

# **KITSAP PUBLIC HEALTH BOARD**

## **Regular Meeting Minutes**

**January 7, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Mayor Patty Lent at 11:19 a.m.

### **ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

After a brief discussion, Mayor Tim Matthes moved and Mayor Becky Erickson seconded the motion to nominate Mayor Patty Lent as the Kitsap Public Health Board Chair for 2014. The motion carried unanimously. Mayor Erickson moved and Mayor Matthes seconded a motion to nominate Commissioner Rob Gelder as the Vice Chair of the Kitsap Public Health Board for 2014. The motion carried unanimously.

### **ASSIGNMENTS TO THE 2014 BOARD FINANCE AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE, POLICY COMMITTEE, AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Board members discussed their current committee assignments and expressed their preliminary preferences for committee assignments in 2014 as follows: the Finance and Operations Committee remains Mayor Erickson, Commissioner Charlotte Garrido, and Mayor Lent; the Policy Committee tentatively will include Commissioner Gelder, Mayor Matthes, and Mayor Erickson; and the Personnel Committee will tentatively include Linda Streissguth, newly appointed to Commissioner Josh Brown's vacated position, Council Member Sarah Blossom, and a third member to be decided later. Board members will reflect on this tentative slate of committee members and vote to finalize membership at the February Board meeting. In response to a question about the number of Board members attending committee meetings that would trigger a quorum, Dr. Scott Lindquist, Health Officer clarified that if four members attend a committee meeting, that qualifies as a quorum and would require that a public notice be published in advance of the meeting as a special meeting.

### **2014 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE**

A discussion followed about the proposed 2014 Board meeting schedule particularly with regard to the meetings in the summer. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Gelder moved and Mayor Matthes seconded a motion to approve the proposed 2014 meeting schedule, with no Board meeting scheduled for August. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **MINUTES**

Commissioner Garrido moved and Mayor Erickson seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2013, regular meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

The contracts on the consent agenda included:

- Contract 1213: Tacoma Pierce County Health Department, Food Worker Card Program
- Contract 1203: Washington State Department of Health, Joint Plan for Drinking Water Systems
- Contract 1180: Kitsap County Juvenile Detention Facility Medical Services
- Contract 1188: Jefferson County Nurse Family Partnership through Thrive by Five Partnership Grant

- Contract 960, Amendment 12: Washington State Department of Health, Consolidated Contract

Commissioner Gelder moved and Mayor Erickson seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda, including the contracts update and warrant and Electronic Funds Transfer register. The motion was approved unanimously. Mayor Lent noted that in future she would like a new column be added to the consent agenda to show the term of the contract as well as if the funds are sustainable. Mr. Scott Daniels, Administrator, told the Board that this information will be added to the consent agenda beginning in February 2014.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Ann Smith, representing the League of Women Voters, told the Board that in 2013, the League, in response to several high-profile gun violence incidents at the national level in 2012 and 2013, began to scrutinize gun violence and its impact on Kitsap residents. Smith explained that the League in examining the impact of gun violence in Kitsap County discovered that gun violence here is strongly associated with suicide. The League supports the District's efforts to review the data on suicide in the county and to examine ways to address this issue. To that end, Smith said that the League is proposing to bring the issue of suicide to the attention of Kitsap residents and is sponsoring a public presentation on March 29 to raise awareness of this issue and to discuss strategies to reduce the rate of suicide in the county.

Mayor Lent thanked Ms. Smith for this information and the involvement of the League on this issue. Lent suggested that the League might find it helpful to contact a student intern who worked at the District in 2013, focusing on youth suicide, and offered to have her contact information sent to her. Ms. Smith accepted gratefully.

### **HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT/ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Dr. Lindquist told the Board that at the February Board meeting he will conduct a brief review of updated Board member notebooks for current board members, and an orientation for new members, focusing on the laws regulating public health in Washington State.

Secondly, Dr. Lindquist expressed the District's support for the League of Women Voters' suicide awareness presentation to the public. He explained that he also solicited the League's involvement in the upcoming Opiate Summit that will be co-sponsored by the District. Lindquist envisions organizing the summit around the community segments involved in this issue: law and justice, the provider community, the treatment community, and the behavioral health community to ensure that stakeholders work together towards a common goal and agree on common solutions. Lindquist said that he proposes that lead representatives from each stakeholder group form a planning team to make decisions on the date, time, and venue of the summit; agenda; and speakers at the summit. The League of Women Voters has been invited to participate in the planning for the summit as a community group whose participation has been very effective in earlier community initiatives, Lindquist said.

With regard to the impact of flu, Lindquist stated that providers are beginning to report cases of flu in the county, though he is not expecting this to be a difficult season since the predominant flu strain this year is H1N1, and it's included in this year's flu vaccine.

Mr. Scott Daniels brought the Board up to date on the implementation of rules resulting from the passage of Initiative 502, which legalized the recreational use of marijuana in Washington State. Daniels explained that the Washington State Liquor Control Board has finalized the rules around the sale of marijuana, and they are now in the process of issuing permits for retail establishments. Initiative 502 also authorized some funding for outreach and education on marijuana, specifically on its health effects, addictive potential, and impacts on youth. This funding will first go to the Washington State Department of Health who, in turn, will issue grants to local health jurisdictions across the state for outreach and education targeted at youth prevention.

