

**KITSAP PUBLIC HEALTH BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
Regular Meeting  
January 3, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair, Mayor Becky Erickson at 1:45 p.m.

**REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA**

The Board was in unanimous agreement to rearrange the agenda and begin with action items.

**ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIR**

Commissioner Charlotte Garrido moved and Mayor Patty Lent seconded the motion to nominate Commissioner Ed Wolfe as the Kitsap Public Health Board Chair for 2017. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mayor Erickson passed the gavel to Commissioner Wolfe to assume his new role as Board Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

**ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR**

Commissioner Garrido moved and Mayor Erickson seconded the motion to nominate Mayor Lent as Kitsap Public Health Board Vice-Chair for 2017. The motion was approved unanimously.

Commissioner Wolfe noted that he was briefed on the Health District 2017 priorities is looking forward to working with District staff.

**ELECTION OF BOARD COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

Mr. Keith Grellner, Administrator, recommended the Board postpone committee assignments until the following Board meeting when the full Board is present. The Board agreed and this item was tabled until the February meeting.

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Mayor Erickson moved and Mayor Lent seconded the motion to approve the minutes for the December 6, 2016, regular meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The December consent agenda included the following contracts:

- 1462 Amendment 2 (1652), *Kitsap County, MH/CD/TC Shared Metrics*
- 1648, *People's Harm Reduction Alliance, Secondary Syringe Exchange*
- 1649, *Jefferson County Public Health, Nurse Family Partnership*
- 1654, *Clallam County Health and Human Services, Community Health Assessment*
- 1662, *Washington State Health Care Authority, PEBB Employer Group*

Commissioner Garrido moved and Mayor Lent seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda, including the Contracts Update and Warrant and Electronic Funds Transfer Registers. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

## **HEALTH OFFICER/ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

### Health Officer Update:

Dr. Susan Turner, Health Officer, provided the Board with the recent Kitsap Respiratory Illness Report and noted that influenza tests are now showing up as positive. She also noted that there has been an influx in positive tests for Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV), although there have been consistent RSV positive tests for several weeks. RSV is often confused with influenza.

Next, Dr. Turner informed the Board that she received information regarding the Affordable Care Act (ACA) from the Washington State Secretary of Health and the Governor. She explained that if the ACA were completely eliminated in Kitsap County, nearly 25,000 people would lose their health insurance coverage.

Dr. Turner informed the Board that information obtained from the Coroner's office for 2016 (through August), shows that there were two fentanyl related deaths in Kitsap county last year. She also shared data from the Vital Statistics Database for 2015, and noted that not all drug-related deaths are due to opiates. About one quarter of deaths are related to anti-anxiety and anti-depression medicine. Additionally, roughly half the deaths are also related to stimulants, such as cocaine and methamphetamine.

Dr. Turner reminded the Board that she is on the Steering Committee for the Three County Coordinated Opioid Response Project, headed by the Olympic Community of Health, which will be hosting a Three County Opioid Summit in Kingston on January 30, 2017. Additionally, she noted discussions are taking place regarding an Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) outpatient treatment facility in Kitsap County. She is working closely with Kitsap County Human Services on this matter.

Commissioner Wolfe asked Dr. Turner to elaborate on the different types of treatment discussed previously. Dr. Turner explained "outpatient treatment center" refers to a specialty treatment center. The vision is a medical clinic that specifically treats OUD, provides evidence-based treatment (multiple medication options include methadone, Vivitrol and Suboxone), as well as evidence-based behavioral interventions, mental health interventions and other adjunct types of interventions shown to work with OUD (for example, acupuncture). This would be a specialty referral center, with an addiction medicine specialist providing state of the art treatment, and a referral network for local physicians who wish to provide Suboxone treatment.

Commissioner Wolfe also asked Dr. Turner to elaborate on the “ongoing discussions.” Dr. Turner explained that many people are interested in this topic. Most of the people she has met with are interest in having more OUD treatment access in our community. Included in the discussion are: an addiction medical specialist outside our community, superintendents, elected officials, and members of the behavioral health community, among others.

Mayor Erickson commented that she talked extensively with Dr. Turner and Mr. Grellner over the past year regarding this matter and wants to emphasize that this a medical disorder and noted that we currently have no place for these individuals to go. This would be an all-encompassing facility with physicians treating individuals with OUD in multiple ways, not just with methadone. Dr. Turner confirmed this statement to be true.

Dr. Turner noted that she would be meeting the following week with the Harrison HealthPartners primary care section to further the discussion. She spoke with their medical director, who is very interested in this type of referral program.

Commissioner Wolfe clarified that these were staff discussions, not Board policy, at this time.

There was no further comment.

Administrator Update:

Mr. Grellner thanked Mayor Erickson for her service as Board Chair during 2016. The Health District and Health Board had many accomplishments last year under Mayor Erickson’s service and the entire Board’s leadership.

Mr. Grellner is composing a 2016 Board Annual Report, which has not been created in years past. The Annual Report would contain a summary of the past year’s activities and would be posted on the Board page of the Distract website. Mr. Grellner will email the Board the draft version for their review and comments before it is entered into the record in February or March. He also noted that the Health District was formed by the county commissioners in November 1947 and turns 70 years old this year.

Next, Mr. Grellner provided an update on the District’s transition to a new phone system. The transition has been going fairly well apart from a small “hiccup” in December. While implementing the new phone numbers, several clients notified the District that they received long distance messages when calling District phone numbers. It was discovered that Comcast, the District’s internet provider, who also provided the new Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) Phone numbers, mistakenly gave the District long distance numbers associated with Enumclaw, Washington. The District immediately switched to new, local phone numbers and are diligently working to inform the public of the revised new numbers. Luckily, this issue was discovered early enough that minimal harm was done.

