

# KITSAP COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

*July 12th, 2005*

The meeting was called to order at 11:14 a.m.

## **1. Minutes (June 7, 2005)**

The minutes were approved as circulated.

## **2. Director's Report**

Dr. Lindquist advised the Board on the continuing West Nile Virus Prevention Plan. He reported that the control strategies implemented in Washington State are put in place to prevent human cases. Dr. Lindquist reminded the Board that suggestions for mosquito control are listed on the Health District website and there is information about natural mosquito repellents like lemon oil and eucalyptus oil.

Dr. Lindquist reported that the Health District shares data with the State Department of Health on an ongoing basis. Washington State Environmental Health is asking to collect our data on onsite sewage systems. Dr. Lindquist stated that our Health District is considered a model for other jurisdictions, our programs have good resources for data, and he does not have concerns about supplying data since it is public information.

Dr. Lindquist reported that the hearing the Board had held on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2005 for an onsite sewage dispute had been resolved. The onsite sewage system has been officially decommissioned.

Dr. Lindquist next reported that the Washington State Secretary of Health is impressed with our 2004 Annual Report and will be taking it to the national level to use as a model.

Dr. Lindquist introduced Jerry Deeter to discuss the water use efficiency program. Mr. Deeter distributed to the Board a copy of the State of Washington Department of Health, Office of Drinking Water; Water Use Efficiency Rule. The new rule is a requirement of the Municipal Water Supply. Mr. Deeter reviewed the key elements of the water efficiency program. After some discussion, Mr. Deeter asked that the Board contact him if they have any questions.

Dr. Lindquist lastly clarified with the Board the changes made by Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council to the meeting start times for the next two Board of Health meetings. September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2005 the Board of Health is scheduled to meet from 3:00p.m. to 4:00p.m. On October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2005 the Board of Health is scheduled to meet from 1:00p.m. to 2:00p.m.

## **3. Board Comments**

Commissioner Lent reported that Kevin Kirkpatrick from Department of Ecology recognized the County's Waste Management group out of Manchester. Everyone including the Health District received accolades at the state level.

Commissioner Lent introduced 26<sup>th</sup> District Representative Patricia Lance. Representative Lance addressed the Board, greeted the public present and stressed the importance of Public Health as well as her concerns with pertussis and vaccine associated diseases.

## **4. Pertussis "Whooping Cough" Activity in Kitsap County**

Dr. Lindquist gave a brief overview of Pertussis; a respiratory infection that is spread from person to person. Dr. Lindquist reported that the nation is struggling with immunization rates and that pertussis is growing nationwide. He stated it is a reportable disease, it is curable and it is controllable. Dr.

Lindquist then introduced Nurse Epidemiologist Dana Brainerd who presented to the Board. Ms. Brainerd stated the county saw an increase in pertussis starting in early June. There were eleven cases total in June and six cases reported for July, which brings the county's total to nineteen cases so far in 2005. This compares to six cases for all of 2004 and 15 cases in 2003. Ms. Brainerd reported that the incidence rare in Kitsap County and is well below those in Washington State. Much discussion followed.

## **5. Kitsap County Cancer Cluster Analysis Preliminary Results**

Dr. Lindquist introduced Dr. Christiane Hale who gave a report on the preliminary Kitsap County Cancer Cluster analysis study.

Dr. Hale stated that cancer clusters get a lot of publicity, make many people upset and are very rare. Dr. Hale reviewed all cancer incidents from 1993 to 1998 and then looked at deaths from 1980 to 2002. She stated that cancer is a term that is used to encompass several different diseases and in the Health District's analysis they looked at the ten leading types of cancer. They also studied age groups, location, types of cancer in Bremerton, Port Orchard, Bainbridge Island, North Kitsap, Central Kitsap and South Kitsap.

Dr. Hale stated there is no evidence of any excess incidents or mortality due to cancer in our county. She also stated that hereditary numbers were not available for this study, and that people are living longer, and cancer is one of the three major competing causes of death: cancer, heart disease and stroke. Much discussion followed.

## **6. Action Items**

### *Resolution 2005-11 Rescinding 2001-18 and Appointing an Agent to Receive Claim for Damages*

Dr. Lindquist introduced Resolution 2005-11 rescinding resolution 2001-18 and stated the big driver of the change is that we changed our address and to appoint a secondary alternative who can receive claims for damages when our appointed agent is not available. Mayor Bruce moved to approve resolution 2005-11. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Short and approved unanimously.

## **7. Public Comment**

Mr. Lucas, Port Orchard resident addressed the Board with his concern for water, health and safety. Dr. Lindquist responded to Mr. Lucas by citing development, and its encroachment on the environment as the major cause for concern in our ground and surface water safety.

Representative Lance thanked the Board for inviting her to attend their session and discussed the potentials for disease and immunization of children. She stated Kitsap County Health District should be on the forefront for advocating vaccines. Dr. Lindquist responded that the nurses are bringing the message of science to the public every day and reviewed that immunization records at the S'kallam tribe are higher than in the rest of Kitsap County.

## **ADJOURN**

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:09p.m.

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**Commissioner Patty Lent, Chair**  
**Kitsap County Board of Health**

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**Scott W. Lindquist, MD, MPH**  
**Director of Health**

**Board Members Present:** Mayor *Kim Abel*, Commissioner *Jan Angel*, Council Member *Carol Arends*, Mayor *Donna Jean Bruce*, Commissioner *Chris Endresen*, Commissioner *Patty Lent*, Councilmember *Mike Short*.

**Staff Present:** *Dana Brainerd*, *Eva Crim*, *Elaine Croteau*, *Scott Daniels*, *Jerry Deeter*, *Keith Grellner*, *Chris Hale*, *Scott Lindquist, M.D.*, *Heidi Lund*, *Mike Means*, *Suzanne Plemmons*.

**Public Present:** *Julie McCormick*, *The Sun*; *Patrick Lucas*, *Port Orchard*; *Patricia Lantz*, *Washington State Representative, 26<sup>th</sup> District*