



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 April 3, 2012

1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Attendance: Chair Romero, Vice Chair Valenzuela, Commissioner Wolfe, County Manager Don Krupp, Environmental Health Division Director Art Starry and Clerk of the Board La Bonita Bowmar.

Chair Romero called the special meeting to order.

2) PROCLAMATION

The Board of Health proclaimed the Week of April 2 – 8, 2012 as Public Health Week in Thurston County. Vice Chair Valenzuela read the Proclamation. Art Starry accepted the Proclamation and spoke on behalf of Interim Department Director Steve Romines and Health Officer Dr. Diana T. Yu. Mr. Starry gave a brief overview of a variety of Department programs working towards making Thurston County a healthier community. He also thanked the Board for issuing the Proclamation and recognizing the work being done by the county and the state public health agencies to improve the health of the community. Vice Chair Valenzuela noted approximately 18 years ago President Clinton proclaimed a National Public Health week. She expressed her gratitude it has continued and that Thurston County participates in providing a way to involve the public in what we can all do to work towards a healthier community.

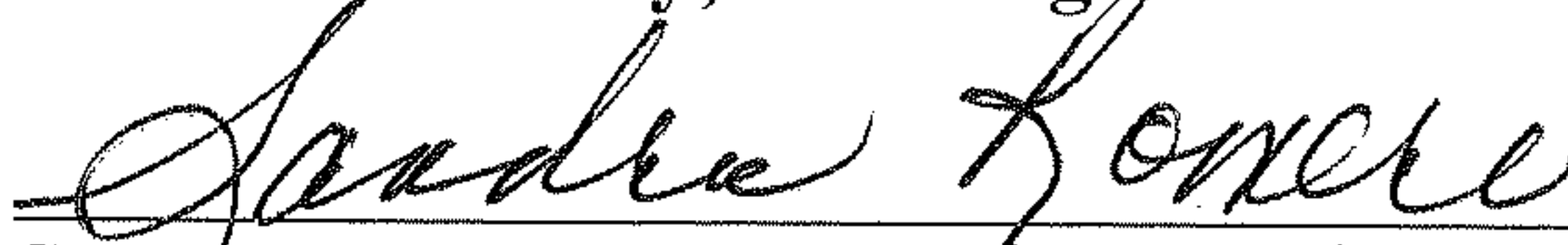
Mr. Starry stated the Secretary of Health has declared a statewide epidemic of Pertussis, also known as Whooping Cough, which spreads easily by coughing and sneezing. He provided an update on statewide and county Pertussis cases. Dr. Yu, the local Health Officer has distributed notices to local health care providers and other community partners providing information and precautions they should be taking to prevent the spread of Pertussis. The Department has placed a recorded message on our Public Information Line at (360) 709-3080. Information is also available on the Department website at www.co.thurston.wa.us/health. Mr. Starry provided a brief explanation of Pertussis symptoms and vaccination recommendations. Chair Romero noted Thurston County Board of Health is the jurisdictional authority for health related issues over all of Thurston County including incorporated areas.

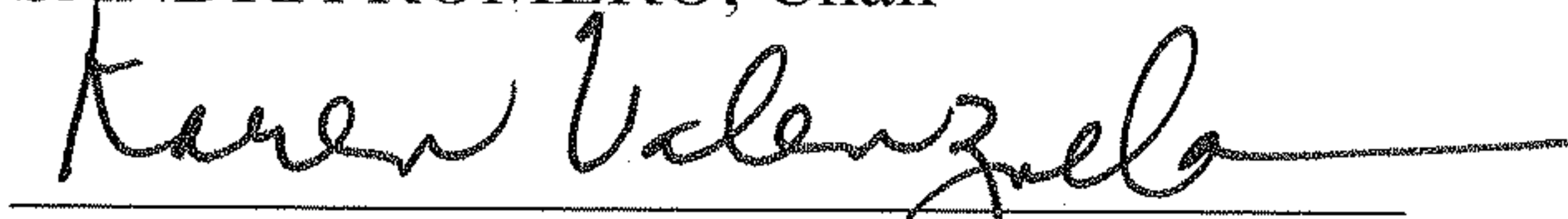
Mr. Starry noted a member of our community Tris Carlson the Chairman of the Henderson Inlet and Nisqually Reach Shellfish Committee has been recognized as a Public Health Champion by the Washington State Public Health Association (WSPHA). Chair Romero requested Chris Carlson be invited to attend and be recognized at the next Board of Health meeting.


ADJOURNMENT

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


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Thurston County, Washington


SANDRA ROMERO, Chair


KAREN VALENZUELA, Vice Chair


CATHY WOLFE, Commissioner

ATTEST:


La Bonita Bowmar, Clerk of the Board

Date: May 15, 2012