



## 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 July 10, 2012

#### **3:30 p.m.) Call Meeting to Order**

**In Attendance:** Sandra Romero, Chair; Karen Valenzuela, Vice-Chair; Cathy Wolfe, Commissioner; Don Krupp, County Manager; Art Starry, Environmental Health Division Director; Dr. Diana Yu, Health Officer; and Emmie San Nicolas, Clerk of the Board.

Chair Romero called the meeting to order.

- ◆ **Approval of the Board of Health Agenda:** Commissioner Wolfe moved to approve the agenda for July 10, 2012. Vice-Chair Valenzuela seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- ◆ **Correspondence** – Chair Romero read a letter from the Nisqually Indian Tribe Department of Health Services thanking the Public Health and Social Services (PHSS) Department for attending the Nisqually Tribe Head Start Graduation event on May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012, and offering Tdap vaccines to students and families.

#### **3:35 p.m.) Presentation**

##### **Thurston County Contaminated Sites Map**

Art Starry, Environmental Health Division Director, provided the Board a brief description of the Thurston County Contaminated Sites Map, and introduced Gerald Tousley, Hazardous Waste Specialist III. Mr. Tousley reported that the Environmental Health Division produces the Thurston County Contaminated Sites Map that shows sites that are contaminated by hazardous or toxic materials. The map provides an easy way for members of the public and government agencies to see contaminated sites within Thurston County. The map shows both active and inactive sites that need some cleanup activity.

Mr. Tousley explained that the map was generated using information from the Washington State Department of Ecology's Integrated Site Information System (ISIS) database. The ISIS system lists contaminated sites throughout the state. The map was introduced in 2004 and has been updated every couple of years. The map is available on-line and printed copies can be obtained from Thurston County Geodata. This activity is funded under the Site Hazard Assessment Grant from Ecology.

Mr. Tousley addressed the Board's questions in regard to protocol when property is sold, the most primary contaminate identified, and site assessment programs.

### **3:55 p.m.) Presentation**

#### **Social Hosting**

Joe Avalos, Chemical Dependency Program Manager provided a brief description of “Social Hosting,” and introduced invited guest presenters: Mary Segawa, Alcohol Awareness Program Manager (WA State Liquor Control Board-WSLCB) and Mayor Randall Schleis (City of Rainier).

Mr. Avalos presentation included the start of the first civil Social Host Ordinance (SHO) in Washington that went into effect on Mercer Island on January 13, 2012. Their Social Host Ordinance aims to prevent underage drinking by fining property owners who allow or intentionally ignore underage drinking parties. A Social Host Ordinance focuses on the setting where underage drinking occurs regardless of who provides the alcohol. This provides law enforcement with additional tools that go beyond the Revised Code of Washington (RCW 66.44.270), which prohibits adults from providing (or furnishing) alcohol to minors. In Thurston County, the city of Rainier became the second city in Washington to pass such an ordinance, which went into effect on June 21, 2012. If an underage gathering involving alcohol occurs, Ordinance 607 will hold responsible the person who owns, rents, leases or controls the property where the party happened. Violating this ordinance will have civil repercussions, including fines.

To consider a county-wide Social Host Ordinance, several key questions must be considered:

- Why a county-wide effort?
- What are key components of a SHO?
- What are barriers to implementing a SHO?
- Is there precedent for a county-wide SHO? How has it worked?
- What other alternatives to SHO’s exist to reduce underage drinking?

Results from the 2010 Healthy Youth Survey are the driver of a proposed ordinance in Thurston County, in conjunction with the most recent passing of Initiative 1183: Privatization and modernization wholesale distribution and retail sales of liquor in Washington. The City of Rainier and Mercer Island are currently enlisted in passing the Social Hosting Ordinance in Washington State. There are twenty-nine (29) states enlisted nationwide. Mayor Randy Schleiss, City of Rainier, provided a brief background about how the decision came about to pass the ordinance in Rainier. Also, Washington State laws supercede the ordinance in the event death or injury should occur.

The panel addressed the Board’s questions in regard to the work being done by the coalition and the support provided by the Washington State Liquor Control Board, the responsibility of land owners for vacant land where Social Hosting may occur, and how the ordinance can be used as a tool for law enforcement.

- 1) **Opportunity for the Public to Address the Board** – None
- 2) **Follow-up on Citizen Issues** – None

## **Department Items**

### **3) Board Members' Reports**

#### **a) Board Members will report on public health and social services involvement:**

##### **◆ Vice-Chair Valenzuela reported on:**

- Housing & Community Renewal:
  - The Social Services Division Director, Mark Freedman announced that an offer was made to an individual to fill the Housing & Community Renewal Program Manager. The expected start date is scheduled for July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012.
  - A joint retreat with the HOME Consortium members and the HOME Citizen Advisory Committee is scheduled for August. Members will discuss improvements to the Request for Proposal (RFP) Process.

##### **◆ Commissioner Wolfe reported on:**

- Regional Health Improvement Collaborative Planning (RHIC) Team:
  - Contract for Project Manager for RHIC has been extended for an additional three (3) months;
  - Participated in a most recent conference call that included discussions focusing on how as a group the team can come together to influence the Manage Care portion of the Affordable Health Care Act and the provision to provide health care after 2014 by Medicaid contracts.
  - How much of our social services work are related to drug and alcohol abuse and will the managed care companies take over some of the work currently obtained by local jurisdictions?

