which needs 25 “friends”), an upcoming video contest being worked on with John Tennis the County Public Information Officer, working with Health Officer Dr. Yu to spread the word at local government meetings and working on establishing a presence in libraries and community events. Mr. Hawkins acknowledged Danielle Westbrook of the

Commissioner's office for her work on creating a YouTube account for the campaign. He also noted the 7-5-2-1-0 Campaign information has been translated into Spanish to serve WIC clients. Vice Chair Valenzuela asked Joe Wall a Healthy Child Weight Coalition volunteer who was present in the audience to share his creation of a 7-5-2-1-0 "rap" which she feels would be a good jingle for the campaign. The Board and Mr. Hawkins thanked all Partners for their hard work. Mr. Hawkins acknowledged Lesley Wigen the Public Health Nutritionist and Christine Canavan an Education and Outreach Specialist with the Thurston County Healthy Environment and Action Team (HEAT) for their work on the campaign. Dr. Yu noted she has taken a 7-5-2-1-0 Banner to a Zumba dance special event at Family Support Services.

6) ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE IV AND ARTICLE IV, APPENDIX A OF THE SANITARY CODE FOR THURSTON COUNTY

Art Starry, Environmental Division Director requested the Board approve Ordinance H-1-2012 amending Article IV and Article IV Appendix A of the Sanitary Code for Thurston County. Mr. Starry explained this ordinance will: 1) Implement portions of the *Thurston County On-site Sewage System Management Plan* and adopt provisions for marine recovery areas in accordance with RCW 70.118A and WAC 246-272A-0015; 2) Create a marine recovery area and area of special concern called the Nisqually Reach Watershed Protection Area; 3) Designate the existing Henderson Watershed Protection Area as a marine recovery area; and 4) Expand the septic system operation and maintenance program in Article IV, Appendix A to apply to the Nisqually Reach Watershed Protection Area, including exceptions for certain fees on properties subject to Nisqually Reach Shellfish Protection District rates and charges for on-site sewage system operation and maintenance. The operation and maintenance program will be funded through rates and charges collected within the portion of the Nisqually Reach Shellfish Protection District that is in the Nisqually Reach Watershed Protection Area as set forth in an ordinance adopted by the Board of County Commissioners earlier in the day. Chair Romero requested an explanation of why this item is a Board of Health item. Mr. Starry explained that correction of septic system failures is a basic health issue related to safe water quality, protecting our ground and surface water and keeping shellfish safe to eat. **Vice Chair Valenzuela moved to approve Ordinance H-1-2012 amending Article IV and Article IV, Appendix A of the Sanitary Code for Thurston County. Commissioner Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

7) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Sherri McDonald explained that Thurston County along with four surrounding Counties - Grays Harbor, Lewis, Mason and Pacific are working together to create a Regional Health Improvement Collaborative. Ms. McDonald stated that a meeting of Board of Health Members from all five Counties is being held on February 17, 2012 at 2:00 PM at the Satsop Development Center in Elma.

The Board presented Sherri McDonald a bouquet of flowers acknowledging this would be her last Board of Health meeting as she retires from her position as Director of the Thurston County Public Health & Social Services Department. Health Officer Dr. Diana Yu expressed her appreciation of working with Ms. McDonald for the last 20 years and expressed her sadness in seeing her leave. The Board and County Manager Don Krupp acknowledged and commended Ms. McDonald for her almost

20 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Thurston County. Chair Romero commended Ms. McDonald for her attention to detail, her caring for clients and potential clients and expressed her appreciation for her creative problem solving with the Pacific Mountain Work Source transition and maintaining a WIC program in Thurston County. Commissioner Wolfe echoed Chair Romero's comments adding her appreciation of Ms. McDonald's facilitating skills when dealing with many successes including but not limited to Project Access, the Mental Health Treatment Center and the in progress development of a Regional Health Improvement Collaborative all of which could not have happened without her. She expressed her appreciation of working with Ms. McDonald, wished her the best and hopes to continue working with her in other capacities. Vice Chair Valenzuela thanked Ms. McDonald for her public health work and stated she considers her a co-public health worker and commended her work with the Home Visiting Task Force in the creation of the Nurse Family Partnership program which has left a very positive mark on public health. County Manager Don Krupp stated it has been a remarkable journey working with Ms. McDonald. He expressed his admiration of her impressive attention to detail and execution of public policy while working with difficult budgets keeping the WIC program in the community and the Pacific Mountain Work Source transition. Ms. McDonald thanked the Board and Mr. Krupp for their contributions and support of her leadership over the years. She stated it has been a real privilege to work with staff and the community.

8) **HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT** - none

9) **ADJOURNMENT**

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

BOARD OF HEALTH
Thurston County, Washington


SANDRA ROMERO, Chair


KAREN VALENZUELA, Vice Chair


CATHY WOLFE, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Lydia Hodgkinson, Clerk of the Board

Date: March 13, 2012