

KITSAP PUBLIC HEALTH BOARD

Regular Meeting

March 3, 2015

The meeting was called to order by the Board Chair Commissioner Robert Gelder, at 1:47 p.m.

MINUTES

Commissioner Charlotte Garrido moved and Mayor Becky Erickson seconded the motion to approve the minutes for the February 3, 2015, regular meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

The contracts on the consent agenda included:

- 1353, Washington State Department of Health, *Healthy Communities Lead Organization*
- 1350, Washington State Department of Ecology, *Directed PIC for Burley and Lofall Creek Watersheds*
- 1080, Amendment 1, Washington State Department of Ecology, *Centennial Clean Water Dyes Inlet Pathogen Removal Project*
- 1310, Spectra Laboratories, *Environmental Laboratory Services*
- 1046, Amendment 1, Kitsap Conservation District, *PIC Project – Yukon Harbor*
- 1012, Amendment 1, Jefferson County Public Health, *Data Review – Chemical & Drug Dependency*

Mayor Erickson moved and Commissioner Garrido seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda, including the contracts update and Warrant and Electronic Funds Transfer Register. The motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT/ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Dr. Susan Turner, Health Officer, provided a brief update on recent infectious disease outbreaks in Kitsap County. She reported that according to Washington State laboratory data, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) peaked at the end of January and is now falling, while influenza has returned to near baseline levels. Coronavirus infections are still present and elevated above baseline levels. The District continues to receive reports of pertussis infection, a total of 118 cases to date. The majority of cases reside in Bainbridge Island, but a few cases have been reported in North Kitsap and in Bremerton. Additionally, there have been four cases of measles reported in Clallam County. Dr. Turner assured the Board that the District has been working with local schools, hospitals, and clinics to put an emergency preparedness response plan into place so that any cases of measles in Kitsap County could be dealt with quickly, minimizing the outbreak potential. A brief discussion by the Board followed.

Dr. Turner also provided an update on the Kitsap Community Health Priorities (KCHP) work. The sponsor group which includes United Way-Kitsap, the Kitsap County Human Services Division, the Kitsap Community Foundation, and Harrison Medical Center-Franciscan Health Services have a meeting scheduled for April 6, 2015. She provided workgroup updates from

three of the four priorities. The group addressing the priority “Prevent...ACEs”, held their second community forum in February to identify a common community agenda. Fifty-one people attended representing 30 agencies. She reported that the Kitsap Community Foundation, Suquamish Tribe, and United Way-Kitsap have committed funds to hire a full-time Project Coordinator to manage the daily operations of the work. The workgroup addressing “Ensuring mental health care is accessible, available and timely for all”, is planning to hold a community mental health summit in the spring, which will provide an excellent link with the community to provide a format for discussion about youth suicide and opiate addiction. Finally, the workgroup addressing affordable housing, the Continuum of Care Coalition, is meeting to talk about different potential collective impact projects and conducting informal analyses of their feasibility. The group will then provide feedback to the District and work to identify next steps.

Mr. Scott Daniels, Administrator, first addressed an email that was forwarded to him in February from Mayor Tim Matthes and Commissioner Garrido from a concerned citizen, Mr. Parker, regarding sharps found in Port Orchard. Mr. Daniels stated that upon receiving that email, the District immediately responded and did not find any sharps at the reported location. To further address Mr. Parker’s email concerning the accessibility of public information on syringe disposal, he stated that the sharps section on the District’s website has been made more accessible and includes a document that explains to the public what to do when they find sharps in a public area. Daniels noted that the District tracks and monitors trends for illegally dumped syringes; the District’s data indicates the number of reports are up over the last month, and include areas of Bremerton, South Kitsap and Poulsbo. Several types of brands of sharps were found indicating they are not from one source. Mr. Daniels stated that the District responds immediately when they receive a phone call that a syringe has been found. Daniels assured the Board that the District will continue to monitor all sites to make sure there is not a growing problem of illegally disposed sharps in the community. Following a brief discussion, Mayor Matthes thanked the District for their prompt response.

