

## **KITSAP PUBLIC HEALTH BOARD**

### **Regular Meeting**

**June 5, 2012**

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Mayor Becky Erickson at 11:23 a.m.

#### **MINUTES**

Council Member Sarah Blossom moved and Commissioner Mayor Patty Lent seconded a motion to approve the minutes for the May 1, 2012, regular meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

The contracts on the consent agenda included:

- Contract 1018, Clallam County Department of Health and Human Services, Data Analysis and Reporting
- Contract 1026, Kitsap Conservation District, Livestock Handling
- Contract 1035, Hood Canal Coordinating Council, Hood Canal PIC Program
- Contract 1040, Holly Ridge Center, Early Intervention for Infants and Toddlers

Commissioner Josh Brown moved and Council Member Blossom 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, asked for Board member input regarding the summer meeting schedule. He noted the Board usually suspends a meeting in July or August. Mayor Lent suggested that the Board keep both dates on their schedule but only have meetings if there was business to conduct. This was agreed to by consensus.

Lindquist then updated the Board on the status of the recent pertussis (or whooping cough) outbreak in Kitsap County. He explained that pertussis (or whooping cough) is a highly contagious, respiratory infection. He explained that the pertussis vaccine formulation was changed in the late 1990s to an acellular vaccine, which made it safer with fewer side effects. However, the effect of that change seems to be that the protection offered may wear off more quickly. For example, in Kitsap County, the first twenty reported cases were among fully immunized teenagers. There have been 54 cases to date in the County, mostly among school-age children. Very few children under one year have been affected which is the population of greatest concern because they will not have had the full vaccine series yet. There have been no hospitalizations or deaths. Lindquist recommended that adults in contact with children under five or who have not had a tetanus booster in the last five years get a tetanus/pertussis booster shot, commonly called the Tdap.

#### **COUNT ON KITSAP RECOMMENDATIONS:**

##### **CREATING SAFER BEER GARDENS IN KITSAP COUNTY**

Dr. Lindquist reminded the Board that Count on Kitsap is the Board's advisory body to provide recommendations on alcohol and substance abuse issues in the County particularly with regards to youth. Count on Kitsap has produced an executive summary for the Board regarding licensing requirements for beer gardens at special occasion events, including Whaling Days, the County

Fair, and Viking Fest. He noted that while research has shown that training for servers at these events does not reduce the rate of DUI arrests, it is still considered to be a best practice. The Count on Kitsap report contains guidelines that it recommends jurisdictions adopt at community events including special licensing requirements for alcohol sales, limiting advertising, and prohibiting smoking.

Dr. Lindquist then introduced Ms. Karen Boysen-Knapp, who provides staff support for Count on Kitsap, and Ms. Mary Ellen de la Pena, Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist with Kitsap County, who was lead author of the Count on Kitsap report. Ms. de la Pena then addressed the Board on the report and answered their questions. The Board Chair, Mayor Erickson, thanked the members of Count on Kitsap for their work.

Before the meeting adjourned Mayor Erickson asked if there were further comments from the Board. Mayor Patty Lent, referring to the minutes of the May Board meeting, regarding the impact of diabetes in our community, asked that Health District staff draft a policy making diabetes reportable as a chronic disease. On an unrelated issue, Mayor Erickson asks that Health District staff bring stakeholders to the Board including Department of Ecology, Kitsap Conservation District, and Kitsap County SWWM to have a discussion with the Board in September regarding the implications of the Department of Ecology total maximum daily load reporting. Commissioner Garrido informed the Board and the audience of a number of upcoming community events.

## **ADJOURN**

There was no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 11:52 p.m.

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**Mayor Becky Erickson, Chair**  
**Kitsap Public Health Board**

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**Scott W. Lindquist, MD, MPH**  
**Director of Health**

**Board Members Present:** *Council Member Sarah Blossom; Commissioner Josh Brown; Mayor Becky Erickson; Commissioner Charlotte Garrido; Commissioner Rob Gelder (arriving at 11:38); Mayor Patty Lent; Mayor Tim Matthes; Council Member Roy Runyon (alternate)*

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** *Karen Boysen-Knapp, Public Health Educator, Health Information Resources; Leslie Hopkins, Management Analyst, Administration; Scott Lindquist, Director of Health; Beth Lipton, Epidemiologist 2, Health Information Resources; Suzanne Plemmons, Director, Community Health; Shelley Rose, Public Health Educator, Health Information Resources Program*

**Public Present:** *Bob Dollar, self; Monte Levine, Self; Lois Stone, self*