



THURSTON COUNTY
WASHINGTON
SINCE 1852

SPECIAL BOARD OF HEALTH

Minutes of April 27, 2010

1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

Commissioner Valenzuela called the meeting to order.

2) RECOGNITION OF WASHINGTON STATE HEALTH ASSOCIATION HEALTH CHAMPIONS

— Several Public Health professionals from our County were recognized for their work in our community. Professionals are recognized in the individual, community, business, school, national, elected official and exemplary public service categories for their leadership. A certificate of appreciation was given to those who attended the Board of Health meeting that day and each person shared some background information on why they were nominated.

There were three health champions in attendance, Mary Selecky; Washington State Secretary of Health won her award in the Exemplary Service category for her leadership of the States' Health Department during the H1N1 epidemic and overall promotion of the role of public health agencies in our healthcare system. Janna Bardi, Immunization Program Manager and Child Profile Manager at Department of Health - Olympia and Dr. Beth Harvey, General Pediatrician at Pediatric Associates were recognized in the Community (Statewide) category for their work with business, insurers, nonprofits and government through passage of a new law to prevent elimination of the states universal vaccine program.

Karen noted two other health champions who could not be present today, Gayle Marchun, Principal, Madison Elementary in the School category for her leadership in promoting healthy behaviors in reducing childhood obesity and Robin Higa, with Thurston Community Network in the National category for her development and implementation of a Community Café model to help communities identify health promoting behaviors.

Congress members Brian Baird and Adam Smith were honored for their work, along with the other members of our congressional delegation and their advocacy to help in passing the historic new healthcare reform bill and particularly the disease prevention provision of that historic legislation.

3) GRIFFIN APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH — This appeal by Mr. Jeff Griffin is a result of an appeal of the Administrative Hearing Officer's decision issued on January 28, 2010 in which the Hearing Officer affirmed the Environmental Health Division's denial of an onsite septic system (OSS) application filed on July 14, 2009, for failure to meet existing regulations. Mr. Griffin alleges that his 2009 application should be treated as an

amendment to his 2004 application and should be reviewed and approved under the regulations in effect in 2004.

The Board of Health scope of appeal review was outlined by Chair Valenzuela. Declarations were made by each of the Commissioners regarding their review of the appeal materials. The case chronology was outlined by Elizabeth Petrich, attorney for the Commissioners. Vice-Chair Wolf moved to uphold the Hearing Examiner decision and read a statement of why. Commissioner Romero seconded the motion. The motion carried. The case was closed and a written decision will be made available to all parties.

5) ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wolf moved that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Romero seconded. The motion carried.

BOARD OF HEALTH
Thurston County, Washington


KAREN VALENZUELA, Chair


CATHY WOLFE, Vice-Chair


SANDRA ROMERO, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Kathy Patton, Clerk of the Board

Date: 6/1/2010