

KITSAP PUBLIC HEALTH BOARD
Regular Meeting
March 6, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Mayor Becky Erickson at 11:25 a.m.

MINUTES

Commissioner Josh Brown moved and Mayor Patty Lent seconded a motion to approve the minutes for the February 7, 2012 regular meeting as corrected to reflect the fact that Commissioner Rob Gelder was not present. The motion was approved unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

The contracts on the consent agenda included:

- Contract 1005, City of Bainbridge Island, Shellfish Restoration and Protection Project
- Contract 1006, Point Defiance/Nasen, Medical Supplies
- Contract 960, Amendment 1, Consolidated Contract

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Brown moved and Commissioner Rob Gelder 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, brought two complaints to the Board that were directed either to the Health District and/or other local government entities by property owners whose properties have become sites of homeless encampments. These properties are located on Wheaton Way near Safeway and near the intersection of Kitsap Way and Highway 3. Lindquist commented that many of the homeless at these sites cannot be placed in shelters because they have criminal records or are actively using alcohol or other drugs. In response to concern about these two locations, the Health District convened a summit last week for interested community members to attend to have an open community discussion about next steps as a community to begin to deal with the issue of homelessness.

Lindquist then recounted a recent conversation with the property owner for the property located on Highway 3 who is requesting a letter from the County that outlines the plan to deal with the homeless persons on the property, because he and the other owners are in the process of trying to sell the property. Lindquist reported that he received permission from the property owner to conduct a walk-through of the property which he did with Keith Grellner, Director of Environmental Health, which revealed that there was a significant amount of solid and human waste at the site. To address the immediate needs at the site, a local church has offered to clean-up the property, working with the individuals at the site. The Health District will provide the funds to assist in the solid waste disposal at the site. Lindquist reported that the property owner is willing to wait ninety days while a solution is worked out but would like the individuals at the site to be moved from the site at the end of that period. Beyond these initial steps, Lindquist asked for direction from the Board on which government entity will take the lead on the written

response to the property owner. After discussion, Commissioner Gelder offered to have the Board of County Commissioners craft a response to the property owner.

Dr. Lindquist then asked Mr. Scott Daniels, Deputy Director, to bring the Board up-to-date on the potential impact of budget negotiations underway in Olympia in the current legislative session. Daniels commented that there are essentially three budgets in play at the moment: the House budget, the Senate budget, and the Governor's budget. Daniels explained that the House budget restored the core flexible funding that had been cut in earlier versions. He reminded the Board that this core funding – I-695 Backfill Funding; “5930” funding supporting the Communicable Disease system; and Local Capacity Development Funds (LCDF) funding – is essential to the continued ability of Public Health in Washington State to continue to provide its core functions. Daniels noted that the Senate budget that passed on Friday cuts “5930” funding by 50% and Family Planning grant funding by 30%. Lindquist reminded the Board that “5930” funding had previously been cut in earlier years by 50%, so this new cut would represent a total cut of 75%, which would make it impossible for public health to mount an effective communicable disease response across the state, because the “5930” funding is crucial to support communicable disease infrastructure. Daniels further commented that the loss of I-695 core funding would result in the collapse of the public health system in some sections of Washington State. Daniels ended his comments by saying that the District will keep the Board informed as this process evolves.

KITSAP PUBLIC HEALTH BOARD MEMBER ORIENTATION

Dr. Lindquist distributed new, updated Board Member notebooks to the members present. Lindquist then walked the Board through the key sections of the notebook including the District's organizational structure and contacts, including after hours and duty officer information; the State of Washington's pamphlet for new Board members; and the section on the RCWs and mandates that for which Public Health is responsible. Mayor Erickson then asked about the conflict between state Growth Management Act requirements for densities in urban areas of 4 houses per acre which is in conflict with onsite sewage regulations that generally require fewer dwellings per acre. Keith Grellner responded to her question by acknowledging that there is a density conflict in those urban areas where homes are not able to connect to a sewer. Mr. Daniels summarized the Public Health Standards section explaining that local health jurisdictions are evaluated every three years to provide a clear and accountable measure of performance. He noted that the Kitsap Public Health District ranked third in Washington State among health jurisdictions, which puts the District in an excellent position to achieve accreditation this year or next. Ms. Suzanne Plemmons, Director of Community Health, summarized the section on the District's 10-year strategic plan that guides our activities during that period and includes five goals: to strengthen the District's ability to control communicable diseases; to decrease chronic disease and their impact; to prevent or reduce environmental threats to public health from contaminated land, water, and air; to promote healthy child development and health equity; and to strengthen financial and technical resources to ensure our public health workforce has the skills we need. Each of these goals has 5-year goals and strategies. Mr. Daniels outlined the District's budget process and suggested new Board members might find the Budget priority matrix which provides detailed information about each program to be especially useful. Mr. Grellner described the after-hours emergency duty officer system shared between

Kitsap, Clallam, and Jefferson Counties. Lindquist ended the review by pointing out the section that has information to answer the most commonly asked public health questions by the public.

ADJOURN

There was no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 12:26 p.m.

Mayor Becky Erickson, Chair
Kitsap Public Health Board

Scott W. Lindquist, MD, MPH
Director of Health

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

Board Members Absent: *Commissioner Charlotte Garrido*

Staff Present: *Cris Craig, Program Manager, Health Information Resources; Scott Daniels, Deputy Director; Yolanda Fong, Chronic Disease Nurse, Health Information Resources Program; Keith Grellner, Director, Environmental Health Division; Grant Holdcroft, Environmental Health Specialist, Solid & Hazardous Waste Program; Karen Holt, HR Analyst, Administration; Leslie Hopkins, Management Analyst, Administration; Tracey Kellogg, Accounting Program Manager; Scott Lindquist, Director of Health; Maureen Murphy, Human Resources Manager; Shelley Rose, Public Health Educator, Health Information Resources Program*

Public Present: *Pam Hamon, League of Woman Voters, Kitsap; Susanne Hopkins, League of Woman Voters, Kitsap; Monte Levine, Self*