

# MASON COUNTY-THURSTON COUNTY JOINT BOARD OF HEALTH PROCEEDINGS

September 28, 2010

Mason County Commission Chambers

411 North Fifth Street

Shelton, WA 98584

Attendance: Mason County Board Members: Lynda Ring-Erickson; Ross Gallagher.  
Tim Sheldon – absent

Thurston County Board Members: Karen Valenzuela; Sandra Romero.  
Cathy Wolfe – absent

Mason County Ex-Officio Board Members: Scott Hilburn; Peggy VanBuskirk.  
Frank Philips - absent

1. Cmmr. Ring Erickson called the meeting to order at 3:39 p.m.
2. **Cmmr. Gallagher/Ring Erickson moved and seconded to amend the agenda to move public comment to the next item of business. Motion carried. RE-aye; G-aye; S-absent.**
3. Public Comment - John Johnson commented that his running group is focused on building safe places to run and walk. He has approached the Port of Shelton regarding property he would like to build walking paths on and he is also looking for support from the Mason County Board of Health.
4. **Cmmr. Gallagher/Ring Erickson moved and seconded to adopt the regular meeting minutes of August 24, 2010 as presented. Motion carried. RE-aye; G-aye; S-absent.**

Thurston County Board of Health members Karen Valenzuela and Sandra Romero joined the meeting at 3:51 p.m.

5. Residential Drug Disposal
  - 5.1 Product Stewardship Proposal – Terri Thomas, Thurston County Solid Waste, discussed product stewardship. The main issue is that two systems are working independently. The manufactures are designing and producing products and local government is responsible for maintaining the funding for the disposal of the waste created by the products. If the manufacture were responsible for the end of life disposal of their products the costs could be passed onto the consumer and the consumer may be more likely to purchase reusable products. The Northwest Product Stewardship Council is also working on a bill for a drug take back program and she is trying to obtain support for this upcoming legislation.
  - 5.2 Vicki Kirpatrick, Mason County Public Health Director, provided an update on Mason County's drug take back program. A ribbon cutting for the disposal boxes is planned to take place soon.
6. Chronic Disease Prevention – Lydia Buchheit, Mason County Public Health, and Chris Hawkins, Thurston County Public Health and Social Services. Ms. Buchheit and Mr. Hawkins provided a handout regarding preventing chronic disease. Mason County and Thurston County's chronic disease profiles were also provided. Ms. Buchheit and Mr. Hawkins each discussed their County's efforts towards chronic disease prevention.
7. Office of the Director
  - 7.1 Health Officer Report – Dr. Yu reported that she just attended a State Medical Association meeting where public health funding was discussed as a number one priority for the next legislative session. She also reported that a couple of cases of E-coli are being investigated in Thurston County. Additional cases of whooping cough have been reported in Thurston County as well. She reminded everyone to get their flu shots, which are now available.



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- 7.2 Director Reports – Ms. Kirkpatrick reported that she has been looking at the chapter in the Mason County Comprehensive Plan that relates to health and human services. She is looking into amending the chapter because a lot has been learned since the last update in 2005. She will be working with the Parks department and Public Works to explore possibilities for walking and biking in the county.

Sherri McDonald, Thurston County Public Health and Social Services Director, announced that Thurston County was awarded a one-year, \$100,000 Federal grant to prevent chronic disease in women and girls in Thurston County. They will also have the opportunity to apply for dollars to implement the plan that will be the result of the first grant. It could be up to \$400,000 per year for five years. Several of the organizations that will be involved have ties to Mason County so they will be able to share things that are learned through the process.