Next, Mr. Daniels brought the Board up-to-date on the District’s strategic planning process. He reminded the Board that the strategic plan was developed in 2010 as a ten-year plan. Although it has only been five years, many of the goals have been accomplished and it is time to review and update the plan. The Board will be asked to approve the plan and possibly asked to participate in the process. He will report back to the Board next month.

Mr. Daniels next announced that the State Board of Health, will be meeting in Bremerton on October 14, 2015. Keith Grellner, the District’s Environmental Health Division Director serves as the Chair of the State Board of Health. Mr. Grellner announced that the State Board of Health will invite the local health jurisdiction to talk about what is going on in their community. The State Board of Health members represent all parts of Washington State. Mr. Grellner remarked that he would like this Board to participate if available.

Lastly, Mr. Daniels said the District’s leadership recently met with Commissioner Wolfe to provide a new Board member orientation. He announced that all of the orientation materials are now available on the District’s website.

HEALTH DISTRICT 2015 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES UPDATE

In January, the Board approved the 2015 Legislative Priorities. Mr. Daniels provided an update on the seven priorities:

HB 1545: Statutory Clarity for Pharmaceutical Prescribing and Dispensing by Local Public Health Jurisdictions. He explained that State legislation is needed to establish statutory clarity for current practices allowing public health nurses to dispense communicable disease and family planning vaccines and medications to patients in a timely manner using standard protocols established by the Health Officer. This bill has been passed out of Committee and is currently in House Rules Committee.

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Resolution. Mr. Daniels noted that the goal of this resolution is to provide education and elevate awareness, at the legislative level, around the issue of ACEs. Some Republican House members have voiced concerns about the length of the resolution and as a result, some language has been stripped. If there is agreement on the revised language, it will be introduced for House vote prior to the end of session.

HB 1645/SB 5573: Vaping /E-Cigarette Legislation; the use of electronic nicotine delivery systems, known as vaping, is increasing rapidly and the District is concerned because the growing market includes children. There are several bills addressing this issue, but the District is focusing on HB 1645. This bill would provide for controls in advertising, marketing, and sales to prevent access to youth and minors. This bill also includes a tax structure that would apply taxes toward e-cigarettes which are not currently taxed like cigarettes.

HB 1715: Protecting Puget Sound through Funding and Implementing Local Onsite Sewage Program Management Plans. This bill creates a \$30 per year onsite sewage system fee to help local counties implement the state-mandated sewage system plan. Mr. Daniels explained that the bill passed out of House Appropriations and has been sent on to House Rules.

HB 1620/SB 5716: Biotoxin Testing for Diarrhetic Shellfish Poisoning. Biotoxin data is used to ensure shellfish harvest areas are healthy and produce safe shellfish for human consumption. HB 1620 made it out of House Appropriations and is now headed to the floor.

SB 5458: Authority for Public Health Districts in Washington State to Act as Their Own Fiscal Agents. Mr. Daniels explained that under current State law, a health district lacks authority to act as its own fiscal agent. This bill passed the House last session and must pass the Senate and House again this session before it can become a law.

A brief discussion followed.

EVIDENCED BASED PRACTICES UPDATE

Mr. Daniels prefaced by stating the Shellfish Protection and Restoration Project is an evidenced-based project created through almost five years. He introduced Ms. Eva Crim, Environmental Health Specialist from the Pollution Identification and Correction Program (PIC), who provided an update on the project.

Ms. Crim stated that in 2010, the Water PIC Program was awarded a \$997,000 grant by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Two-thirds of those funds were awarded to the District by the EPA with matching funds through Clean Water Kitsap. The project's overall goal is shellfish restoration and protection.

