

KITSAP COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
Regular Meeting
May 1, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 11:26 a.m.

MINUTES

The minutes for the April 10, 2007, meeting were approved as circulated.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

a) Update on Public Health Finance

Dr. Lindquist reported on the status of this year's public health funding bills in the legislature. He noted that while there was no opposition to the concept of public health funding, there was competition for the funds. The final budget reflects funding of ten million dollars per year in the next biennium, which will amount to about \$300,000 each year for the Health District. Additionally, Representative Sherry Appleton proposed \$150,000 per year of continued funding for the Welcome Home Baby! program, which was also approved.

The public health funds follow the calendar year and will be available January 1, 2008. Scott Daniels, Deputy Director, commented that while the additional public health funding is welcome, it is not dedicated funding, and therefore, continued lobbying in the legislature next year will be necessary.

b) West Nile Virus Update

Dr. Lindquist reported on the status of West Nile virus in Kitsap County. He commented that we apparently have not had a sustainable infected population of mosquitoes or birds to result in significant infections in the human population. It should be assumed however, that West Nile Virus is present in our animal and insect populations. The District will focus its efforts this year on an education campaign rather than on surveillance. The District's education campaign will encourage residents to wear long-sleeved shirts, use DEET when outdoors, avoid areas where there are mosquitoes, and drain free standing water in their immediate environments if feasible.

c) New Human Resources Manager

Scott Daniels introduced the District's new human resources manager, Maureen Murphy.

ONSITE SEWAGE REGULATIONS DISCUSSION, CONTINUED

Jerry Deeter, Director of Environmental Health, along with Keith Grellner, Deputy Director of Environmental Health, presented preliminary recommendations to the Board on the issue of whether to include all on-site septic systems in the county in the District's local management plan or to include only on-site systems in areas that are known to be impacted by either marine recovery areas or the Department of Ecology's 303 D list. Mr. Grellner pointed out that following the new state regulations and given the data the District now has, the Health Officer may have to declare marine recovery areas for Port Gamble Bay, Liberty Bay, Sinclair Inlet, and Dyes Inlet.

Mr. Grellner then presented several different fee-based funding options that will pay for the additional costs associated with implementing the local management plan to come into compliance with the state regulations. The District asks direction from the board on how to proceed with these two issues in drafting the District's local management plan.

A discussion about this topic followed. Mayor Abel moved and Council Member Priest seconded a motion to quantify all staff time already spent in developing the local management plan, and to continue to capture costs forward, and to report those figures to the Board. The motion carried unanimously.

BOARD OF HEALTH BYLAWS DISCUSSION CONTINUED

There was a brief discussion about community advisory groups that work with the Board. A further discussion about the by-laws was deferred to a later meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURN

There was no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

Mayor Kim Abel, Vice-Chair
Kitsap County Board of Health

Scott W. Lindquist, MD, MPH
Director of Health

Board Members Present: *Mayor Kim Abel; Commissioner Jan Angel; Commissioner Josh Brown; Commissioner Chris Endresen; Council Member Wendy Priest; Mayor Kathryn Quade; Council Member Chris Snow*

Staff Present: *Scott Daniels, Deputy Director; Jerry Deeter, Director Environmental Health; Keith Grellner, Deputy Director, Environmental Health; Leslie Hopkins, Program Coordinator, Administration; Scott Lindquist, M.D., Health Officer; Maureen Murphy, Human Resources; Suzanne Plemmons, Director, Community Health*

Public Present: None