Additionally, Mr. Grellner informed the Board that Angie Larrabee, Confidential Secretary, would be sending the Board an updated list with contact information for all of the directors and

managers at the District. If the Board ever has a question about a specific topic area, they can contact managers directly for information, or contact Dr. Turner or Mr. Grellner.

Next, Mr. Grellner noted that the District would be meeting with superintendents for each of the school districts to discuss collaboration to implement the State School Health and Safety Rules, WAC 246-366. As the Board is aware, the District currently implements most of this rule, including plan reviews and approvals, inspections of new or remodeled school facilities, ongoing and frequent inspections of food service and pools at schools. However, the area that needs improvement is periodic environmental health and safety inspections of the general school facility. The District has identified two successful models in the state: Spokane Regional Health District and Tacoma Pierce County Health Department.

The District would like to discuss both models with superintendents and stress the importance of implementing these rules. The District will reach out to superintendents this month or next and offer to present information on this matter to each school board. Mr. Grellner will report back to the Health Board throughout the process.

On a related note, Mr. Grellner informed the Board of two recent incidents regarding health safety at Poulsbo Middle School and Klahowya Secondary School. Last month Poulsbo Middle School evacuated due to a heating and ventilation system malfunction. Klahowya Secondary School evacuated on Monday, and closed Tuesday, due to a boiler system malfunction. The Health District worked with the School District to correct the issue. Both incidents show the value of school involvement with public health to prevent and correct health issues that may occur.

Commissioner Wolfe asked Mr. Grellner to confirm that these periodic inspections are required by WAC 246-366, and to clarify how many health jurisdictions in the state currently comply with these regulations. Mr. Grellner said that approximately nine local health jurisdictions are currently in full conformance with the regulations. The remainder of health jurisdictions, including the Kitsap Public Health District, are in partial, or more than partial compliance, and are working on a plan to meet full compliance.

Next, Mr. Grellner reminded the Board that the District is working to act as custodian of funds. The District has been working with the county commissioners, auditor and treasurer to get the required consent to become custodian of funds in accordance with Board Resolution 2016-16: Consenting to Kitsap Public Health District to Act as Custodian of Funds, which was approved by the Board at the December 2016 meeting. The tentative start date is January 1, 2018.

Lastly, Katie Eilers, Community Health Director, introduced Yolanda Fong, the new Assistant Community Health Director, to the Board. Ms. Fong began working at the District in 2008 as a public health home visiting nurse before supervising the District's chronic disease prevention program. Ms. Fong is also an adjunct faculty member at Olympic College and a 20 Under 40 honoree.

There was no further comment.

## **REPORT: PUBLIC HEALTH MODERNIZATION – A PLAN TO REBUILD AND MODERNIZE WASHINGTON’S PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM**

Mr. Grellner approached the Board regarding the 2017 legislative priority to support state funding for the Foundational Public Health Services, in accordance with Board Resolution 2016-17, Calling On the State Legislature to Recognize that Public Health is Essential and to Allocate Funding to Support Core Public Health Services in All Communities of Washington State.

This plan was prepared by the state Department of Health, state Board of Health, and local health jurisdictions (through the Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials) in response to a directive by the Legislature included in a proviso in the 2016 supplemental state budget.

The purpose of the plan is “to provide a proposal outlining a plan for implementing Foundational Public Health Services statewide to modernize, streamline, and fund a twenty-first century public health system in Washington state” (Washington State 2016 Supplemental Budget, ESHB 2376, Section 219(24) Page 147, Lines 6-21).

In summary, the plan:

- Affirms that governmental public health has a critical and unique public safety role to protect and improve the health of families and communities, and that this role is a fundamental responsibility of the state via RCW 43.70.512;
- Demonstrates that while the demand for core public health services has increased, state and local funding per capita of core public health services has decreased, resulting in a state/local public health system that has become inadequate and is no longer able to meet basic public health needs, not to mention be prepared to handle a public health emergency or disease outbreak;
- Creates a vision and a plan to rebuild and modernize the public health system to meet the needs of a 21<sup>st</sup> century Washington state and its citizens; and
- Proposes a funding strategy to define and fund core public health services in every community.

Mayor Erickson asked if the District had heard any indication about the incoming administration’s plan for public health. Mr. Grellner said the District has not yet heard any concrete details. The next State Board of Health Meeting is January 11, 2017. Mr. Grellner assured the Board he would provide them with any new information presented at that meeting on this matter.

Commissioner Garrido noted that Drug Court Commencement would be held on January 27 at 9:00 am at the Commissioners’ Chambers.

Mayor Lent also announced that there would be a Seattle Seahawks rally at the Bremerton Boardwalk on Friday, January 6.

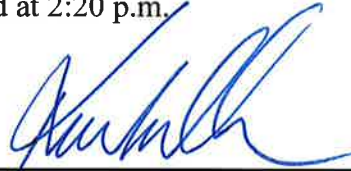
**ADJOURN**

There was no further business; the meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.



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**Ed Wolfe**  
**Kitsap Public Health Board**



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**Keith Grellner**  
**Administrator**

**Board Members Present:** *Mayor* Becky Erickson; *Commissioner* Charlotte Garrido; *Mayor* Patty Lent; *Commissioner* Ed Wolfe.

Community Members Present: Lisa Al-Hakim, *Peoples Harm Reduction Alliance*; Tad Sooter, *Kitsap Sun*.

**Staff Present:**

Karen Bevers, *Public Information Officer*; Dana Bierman, *Community Liaison, Chronic Disease Prevention*; Katie Eilers, *Assistant Director, Community Health*; Keith Grellner, *Administrator*; Karen Holt, *Program Manager, Human Resources*; Angie Larrabee, *Confidential Secretary, Administration*; Susan Turner, MD, *Health Officer*.