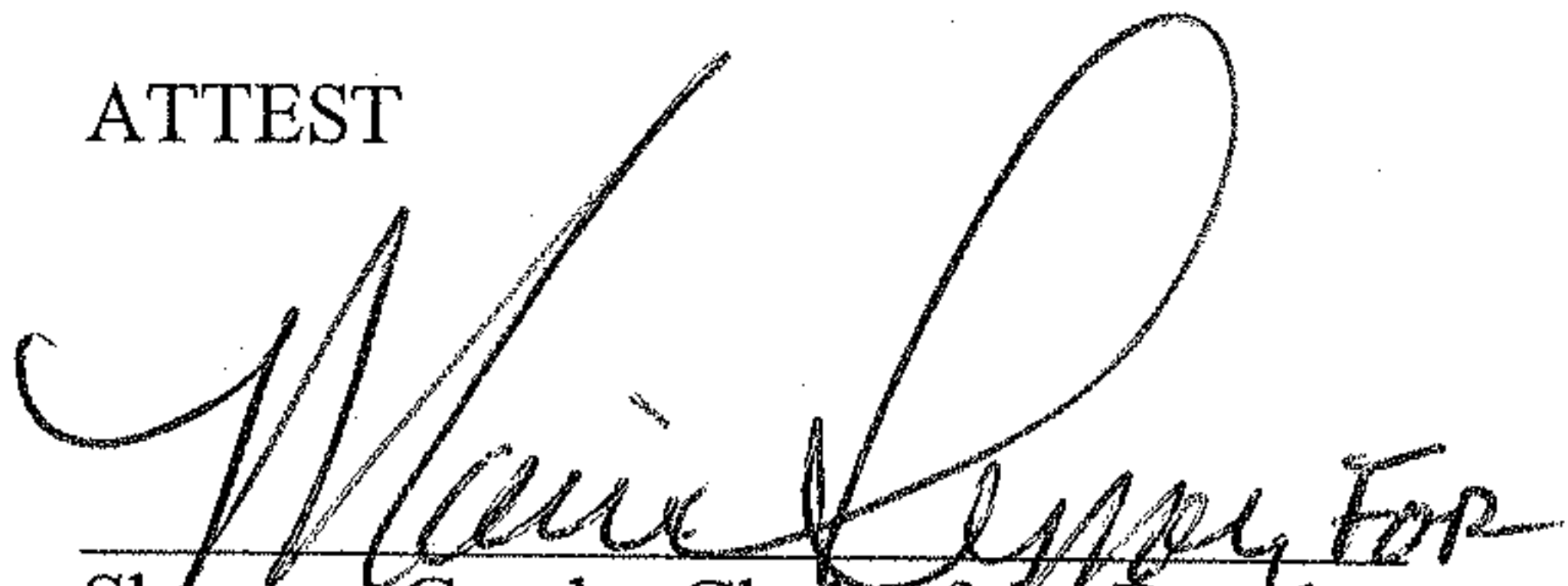
8. Community and Family Health – Deferred to next meeting.

9. Environmental Health

- 9.1 Debbie Riley, Environmental Health Manager, provided a written report to the Board due to lack of time.  
9.2 Waivers - Ms. Riley presented the Board with the current Environmental Health Waivers.

10. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.


ATTEST

  
Shannon Goudy, Clerk of the Board

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MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Lynda Ring Erickson, Chair

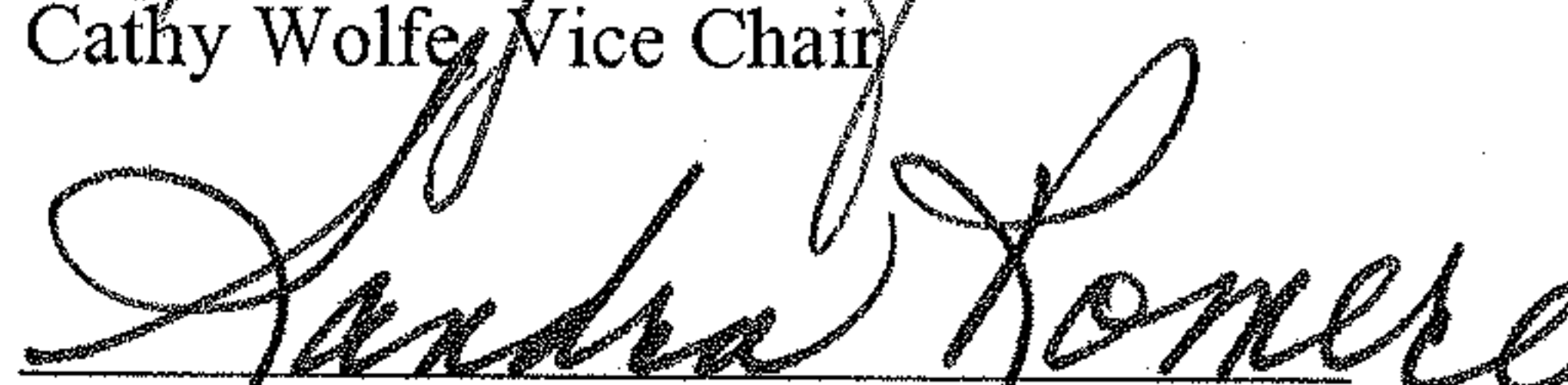
ABSENT 9/28/10  
Tim Sheldon, Commissioner

  
Ross Gallagher, Commissioner

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THURSTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Karen Valenzuela, Chair

  
Cathy Wolfe, Vice Chair

  
Sandra Romero, Commissioner