

# **KITSAP PUBLIC HEALTH BOARD**

## **Regular Meeting**

**October 7, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by the Board Chair, Mayor Patty Lent, at 11:20 a.m.

### **MINUTES**

Commissioner Linda Streissguth moved and Commissioner Rob Gelder seconded the motion to approve the minutes for the September 2, 2014, regular meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

The contracts on the consent agenda included:

- Contract 1285, Healthy Start Kitsap, *Nurse Family Partnership Agreement*

Commissioner Gelder moved and Commissioner Streissguth seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda, including the contracts update and warrant and Electronic Funds Transfer register.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Scott Daniels, Administrator, brought five issues to the Board starting with an update on the actions the District is taking to prepare for a possible Ebola outbreak. Daniels said the District has sent out an alert to the provider community summarizing the Centers for Disease Control guidelines and have met with community partners including Harrison Medical Center, Naval Hospital Bremerton, the Kitsap County Coroner's Office, and the Kitsap County Department of Emergency Management to develop plans in the event an Ebola case occurs in the County. The Washington State Department of Health is also distributing Ebola test kits to each local health jurisdiction, one of which the District expects to receive shortly.

Mr. Daniels informed the Board that the first meeting of the Olympic Accountable Community of Health has been scheduled for Friday, November 7, at Fort Worden in Port Townsend. Invitees for this first meeting will be limited to community partners that are expected to be most interested in participating.

Mr. Daniels reported that he has been invited to participate on a Community Healthcare Advisory Group to help identify the healthcare needs in Bremerton as Harrison Medical Center closes in Bremerton and moves services to Silverdale. This group will also be making recommendations on repurposing the Bremerton hospital building.

Mr. Daniels informed the Board that the Washington State Health Officers Group has released its recommendations on electronic cigarettes. He explained it is the decision of the Board to decide which recommendations, if any, it chooses to adopt in Kitsap County. A Policy Committee meeting will be scheduled to begin the discussion of the Health Officers' recommendations and the Board's response.

Mr. Daniels invited Mr. Keith Grellner to speak to the Board to follow-up on a presentation made several months ago regarding the need for a Class B waiver from the Washington State Department of Health for onsite sewage disinfection units. Mr. Grellner reminded the Board that the District has found that the ultra violet light disinfection units currently required to be used in onsite septic systems are not effective and, in fact, can be a fire hazard. He explained that the Department of Health has approved the District's request for a waiver. Following that action, Mr. Grellner informed the Board that the District has issued 300 waivers to date out of the 1,100 units the District knows are in place and that the District is continuing to receive requests.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: PURSUANT TO RCW 42.30.110(g), EVALUATE THE QUALIFICATIONS OF AN APPLICANT FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT AND REVIEW THE PERFORMANCE OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE**

At 11:29 a.m., Mayor Lent announced that the Board would be adjourning to Executive Session for 15 minutes pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(g) to evaluate the qualification of an applicant for public employment and to review the performance of a public employee. At 11:43 a.m., Mayor Lent announced that the Board needed additional time for discussion and would remain in Executive Session for an additional 20 minutes. At 12:02 p.m., Mayor Lent returned the Board to open session and explained that the Executive Session was for discussion only and that no decisions had been made.

**NEW KITSAP COMMUNITY HEALTH PRIORITIES**

Mr. Daniels introduced Ms. Katie Eilers, Assistant Director of Community Health, to talk to the Board about the new Kitsap Community Health Priorities (KCHP). KCHP just completed its second cycle using a structured process to identify community health priorities for action over the next three years. In this cycle, Eilers explained that a group of 47 community members, dubbed the Advisory Group, met monthly from February to July this year to evaluate community data to identify top priorities. These priorities were presented at a community meeting last week. This meeting was well-attended by 73 community members who heard a summary of the Advisory Group's work and then worked to identify the most pressing needs for action in the community, which were: (1) Prevent Adverse Childhood Experiences, or ACEs, and reduce their impacts, (2) Expand mental health access and affordability, and (3) Increase affordable housing to ensure that homelessness is a one-time event, which tied with (4) Prevent/reduce obesity which continues the work begun on this important issue in the first KCHP cycle. Ms. Eilers explained that community members will form interest groups around the four priorities selected and, if appropriate, Health District staff will work with these groups on a collective impact approach to address their issues.

