

KITSAP COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
Regular Meeting
January 6, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 11:35 a.m.

MINUTES

Mayor Kathryn Quade moved and Commissioner Josh Brown seconded to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2008, meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

After a brief discussion, Mayor Quade moved and Commissioner Charlotte Garrido seconded to approve the items on the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

BOARD OF HEALTH COMMITTEE SELECTION

Dr. Scott Lindquist provided the Board with a brief explanation regarding past practice for nominating the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board of Health. Following a brief statement, Mayor Darlene Kordonowy moved and Council Member Dianne Robinson seconded to nominate Steve Bauer as the Chair of the Board of Health. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Kordonowy then moved and Council Member Robinson seconded to nominate Council Member Chris Snow as the Vice Chair of the Board of Health. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Bauer reviewed the three standing committees of the Board: Budget, Facilities, and Personnel, and noted that there is a vacancy on the Facilities Committee following the departure of Commissioner Jan Angel. After a brief conversation, Commissioner Garrido agreed to serve as a member of the Facilities Committee. Given Council Member Snow's new role as Board Vice Chair, Mayor Kordonowy suggested that she and Council Member Snow exchange positions on the Finance and Facilities Committees respectively. There was general agreement to this suggestion. With these changes, the 2009 Board Committees will be staffed as follows: Budget: Commissioner Bauer, Council Member Robinson, and Council Member Snow; Facilities: Commissioner Garrido, Mayor Kordonowy, and Council Member Carol Arends; Personnel: Commissioner Brown, Mayor Quade, and Mayor Lary Coppola.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT/ESSENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES AND PUBLIC HEALTH MANDATE REVIEW

In the interest of time, Dr. Lindquist commented that he would include his Director's Report comments in his presentation on Essential Public Health Services and review of Public Health Mandates. Commissioner Bauer said that he appreciated the opportunity to receive this overview, because it will help provide clarity to the Board regarding what core services must be preserved and protected in this period of challenging budgets.

Lindquist agreed with Commissioner Bauer and explained that this overview of public health will provide important background information which will be helpful in establishing a framework as the Board develops its strategy for dealing with current budget issues. He began by presenting a brief history of the development of modern public health theory beginning in 1790 to the present.

In 1994, a group of national public health leaders met to write the Public Health America statement that defined essential public health services. Lindquist pointed out that modern public health theory has moved to a prevention model and away from direct patient care. This theory emphasizes the importance of monitoring health status; diagnosing and investigating

outbreaks; informing, educating, and empowering people to make a difference; mobilizing community partnerships; developing policies and plans; enforcing laws and regulations; linking people to needed services; assuring competent work public health workforce; evaluating needed services; and conducting research.

Lindquist then went on to describe how essential public health services are organized both in Washington State and in the United States. In Washington State, the State Board of Health presides over the Department of Health and provides an umbrella for funding and administration. The authority for local public health in Washington is delegated to the counties rather than being retained at the state level, which is true in many other states. This means that much of the accountability, financial responsibility, and liability reside at the local level. In the United States, there is no central public health authority; instead there is a network of multiple public health agencies (national, state and county).

Referring the Board to the Board Member Orientation notebook which each Board member is given when they join the Board and recently updated March 2008, Lindquist reviewed public health's legal mandates as spelled out in the State RCWs, WACs, local ordinances, and resolutions. These legal mandates are enforced at the local health jurisdiction level by local Boards of Health acting through the local health officer and administrator.

Lindquist ended his presentation by noting that the current challenge of public health is to continue to provide core essential services while it faces budget challenges so that when we emerge from this period of financial challenges, the public health system will still be functional.

FAREWELL TO JERRY DEETER

Dr. Lindquist noted that today's Board meeting will be Mr. Jerry Deeter's last, because he will be retiring on January 31 after 35 years of service with the Health District. Several Board members took this opportunity to make statements expressing their appreciation for Mr. Deeter's work at the District. Council Member Snow requested the record to reflect the Board's appreciation and suggested that a resolution be brought to the February meeting honoring his years of service.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURN

There was no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Commissioner Steve Bauer, Chair
Kitsap County Board of Health

Scott W. Lindquist, MD, MPH
Director of Health

Board Members Present: *Council Member Carol Arends; Commissioner Steve Bauer; Commissioner Josh Brown; Commissioner Charlotte Garrido; Mayor Darlene Kordonowy; Mayor Kathryn Quade; Council Member Dianne Robinson; Council Member Chris Snow*

Board Members Absent: *Mayor Cary Bozeman; Mayor Lary Coppola*

Staff Present: *Scott Daniels, Deputy Director; Jerry Deeter, Director, Environmental Health; Keith Grellner, Assistant Director, Environmental Health; Leslie Hopkins, Special Projects Program Coordinator, Administration; Scott Lindquist, MD, MPH, Health Officer; Beth Lipton, Epidemiologist, Health Information Resources; Amber Mulherin, Administration; Maureen Murphy, Human Resources Manager; Suzanne Plemmons, Director, Community Health*

Public Present: None