

KITSAP PUBLIC HEALTH BOARD

**Regular Meeting
November 6, 2012**

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Mayor Becky Erickson at 11:19 a.m.

MINUTES

Mayor Becky Erickson moved and Mayor Tim Matthes seconded a motion to approve the minutes for the October 2, 2012, regular meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

The contracts on the consent agenda included:

- Contract 960, Amendment 5, Department of Health, Consolidated Contract
- Contract 1066, Jefferson County Public Health, Nurse Family Partnership Thrive by Five
- Contract 1078, Olympic Educational Service District, Nurse Home Visitor
- Contract 1080, Department of Ecology, Centennial Clean Water, Dyes Inlet Pathogen Removal Project
- Contract 1083, Kitsap County Public Works, Business Pollution Prevention BP2 SQG Program Implementation

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Charlotte Garrido moved and Commissioner Josh Brown seconded a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Scott Lindquist, Director of Health, introduced Mr. Stuart Whitford, Program Manager of the Pollution Identification and Correction Program, who updated the Board on the combined sewer overflow in Bremerton following an extreme weather event that occurred last week. The triggering event was 5.17 inches of rain falling in a 48 hour period. He explained that when heavy rain events occur, sewer outfalls are designed to handle a maximum volume of water. When that volume is exceeded, the outfalls are designed to discharge to prevent sewage from backing up into homes. The discharge that occurred as a result of this rainfall was a normal and expected occurrence. Signs were posted in Port Washington Narrows. Whitford explained that the combined sewer/stormwater that is discharged is typically 10 percent sewage and 90 percent storm water. The City of Bremerton is allowed one overflow per outfall per year, so the City is in compliance. Whitford commented that the City has reduced its overflows by 99 percent over the past 15 years.

Whitford then summarized a sewage spill in Kingston that resulted from a line break which resulted in a leak that ran down some driveways to Appletree Cove. Whitford complimented the County on their response to the leak. He said that signs were posted on Appletree Cove and that District staff would be out later this week to test the water.

ONSITE SEWAGE UV LIGHT DISCUSSION

Dr. Lindquist explained that this overview is being presented to the Board for their information only and that no action is necessary today. He introduced Mr. Keith Grellner, Director of Environmental Health, who presented an overview of the function of ultraviolet (UV) light units as part of an alternative septic system to disinfect sewage. Grellner noted that of the 8,000 alternative septic systems in Kitsap County, 1,100 include these UV lights. These systems are required to be inspected twice a year. Through these inspections, the District has found that about 44 percent of the UV lights were not working in these systems.

With the District's advanced oversight, Grellner commented that it's not clear if the failure rate is a problem with the system or if the systems in Kitsap County are failing at a higher than expected rate. He further said that there is no clear data that the disinfection standard provides additional protection if the system meets the required minimum horizontal setbacks to wells and surface water. The concern staff has is whether it is necessary to enforce repair of these UV systems at the cost of the homeowner if the reliability of the UV is low and the public health benefit is also low. Grellner explained that Kitsap County has more of these systems than any other county in the state. The required addition of UV disinfection was added to the state regulations in 1995 when there were problems with water quality issues affecting shellfish and fish habitat. However, now it is possible that the improvements that have occurred since then may be a result of replacing or repairing old systems that were failing, not that the old septic system regulations were inadequate.

The units in place in Kitsap County were manufactured by three different companies, one of which has gone out of business. Grellner said that a representative from the manufacturer, Salcor 3G, Jim Cruver, is in the audience.

Finally, of a range of responses, Grellner said District staff would like the Board to consider the direction of providing a Class B waiver that would cover all aerobic treatment devices without the add-on UV system.

Following a brief discussion by the Board, Mayor Tim Matthes moved and seconded by Commissioner Garrido a motion to consider a Class B waiver for District staff to move forward on drafting a Class B waiver for its consideration. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCE AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Mayor Erickson summarized the highlights from the Finance and Operations committee report that took place on October 23. She then suggested that the Board move to the next agenda item which is a more complete review of the budget in the next agenda item.

2013 BUDGET DISCUSSION

Mr. Scott Daniels, Deputy Director, then summarized the key elements of the 2013 budget including revenue highlights, including a federal funding reduction in the event of federal sequestration; key expenditures changes; FTE changes; current negotiation highlights with the union; benefit changes; and the Norm Dicks Government Center set-aside. Daniels summarized the budget by explaining that the 2013 budget is balanced without any program losses, layoffs, or office closures.

RESOLUTION 2012-02: APPROVAL OF KITSAP PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR THE 2013 STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION


Mr. Daniels reviewed the three legislative priorities for the 2013 state legislative session which mirrors the priorities established by Washington Association of Local Public Health Officials. These priorities are (1) maintenance of core (flexible) State public health funding for local public health jurisdictions, (2) statutory clarity for prescribing and dispensing for local public health jurisdictions, and (3) authority for public health districts in Washington State to act as their own fiscal agent. After a brief discussion, Mayor Lent moved and Commissioner Brown seconded to approve Resolution 2012-02: Approval of Kitsap Public Health District Legislative Priorities for the 2013 State Legislative Session. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: PURSUANT TO RCW42.30.140 (4)(B), DISCUSSION RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING


At 12:03 p.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 for twenty minutes and will not be making any decisions.

ADJOURN

There was no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 12:23 p.m.



Mayor Becky Erickson, Chair
Kitsap Public Health Board



Scott W. Lindquist, MD, MPH
Director of Health

Board Members Present: *Commissioner Josh Brown; Mayor Becky Erickson; Commissioner Charlotte Garrido; Commissioner Rob Gelder; Mayor Patty Lent; Mayor Tim Matthes; Council Member Roy Runyon (alternate)*

Board Members Absent: *Council Member Sarah Blossom*

Staff Present: *Cris Craig, Program Manager 2, Health Information Resources; Scott Daniels, Deputy Director; Kerry Dobbelaere, Program Manager 2, Clinical Services; Keith Grellner, Director, Environmental Health Division; Grant Holdcroft, Senior Environmental Health Specialist; Leslie Hopkins, Management Analyst, Administration; Siri Kushner, Epidemiologist 2, Health Information Resources; 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*

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Public Present: Jim Krueger, *Salcor 3G*; Monte Levine, *Self*; Lois Stone, *self*