**5210 GET UP AND GO CHALLENGE**

Ms. Yolanda Fong, Public Health Nurse Supervisor, Healthy Communities Program, addressed the Board about the 5210 Get Up and Go Challenge. Ms. Fong reminded the Board that 5210 is one of the initiatives that came out of the first KCHP cycle and that it stands for, each day, 5 or more fruits and vegetables, 2 hours or less of recreational screen time, 1 hour of physical activity, and 0 sugary drinks. This year 5210 is sponsoring a community challenge using a tracker form to encourage community members to try 5210 for four weeks with the goal of increasing community awareness and encouraging community members to adopt 5210 behaviors

which have been shown to be effective in reducing obesity. Ms. Fong said participants can turn in completed forms at the end of the challenge at local libraries or participating credit unions to receive a prize.

### **FOUNDATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES**

Mr. Daniels brought the Board up to date on the work continuing across the state by the Public Health Improvement Partnership (PHIP) Finance Committee. Mr. Daniels reminded the Board that the PHIP was created through state legislation with the goal of developing a Public Health Improvement Plan. The PHIP is using this new approach because older approaches have not been successful and the erosion of funding is now threatening the provision of basic public health services, Daniels said. PHIP members include local public health and boards of health; the Washington State Department of Health and Board of Health; federal Department of Health and Human Services, Region X; and tribal nations and the American Indian Health Commission. PHIP's Finance and Policy Committees have focused on identifying foundational public health services and recommending strategies for flexible funding from state and local governments to support them. Foundational public health services include communicable disease control, chronic disease and injury prevention, environmental health services, maternal child and family health, access and linkage to clinical health care services, and vital records (birth and death certificates). These services also include population-based services or public health capabilities that residents depend on the government to provide including epidemiology and assessment, emergency preparedness, communication, policy development and support, community partnership development, and business competencies. Public health services provided by the Health District that are not included in the list of foundational public health services include HIV case management services, family planning, Children with Special Health Care Needs, breast and cervical health screening, Juvenile Detention healthcare, and internships. These services are supported, in part, with State and local flexible funding.

This work mirrors elements in two five-year milestones in the District's Strategic Plan: 1) Continue to work at the state level working with legislators and partners to achieve stable, dedicated state public health funding, and 2) Work at the local level to gain consensus on a new Kitsap Public Health local funding formula. Mr. Daniels explained the Board had a local funding formula years ago based on population and real estate assessed value. That formula has fallen by the wayside over the years, so the Board has agreed to re-visit this issue and gain consensus on a new formula. When the District has its final survey of health district funding models, staff will bring this information back to the Board for discussion and action. A brief discussion followed.

### **ADJOURN**

There was no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 12:19 p.m.

  
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**Mayor Patty Lent, Chair**  
**Kitsap Public Health Board**

  
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**Scott Daniels**  
**Administrator**

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**Board Members Present:** *Council Member Sarah Blossom; Mayor Becky Erickson; Commissioner Charlotte Garrido; Commissioner Rob Gelder; Mayor Patty Lent; Mayor Tim Matthes; Commissioner Linda Streissguth*

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** *Karen Bevers, Communications Coordinator / Public Information Officer; Karen Boysen-Knapp, Healthy Communities Specialist, Chronic Disease Prevention Program; Scott Daniels, Administrator; Katie Eilers, Assistant Director, Community Health Division; Yolanda Fong, Public Health Nurse Supervisor, Chronic Disease Prevention; Kathy Greco, Confidential Secretary, Administration; Keith Grellner, Director, Environmental Health Division; Karen Holt, Provisional Human Resources Manager, Administration; Leslie Hopkins, Program Coordinator 2, Administration; Siri Kushner, Epidemiologist 2, Administration; Suzanne Plemmons, Director, Community Health Division; Shelley Rose, Public Health Educator, In-Person Assister Program*

**Public Present:** *Cal Bodeutsch, Kitsap Transit; Susan Turner, self*