

KITSAP COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
Regular Meeting
February 3, 2009

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

MINUTES

Mayor Kathryn Quade moved and Council Member Chris Snow seconded to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2009, meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

After a brief discussion, Mayor Quade moved and Mayor Darlene Kordonowy seconded to approve the items on the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Scott Lindquist discussed the plans for the retreat first proposed at the January Board meeting. A meeting was held last week attended by Dr. Lindquist, Scott Daniels, the District's Deputy Director, and the Board Chair and Vice Chair, Commissioner Steve Bauer and Council Member Snow, respectively, to plan the retreat. At this meeting, they decided to propose a half day retreat be held in the next few months, with the goal of focusing on the District's core services and to make a blueprint for the future in light of the current economic times. The District's staff will contact Board members to try to find a day and time that will work for eighty percent of the Board's membership. Dr. Lindquist proposed bringing in other community leaders to brief the Board on their organization's role in the community and their interface with public health, including Scott Bosch, President and CEO of Harrison Medical Center, Joe Rozak, Executive Director of Kitsap Mental Health, and Barb Malich, CEO of Peninsula Community Health Centers.

PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDING AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Dr. Lindquist introduced Scott Daniels who updated the Board on the status of public health funding both locally and across the state. Daniels noted the good news that the Governor's budget maintains funding levels for the Initiative-695 backfill money, Substitute Senate bill 5930 clinical services funding, and local capacity development funding, which are all flexible funding sources that can be used as needed for a variety of priority services. In addition, some new State funding not included in the 2009 budget includes two watershed restoration grants in the District's Pollution Identification and Correction Program. The District is also in discussion with the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe to provide additional nursing services. Finally, additional State funding will be forthcoming for Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response funding for Region 2 (Kitsap, Jefferson, and Clallam Counties) to evaluate IT resources and problems in Region 2.

Negative funding news includes the loss of some limited Clinical Services and Parent Child Health program funding. In Environmental Health, the District will lose funding for Group B water system surveys. A larger concern for the District in the Environmental Health Division is the drop in permit revenue as a result of the downturn in the economy which affects the Onsite Sewage and Water Programs.

In addition to District staff who are tracking the budget process on a daily basis, the Legislative Committee through the Washington Association of Local Public Health Officials provides weekly updates on the status of bills affecting public health. Suzanne Plemmons, the District's Community Health Director, is a member of that committee and passes those updates along to

the District's management team. Daniels further commented that public health jurisdictions across the state are drafting letters to their legislators regarding public health issues before the Legislature. Finally, Daniels informed the Board that he, along with Dr. Lindquist, will be meeting with all nine of our local legislators later this month. In those meetings, they plan to focus on four issues: protecting the discretionary monies in the 2009 budget; extending local revenue (taxing) options to public health jurisdictions; establishing stable dedicated funding for public health; and monitoring House Bill 1820, sponsored by Representative Moeller. Daniels noted that House Bill 1820's original intent was to provide a funding source for public health though the bill has gone through numerous changes over the past few weeks. Health jurisdictions continue to work with the sponsor to be sure the bill continues to provide some funding for public health.

Dr. Lindquist assured the Board that staff will provide them with talking points for public health. Daniels told the Board that he will send the Board a sample of the letters being sent to the legislators this week.

Dr. Lindquist introduced Mr. Keith Grellner, Director of Environmental Health Division, who presented the revenue outlook for 2009 for the five programs in the Environmental Health Division. As a result of grants to clean-up surface waters in Kitsap County, the revenue outlook for the Pollution Identification and Correction Program is good. The Solid and Hazardous Waste Program continues to be in good shape. The Food and Living Environment program is in good shape as a result of two fee increases recently passed by the Board. As a result of a drop in permitting revenue mirroring the downturn in the economy along with a proposed elimination of funds to monitor Group B water systems, revenues in the Onsite Sewage and Drinking Water Programs have been negatively impacted. Grellner noted that these declining revenues have been tracked over time, and in response, staffing in these programs has been reduced, primarily through attrition and also by reassigning staff to other programs. Grellner stated that staffing has declined from 10.5 field inspectors in both programs in 2005, to 4.0 inspectors today, which is enough to keep up with work coming in the door.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING

Dr. Lindquist introduced Ms. Suzanne Plemmons, Director of Community Health, explaining that public health nurses are one of the core groups within the District providing public health services to the community. Ms. Plemmons explained the work the public health nurses do daily in the community to promote the health of members of this community. She referred the Board to the packet that explains the scope and practice of public health nursing; identifies the 24 nurses working for the District including their names, credentials, and length of services; a summary of the services that public health nurses offer in the community; and a letter from a first-time mother who was a First Steps client expressing appreciation for the services she received in this program.

Ms. Plemmons then introduced Dana Brainerd, a Nurse Epidemiologist in the Clinical Services Program, and Linda Terry, a Public Health Nurse in the Parent Child Health Program. Both provided the Board with more detailed information about the work they provide to members of the community.

Ms. Plemmons wrapped up the presentation by explaining the District's partnership with Olympic College's four-year baccalaureate program providing clinical experience in family and community health and public health nursing. The goal of the partnership is to foster interest and awareness of nursing careers in public health nursing.

RESOLUTION 2009 - 1: RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JERRY DEETER AND HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO PUBLIC HEALTH

Commissioner Bauer read Resolution 2009 - 1: Resolution Recognizing Jerry Deeter and his Contributions to Public Health into the record. Dr. Lindquist informed the Board that Jerry will be writing a history of the Health District as a volunteer. Commissioner Charlotte Garrido moved and Mayor Quade seconded a motion to approve Resolution 2009 -1: Resolution Recognizing Jerry Deeter and his Contributions to Public Health. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURN

There was no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

Commissioner Steve Bauer, Chair
Kitsap County Board of Health

Scott W. Lindquist, MD, MPH
Director of Health

Board Members Present: *Commissioner Steve Bauer; Commissioner Josh Brown; Mayor Lary Coppola; Commissioner Charlotte Garrido; Mayor Darlene Kordonowy; Mayor Kathryn Quade; Council Member Roy Runyon; Council Member Chris Snow*

Board Members Absent: *Mayor Cary Bozeman; Council Member Dianne Robinson*

Staff Present: *Dana Brainerd, Nurse Epidemiologist, Clinical Services Program; Scott Daniels, Deputy Director; Kerry Dobbelaere, Program Manager, Clinical Services; Deanna Eakes, Parent Child Health Program; Keith Grellner, Director, Environmental Health; Leslie Hopkins, Special Projects Program Coordinator, Administration; Yolanda Jacobs, Public Health Nurse, Parent Child Health Program; Janet Kauzlarich, Nurse Epidemiologist, Clinical Services Program; Scott Lindquist, MD, MPH, Health Officer; Sandra Morales, Program Manager, Parent Child Health Program; Amber Mulherin, Administration; Maureen Murphy, Human Resources Manager; Suzanne Plemmons, Director, Community Health; Terry Smith, Information Services Specialist; Linda Terry, Public Health Nurse, Parent Child Health Program; Lori Werdall, Parent Child Health Program;*

Public Present: None