

KITSAP COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
Regular Meeting
March 3, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 11:25 a.m.

MINUTES

Council Member Roy Runyon moved and Council Member Chris Snow seconded to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2009, meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

A question was raised about the costs associated with the Contract 631, Interagency Agreement between Jefferson County and KCHD on the Consent Agenda. Dr. Scott Lindquist explained that this contract does not cost the Health District money and, in fact, provides revenue and is an example of the trend regionalizing public health services in Washington State. The regional model of providing public health services began with providing services to HIV-positive persons, in bioterrorism preparedness and response services, and locally with this Health District's move to share epidemiologist services with other health jurisdictions. This model of providing services on a regional basis not only reduces costs for public health as a whole but also standardizes the provision of services in the region.

Council Member Snow moved and Council Member Runyon seconded to approve the items on the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Scott Lindquist told the Board that both he and Scott Daniels, the District's Deputy Director, have returned from extensive visits with Kitsap County's legislators in Olympia and were given "grim news" regarding impacts for public health funding in the next budget cycle. Legislators told them to expect cuts to public health. Commissioner Steve Bauer commented on a recent discussion he had with local legislators about the fact that the projected state deficit is approaching 25 percent and may even grow larger which presents the legislature with very difficult funding choices.

Dr. Lindquist followed by saying that the planned Board retreat is a critical exercise in identifying the fundamentals of public health in Kitsap County and to develop a strategic plan for maintaining them. The tentative date for the retreat is April 28 at the Island Lake Community Center and will be preceded by a managers' retreat in order to get managers' feedback on their priorities and strategies to bring to the Board retreat.

Dr. Lindquist distributed the current issue of the brief for The National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH) and commented that the Board's annual conference will be held in April in Philadelphia. He noted that one or two Health District staff attends this annual conference and encouraged any Board members who might be interested in attending to speak with Commissioner Bauer. The District will make travel arrangements for any Board members who would like to attend.

OVERVIEW OF GROUP B WATER SYSTEMS IN KITSAP COUNTY

Mr. Keith Grellner, Director of Environmental Health, introduced John Kiess, Water Program Manager, who presented an overview of the small water or Group B water systems, including the number of systems in the county, issues facing these systems, funding for oversight of these

systems, and future challenges for monitoring these systems. He explained that Group B systems are public water systems with three to fourteen connections. Mr. Kiess noted that there are approximately 900 of these Group B systems in Kitsap County that serve about 9,000 individuals. Kiess explained that some of the work the District's Water Program does with regard to these systems is fee-related, specifically water system planning for developing new water systems, initial well site inspection to drill a new well, and the initial system design. Unfunded activities include monitoring, compliance, sanitary surveys, and system administration, i.e., maintaining mailing addresses, lists of connections, as well as complaint response and technical assistance.

Mr. Kiess summarized the legal standards impacting Group B systems, including a local ordinance, state regulations regarding Group B systems, and the Washington State Department of Ecology's well construction standards affecting well source. He further stated that effective July 1, the money formerly provided to the Health District by the State of Washington for Group B system monitoring services will no longer be available. Without identifying an additional funding source, by statute the responsibility for monitoring these systems will revert to the State. If this happens, Mr. Kiess told the Board that he has been told that it is likely that the rules requiring monitoring will be revoked, leaving these systems unregulated.

Mr. Kiess then presented possible options for responding to this loss of funding: one - cease monitoring of Group B systems or two - identify a new source of revenue, whether fee-based or not, to continue to provide services at the current or a reduced level. A discussion with various Board members followed with general agreement that the issue of the funding for monitoring Group B systems will be included for discussion at the Board retreat.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SANATARIANS

Mr. Grellner explained that the role of the sanitarians at the Health District is to prevent the spread of disease through monitoring in four areas: water, food, sewage, and waste disposal. The Environmental Health Division at the Health District employs 35 sanitarians including 16 who are registered sanitarians. To explain their role as sanitarians at the Health District, Mr. Grellner introduced the following sanitarians who presented information about their work in their respective programs: Mr. Jun (Junichi) Naotsuka, a sanitarian with the Food Safety and Living Environment Program, Mr. Lucas Jordan, a sanitarian with the Solid and Hazardous Waste Program, and Mr. Stuart Whitford, the Program Manager for the Pollution, Identification, and Control Program.

Mr. Naotsuka explained the range of work provided by the Food Safety and Living Environment program including school inspections, pool inspections, though he noted that the majority of their work is with food and restaurant inspections. The program's primary goal in its food safety inspections is to prevent food borne illness outbreaks. Inspections include enforcement of the food code and also provide education to increased compliance with the food code.

Mr. Jordan explained that the sanitarians in the Solid and Hazardous Waste Program perform a wide range of work including investigations into and site hazard assessments of waste spills; solid waste permitting; educational outreach through EnviroStars and the local source control program; oversight of clean-up of clandestine meth labs, and responding to solid waste

complaints in the community. Mr. Jordan presented pictures illustrating the progress in responding to and resolving a recent solid waste complaint in the County to illustrate a typical complaint. Dr. Lindquist walked the Board through the various public health issues raised in this single complaint including tires providing a breeding ground for mosquitoes that may carry West Nile virus, rats, sewage disposal from the living quarters on the premises, and potential chemical soil contaminants from garbage on the site.

Mr. Whitford, Manager of the Pollution, Identification, and Control (PIC) Program presented information about the work performed by the PIC Program including responding to public complaints about failing septic systems as well as their large-scale PIC projects. In these PIC projects, the District's sanitarians in the PIC program works with home owners to clean-up properties that may be contributing to pollution affecting various water ways in the County.

Mr. Whitford reviewed two recent success stories from the PIC program including the Yukon Harbor restoration project in 2008 which upgraded thousands of acres of shellfish beds making them available again for commercial harvest. Another success story in an urban area is the ongoing improvement working toward the restoration of Enetai Creek in East Bremerton near Manette. Whitford further commented that the number of streams showing improvement in the annual water quality monitoring report is increasing and that the number of streams posted with water quality advisories has decreased from a high of 11 in 2007 to 3 in 2008.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURN

There was no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Commissioner Steve Bauer, Chair
Kitsap County Board of Health

Scott W. Lindquist, MD, MPH
Director of Health

Board Members Present: *Commissioner Steve Bauer; Commissioner Charlotte Garrido; Mayor Darlene Kordonowy; Council Member Dianne Robinson; Council Member Chris Snow; Council Member Roy Runyon*

Board Members Absent: *Commissioner Josh Brown; Mayor Cary Bozeman; Mayor Lary Coppola; Mayor Kathryn Quade*

Staff Present: *Jan Brower, Program Manager, Solid & Hazardous Waste; Cris Craig, Program Manager, Health Information Resources; Scott Daniels, Deputy Director; Keith Grellner, Director, Environmental Health; Leslie Hopkins, Special Projects Program Coordinator, Administration; Lucas Jordan, Sanitarian, Solid & Hazardous Waste; John Kiess, Program Manager, Water; Scott Lindquist, MD, MPH, Health Officer; Junichi Naotsuka, Sanitarian, Food & Living Environment Program; Bonnie Petek, Program Manager, Food & Living Environment; Suzanne Plemmons, Director,*

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*Community Health; Stuart Whitford, Program Manager, PIC Program; Liz Wilhelm, KTASC
Coordinator;*

Public Present: Kitty Candelaria, *self*; Monte Levine, *KTASC*