

KITSAP PUBLIC HEALTH BOARD
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 2, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Mayor Becky Erickson at 11:20 a.m.

MINUTES

Council Member Roy Runyon moved and Commissioner Charlotte Garrido seconded a motion to approve the minutes for the September 4, 2012, regular meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

The contracts on the consent agenda included:

- **Contract 819, Amendment 2:** Environmental Protection Agency, Shellfish Restoration
- **Contract 985, Amendment 2:** Whatcom County, Community Transformation Grant
- **Contract 1026:** Kitsap Conservation District, Livestock Handling Memorandum of Understanding
- **Contract 1034, City of Poulsbo:** Illicit Sewer Connections
- **Contract 1060, Kitsap Mental Health Services:** Healthcare Utilization - Kushner

After a brief discussion, Council Member Roy Runyon moved and Commissioner Garrido seconded a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Monte Levine suggested to the Board that they consider adopting a policy to place locked syringe disposal containers in public bathrooms. Commissioner Runyon asked about the issues of cost, maintenance, and disposal. Levine suggested the Board consult with Dr. Lindquist regarding the details. Dr. Lindquist responded that he would have staff prepare a white paper with a summary of the issue and practices on this topic in other locations for the Board's review.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Scott Lindquist, Director of Health, reported that the current pertussis epidemic is slowing. He reported that while there have been a few cases reported in the County recently, there have been no deaths.

Following up on the Director's report at the September Board meeting regarding paralytic shellfish poisoning (PSP or red tide), Lindquist informed the Board of a family of seven in Jefferson County all of whom were treated and two were hospitalized after ingesting mussels harvested from a beach that was posted for paralytic shellfish poisoning. All the family members survived, but he commented that the amount of toxin in even a few contaminated shellfish is enough to kill someone and that this family was lucky that all survived.

In response to a question from the Board about the extent of red tide closures in Kitsap County, Mr. Keith Grellner, Director of Environmental Health, reported that while toxin levels are beginning to decline, beaches remain closed for shellfish harvesting from the Hood Canal Bridge clockwise on the east side of Kitsap County to the Pierce County line.

Lindquist introduced Dr. David Zelinkas, a resident at Naval Hospital Bremerton, who is completing a rotation at the Health District as he pursues his master's degree in Public Health.

OVERVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS

Board Chair Erickson told the Board that this presentation was being made at her request because she thought it important for Board members to be made aware of the range of activities in the Environmental Health programs that improve the lives of County residents.

Mr. Grellner presented an overview of the scope of programs in the District's Environmental Health Division. Grellner introduced Jan Brower who manages the Solid and Hazardous Waste and Sewage Repair Program and was in the audience. Grellner commented that the five Environmental Health programs employ 39 staff and an additional seven clerical staff with a \$5.1 million annual budget. Grellner commented that these programs perform work that improves the daily lives of residents in the County in ways that may not always be recognized.

Grellner then summarized the key work functions of the five programs. The Drinking Water and Onsite Sewage System Program provides oversight of small water systems, and oversight, permitting and maintenance of septic systems. The Food and Living Environment Program ensures food safety through the inspection of food establishments, temporary events, and farmers' markets, issues food handler permits, and investigates foodborne illness complaints. The Living Environment portion of this program reviews new school plans and school remodels, permits and inspects public spas and pools, and enforces the State Board of Health Clean Indoor Air Ordinance. The Solid and Hazardous Waste and Septic System Complaint Response Program regulates the permitting and installation of solid waste and recycling facilities, responds to solid waste complaints, responds to septic system complaints, and works with local businesses to reduce the use of hazardous materials. The Pollution Identification and Control (PIC) Program performs watershed monitoring to ensure the safety of shellfish that are harvested for consumption, and works with homeowners to correct failing septic systems. He noted that the PIC Program has become a national model being replicated in other states.

Grellner provided a summary of funding sources supporting Environmental Health programs and pointed out that the largest funding source is local service fees. The Board has directed the District to set fees at a level that recovers the cost of providing those services.

2012-2013 PUBLIC HEALTH LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Mr. Scott Daniels, Deputy Director, presented the District's and Board's three draft 2013 legislative priorities for Board review and comment with the intention that they be formally adopted at a future meeting. These legislative priorities were also submitted by the District to the Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council (KRCC) for consideration as KRCC legislative priorities. The first and most important priority is the maintenance of State core flexible funding for public health, including 5930 Blue Ribbon Commission Funds for Communicable Disease Prevention, Public Health Improvement Funds (also known as I-695 Backfill Funds), and the Local Capacity Development Funds. Daniels explained that these flexible funding sources are critical to balance the budgets for most of our programs.

Mr. Daniels asked Ms. Suzanne Plemmons, Director of Community Health, to provide an explanation of the second priority. Ms. Plemmons explained that the second priority is a request to provide statutory clarity for the long-standing public health practice of using standing orders to provide medications to clients in a variety of clinical programs. This priority was developed in response to a recommendation by the Washington State Nursing Association and the State Pharmacy Board.


Mr. Daniels explained that the third priority is support for legislation to provide health districts with the authority to act as their own fiscal agents or bankers. This legislation will improve efficiency and eliminate some duplication of effort in county and health district fiscal accounting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: PURSUANT TO RCW 42.30.140 (4) (b), DISCUSSION RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AND NEGOTIATIONS


At 11:54 a.m., Chair Erickson announced that the Board will adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.140 (4) (b) Discussion Relating to Collective Bargaining and Negotiations and will not be making any decisions. Further, she said the Board would adjourn from the Executive Session. Dr. Lindquist announced that Board attorney, Rod Younker, will be providing legal counsel during the Executive Session.

ADJOURN

There was no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 12:39 p.m.



Mayor Becky Erickson, Chair
Kitsap Public Health Board



Scott W. Lindquist, MD, MPH
Director of Health

Board Members Present: *Council Member Sarah Blossom; Mayor Becky Erickson; Commissioner Charlotte Garrido; Mayor Tim Matthes; Council Member Roy Runyon (alternate)*

Board Members Absent: *Commissioner Josh Brown; Commissioner Rob Gelder; Mayor Patty Lent*

Staff Present: *Cris Craig, Program Manager 2, Health Information Resources; Scott Daniels, Deputy Director; Pat Degracia, Public Health Educator; Kerry Dobbelaere, Program Manager 2, Clinical Services; Keith Grellner, Director, Environmental Health Division; Grant Holdcroft, Senior Environmental Health Specialist; Leslie Hopkins, Management Analyst, Administration; Scott Lindquist, Director of Health; Beth Lipton, Epidemiologist 2, Health Information Resources; Maureen Murphy, Human Resources Manager; Suzanne Plemmons, Director, Community Health Division; Shelley Rose, Public Health Educator, Health Information Resources Program; Ruth Westergaard, Community Liaison*

Public Present: Monte Levine, *self*; David Zelinskas, *Naval Hospital Bremerton*