Ms. Crim reviewed the measurable outcomes for the project. She stated that the PIC Program Team conducted 85 miles of shoreline monitoring and investigation while conducting education and outreach activities throughout the County. The team collected samples of freshwater flows from shorelines to consider all sources of pollution, not only failing septic systems. Beach areas that were surveyed ranged from Point No Point to south Hood Canal and Yukon Harbor to Prospect Point as well as 22 miles of Bainbridge Island; which covered approximately 340 miles of shoreline. This survey resulted in the identification of 126 shoreline hot spots, completion of 558 property inspections, identification of 56 septic system failures, and increased participation of community shellfish farms. Ms. Crim outlined the many accomplishments from the survey and noted that the result of the work done in Miller Bay was shared with the Department of Health (DOH) who will in turn use the data to upgrade this area to allow shellfish harvesting within the next few years. Ms. Crim acknowledged her staff for their hard work and asked them to stand. The Board and audience gave the team a round of applause for their hard work.

Ms. Suzanne Plemmons, Director of the Community Health Division, introduced the Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP), an evidenced-based program backed by 37 years of research. Over time, research data has shown NFP programs to be effective in transforming the lives of first-time mothers living in poverty. Because of a relationship that a mother has with the visiting nurse, mothers do better educationally, have better employment opportunities, and are more successful parents. Research studies show for every dollar invested five dollars is saved.

Kitsap County is able to provide NFP services because of the regional partnership with Healthy Start Kitsap, Jefferson County Public Health and Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe. Ms. Plemmons introduced Ms. Marge Herzog, President of Healthy Kitsap. She also introduced Ms. Mindi Outhwaite and Ms. Nancy Acosta, both public health nurses working in the District's NFP program as well as Ms. Yuko Umeda, NFP nurse supervisor from Jefferson County.

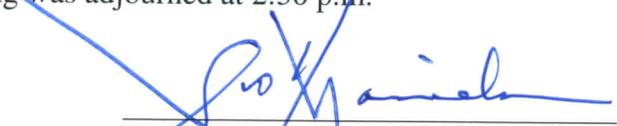
Ms. Outhwaite was joined at the podium by a NFP graduate, Sandra and her family. Sandra shared her story about the success she has had in as a participant in the NFP program. She thanked the Board for the time given to her by her nurse and the many benefits of the NFP program. The audience gave Sandra and her family a round of applause.

ADJOURN

There was no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.



Robert Gelder, Chair
Kitsap Public Health Board



Scott Daniels
Administrator

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

Staff Present: *Karen Bevers, Communications Coordinator/Public Information Officer; Scott Daniels, Administrator; Susan Turner, Health Officer; Katie Eilers, Assistant Director, Community Health Division; Kathy Greco, Confidential Secretary, Administration; Keith Grellner, Director, Environmental Health Division; Leslie Hopkins, Program Coordinator 2, Administration; Suzanne Plemmons, Director, Community Health Division; Shelley Rose, Public Health Educator, In-Person Assister Program; Dana Brainerd, Public Health Nurse, Clinical Services; Eva Crim, Environmental Health Specialist 3, Water Pollution Identification and Correction; Sarah Collins, Environmental Health Specialist 3, Water Pollution Identification and Correction; Shawn Ultican, Senior Environmental Health Specialist, Water Pollution Identification and Correction; Susan Walther, Environmental Health Specialist 1, Water Pollution Identification and Corrections; Anna Gonzales Public Health Nurse, Clinical Services Program; Nancy Acosta, Public Health Nurse, Parent Child Health, Community Health Program; Mindi Outhwaite, Public Health Nurse, Parent Child Health, Community Health Program; Karen Holt, Human Resources Manager, Administration; Betti Ridge, Social Worker, Clinical Services; Lisa Linden, Social Worker, Clinical Services; Linda Tourigny, Public Health Nurse Supervisor, Parent Child Health, Community Health.*

Public Present: *Monte Levine, self; Robert Parker, self, Marge Herzog, President, Healthy Start Kitsap; Yuko Umeda, NFP Nurse Supervisor, Jefferson County Public Health.*