



# BOARD OF HEALTH

## Minutes of March 2, 2010

### 1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Attendance: Chair Valenzuela, Vice-Chair Wolfe, Commissioner Romero, County Manager Don Krupp, Budget and Fiscal Manager Robin Campbell, Department Director Sherri McDonald, and Clerk of the Board of Health Lydia Hodgkinson.

Commissioner Valenzuela called the meeting to order. Commissioner Valenzuela introduced Robin Campbell newly hired Budget and Fiscal Manager.

- a) **Approval of Board of Health Agenda** – Commissioner Wolfe moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Commissioner Romero seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- b) **Approval of Board of Health Minutes** – Commissioner Wolfe moved to approve the minutes of February 2, 2010. Commissioner Romero seconded the motion. The motion carried.

### 2) UPDATE ON CITIZEN ISSUES - none

### 3) OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – none

### 4) CONSENT ITEMS – none

### 5) UPDATE ON THURSTON COUNTY SAFETY-NET PROVIDER COUNCIL

Deborah Ahern, Personal Health Division Director, introduced Kristen West and Holly Greenwood both with the Thurston County Safety-Net Provider Council. Ms. West and Ms. Greenwood gave a presentation providing a review and update on the work of the Thurston County Safety-Net Provider Council. The Council consists of decision-level representatives from a comprehensive set of medical, dental, and mental health care safety-net providers in Thurston County. It works to identify gaps in the safety net and improve capacity collaboratively. Successes have been supporting SeaMar to recruit additional providers; development of shared referral form improving client flow among safety-net providers; and the expansion of SeaMar clinic to Community Youth Services (CYS) through a partnership between CYS, SeaMar and CHOICE. In addition, the Council has served as the body for critical discussions of maintaining and sustaining fragile safety-net programs and worked collaboratively to identify new administrative homes for programs that the Thurston County Public Health and Social Services Department could no longer support. These include Project Access, which links uninsured, low income adults with urgent medical needs with donated care; the Access to Baby and Child Dentists (ABCD), which links Medicaid insured families with dentists willing to provide dental care to infants and children; and WIC, the supplemental nutrition program for pregnant and breastfeeding women, infants and children. Ms.

Greenwood and Ms. West addressed the Board's questions. Commissioner Wolfe made a formal request for an in depth presentation of CHOICE Regional Health Network's services at a future Board of Health meeting.

The Board thanked Kristen West, Holly Greenwood and Deborah Allen for their hard work and dedication.

Sherri McDonald briefly discussed Washington State Department of Health's smoke-free campus and the idea of implementing some form of smoke free initiative for Thurston County. Ms. McDonald will provide the Board with information from other jurisdictions with smoke-free policies and guidelines.

**6) DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Sherri McDonald noted Health Officer Dr. Diana Yu is on vacation. In her absence, Dr. Rachel Wood and Dr. Alan Melnick are filling in as Health Officer.

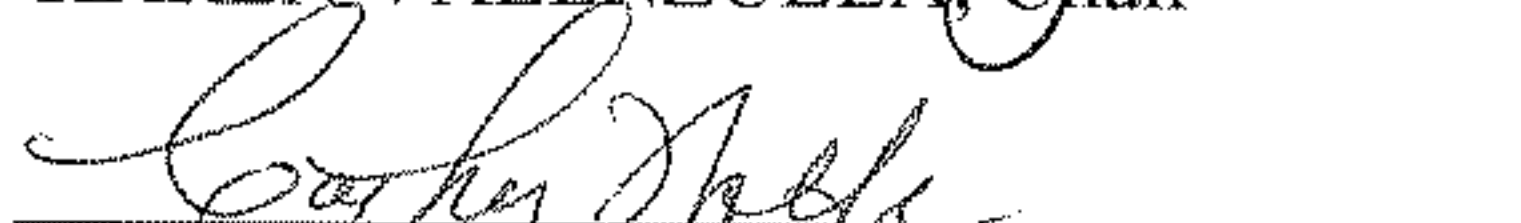
Ms. McDonald provided an update on H1N1 influenza cases and a status of vaccine and vaccinations. There has been very little H1N1 activity, but more reports of Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) infections.

**7) ADJOURNMENT**

Vice-Chair Wolfe moved to adjourn the Board of Health 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: 5/4/10