##### **◆ Chair Romero reported on:**

- Continuing to attend meetings related to Puget Sound Recovery Efforts reviewing watershed plans and meeting with local entities on Salmon Recovery;
- The five (5) County Board of Health meeting held on 6/22/12 was very well attended. Counties were able to identify areas in which partnerships can be most beneficial and conducted a open discussion on their own county concerns and challenges;
- Child Abuse Prevention Task Force met on 6/14/12, and assembled into small committees to discuss immediate issues. A report will be provided at the next meeting;
- The Board attended the Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials (WSALPHO) on 6/19/12 at the Sea-Tac Marriott. Policy issues were discussed. Other county Board of Health members are encouraged to attend;
- A fabulous briefing on the use of millage with the Developmental Disabilities Program staff discussing the transition for those leaving the high school.
- Affordable Care Act works with private insurers and the State Insurance Commissioner. An invitation to the Insurance Commissioner to attend the State Board of Health Meeting to provide an update on the Affordable Care Act was requested.

4) **Director's Report**

a) **On behalf of Don Sloma, Art Starry, Environmental Health Division Director reported on the following items:**

- ◆ **Community Transformation Grant:** In the process of preparing an application for small communities to apply for funding available through the Community Transformation Grant (CTG). The intent is to work in partnership with four (4) counties in southwest Washington focusing on two (2) main issues on institutional project of increasing access to healthy foods, and an education project on child development and health. Additional local projects can be noted on the application process.
- ◆ **Nutrition & Safety Issues:** In addition to Lydia Hawk, a second elementary school in the North Thurston District is in support of the Active Living and Safe Routes to School Projects. These projects encourage students to walk and bike to school promoting active communities and addressing prevention of diabetes and obesity. Also, the department is in collaboration with Safe Kids in Thurston County in developing a grant application for walking and traffic improvement at schools.
- ◆ **Healthy Eating and Community Gardens Project:** Currently assessing community gardens in Thurston County with the intent to establish five (5) new garden sites and offer community gardens by 2014 in low-income neighborhoods. In addition, the idea to develop and make available on-line a "Community Development Resource Guide" and farms maps in Thurston County has been mentioned. PHSS is working in collaboration with: the Olympia and Lacey City Councils; GRUB, Roof; Sustainable South Sound; Senior Services; Thurston County Food Bank; and the many local volunteers and gardeners.
- ◆ **Tobacco Prevention Strategies:** The department is working with local jurisdictions in providing education on the establishment of Tobacco Free campuses and the development of campus policies in order to reduce exposure to local residence from second hand smoke.
- ◆ **HOME Consortium and HOME Citizen Advisory Committee:** A joint meeting to discuss a variety of critical topics is scheduled for August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012, from 12:00PM-4:00PM. Member's alternates are invited to attend.
- ◆ **Nurse-Family Partnership:** This high fidelity evidence based program was awarded funding via the Thrive by Five Grant, and is expected to receive an estimated \$102,000 to continue the work of the Nurse-Family Partnership Program providing support to 22 to 25 families. Dr. Yu provided background information about the program.
- ◆ **Syringe Exchange Program:** The program was awarded extra funds from the State Department of Health that allowed for purchases of additional syringes and boxes of gauze. The program has enough supplies for the remainder of 2012, and through 2013.

- ◆ **Nisqually Operations & Maintenance Project:** The purpose of the program is to assure that on-site sewage systems are properly operated and maintained to protect the health of county residents and to preserve the water quality of Nisqually Reach. The program is modeled after the successful program that was started in Henderson Inlet in 2007. The program includes septic system inspection and monitoring requirements, incentives, funding mechanisms and enforcement elements. The program was developed by a citizen advisory group and was adopted by the Thurston County Board of Health and Board of County Commissioners on 2/14/2012. Nearly 4,000 residents were mailed out flyers with information about the ordinance including information about failing septic tanks, regular maintenance, dye test evaluation for “high risk” systems, rates and charges, and classes available for septic maintenance. Department staff has received 125 responses from residence with complaints and inquiries about the project.

5) **Health Officer’s Report**

a) **Dr. Diana T. Yu reported on:**


- ◆ **75210 Campaign:** The campaign is part of the Thurston County Healthy Child Weight (HCW) Initiative addressing the increasing problems of physical inactivity, poor nutrition and obesity among the county’s children. The initiative has focused on building partnerships with child serving organizations, particularly family practice and pediatric health care clinics; preparing partners to participate in the prevention of childhood obesity; and fostering changes in the community environment to support healthier eating and increased physical activity. The campaign is giving out awards to participating agencies. The Rochester Boys & Girls Club is the most recent winner. The 75210 Campaign Banner has been displayed at parades, farmer’s market, city events, and on YouTube.
- ◆ **Pertussis:**
  - Thirty-five (35) confirmed cases to date;
  - Six (6) additional cases reported since the last Board of Health Meeting that was held on 6/12/12;
  - Union Gospel Mission will be holding a clinic with the assistance of the Thurston County Medical Reserve Corps and The Olympia Free Clinic on 7/19/12 from 11:00AM-7:00PM.
- ◆ **Preparation for Squaxin Paddle:** Tribal Journeys began in 1989, intending to coincide with the centennial celebration for Washington State. The 2012 Landing Ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, 7/29/12, at the Port of Olympia. Thurston County Medical Reserves Corps volunteers will be available for First Aid, and supplies will be provided by Medic One. Participants are encouraged to park off-site and take the shuttle to the event. Over 10,000 people are expected to attend.


6) **Adjournment**

Vice Chair Valenzuela moved to adjourn the Board of Health meeting of July 10, 2012.  
Commissioner Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**5:00 P.M. – PUBLIC HEARING see separate minutes**


BOARD OF HEALTH  
Thurston County, Washington

  
SANDRA ROMERO, Chair

  
KAREN VALENZUELA, Vice Chair

  
CATHY WOLFE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Emmie San Nicolas, Clerk of the Board

Date: 8-22-2012