Daniels also wanted to make the Board aware of an excellent website sponsored by the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Institute at the University of Washington called [Learn About Marijuana: Science-Based Information for the Public](http://adai.uw.edu/marijuana) (available at <http://adai.uw.edu/marijuana>) which provides unbiased information about the impacts of marijuana use. Finally, he clarified that the Board's Smoking in Public Places ordinance does not prohibit vaping of marijuana or the use of e-cigarettes. However, the Initiative itself does prohibit the use of marijuana in public places.

#### **RESOLUTION 2014-01 APPROVING THE 2014 KITSAP PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

Mr. Daniels reviewed the District's four State legislative priorities --- described in a handout in the Board packet --- which will guide District advocacy efforts in the upcoming legislative session:

1. Maintenance of foundational State public health funding for local public health jurisdictions, including efforts to codify the newly formed Public Health Assistance Account (Local Public Health Block Grant) which combined the following state funding sources: 5930 Blue Ribbon Commission Funds for Communicable Disease Prevention; Public Health Improvement Funds ("I-695 MVET Backfill Funding"); and Local Capacity Development Funds.
2. Statutory clarity for pharmaceutical prescribing and dispensing by local public health jurisdictions that will support current practice in providing care under prescribing protocols under the license of the Health Officer.
3. Authority for public health districts in Washington State to act as their own fiscal agents which is a financial and fiscal efficiency that will allow the Health District to function as its own banker.
4. Ensure that new one-time Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement funds to be received by the State in 2014 are earmarked for state and/or local tobacco prevention efforts and not utilized for unrelated purposes.

Mayor Lent requested a talking points fact sheet that that summarizes the above priorities that Board members can use as a reference when lobbying on behalf of their own jurisdictions. Mr. Daniels agreed to provide this fact sheet shortly.

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Gelder moved and Mayor Erickson seconded a motion to approve Resolution 2014-01: Approving the 2014 Kitsap Public Health District Legislative Priorities. The motion carried unanimously.

## **POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT AND DISCUSSION**

The members of the Policy Committee reported on the four issues discussed at the December 13, 2013, Policy Committee meeting including the Committee's recommendations to the Board.

Regarding the first issue, Mayor Matthes reported that Dr. Lindquist provided an overview of the incidence of gun violence in Kitsap County over time emphasizing the importance of suicide prevention with regard to guns. Matthes reported that the Committee's recommendation is to continue to monitor the data about suicide in the county at this time and not pursue policy options.

Commissioner Gelder then commented on the District's presentation at the Committee meeting on the topic of electronic cigarettes, including an overview of the actions taken by other jurisdictions and the federal Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) current position on e-cigarettes. Gelder reported that the Committee recommends that the District continue to monitor this issue until the FDA provides additional regulatory guidance on this subject, after which time the Committee will reconvene to consider policy options.

Mayor Matthes summarized the presentation on recreational helmet ordinances in various jurisdictions in the county. The Committee's recommendation is that jurisdictions work towards standardizing their ordinances to include both children and adults and to incorporate a broader inclusion of various recreational activities. Dr. Lindquist noted that a model ordinance was distributed at the Committee meeting for use by each jurisdiction to use in future discussions about revisions to their ordinances.

Commissioner Gelder introduced the final item discussed at the Policy Committee meeting which was a request by Mayor Erickson to require sharps containers in public buildings. Following discussion, the Committee recommended that the topic be brought back to the full Board for further discussion. Mayor Erickson explained that while she initially introduced this issue and the draft ordinance, she now agrees that further analysis of the cost of implementing this policy is necessary including its scope. Erickson explained, for instance, that it will be important to determine the number of public bathrooms, the cost to install sharps containers in each of them, and to identify a way for jurisdictions to dispose of used syringes before a decision is made to move ahead with a county-wide ordinance. Dr. Lindquist provided annual costs for disposal of sharps containers for the District's needle exchange program using Stericycle. He noted that their charges are for pick up and disposal of properly packaged containers from a central point and do not include swapping out full containers with new containers on site. Dr. Lindquist then entered into the record two documents: Kitsap County's flyer entitled "Proper Sharps Disposal" and the District's fact sheet, "How to Handle and Dispose of Medical Sharps," which make it clear that local jurisdictions need to enter into their own agreements with disposal vendors in order to efficiently dispose of used syringes collected in their jurisdictions because current disposal systems are geared to provide disposal options for individuals as opposed to businesses or governmental entities.

Dr. Lindquist offered that the Health District staff will contact Stericycle and Waste Management to obtain cost estimates for all the jurisdictions to dispose of properly packaged discarded syringes.

Mr. Daniels then commented that Mayor Erickson's draft ordinance was sent to the District's attorney for review. Their initial questions included:

1. Is the Board asking for a resolution that *mandates* these things be done, or a resolution that *recommends* that they be done?
2. What is meant by "publicly owned"? This term is very broad in scope and appears to include *all* publicly-owned buildings in the county.
3. Would the public entities involved prefer to include the tasks identified in the resolution in an agreement rather than a resolution?

A discussion followed. Mayor Lent then suggested that rather than having the attorney review the current draft resolution, additional fact-finding by local jurisdictions should occur first which District staff could then incorporate into a new draft resolution for discussion at a future meeting.

Mr. Daniels then introduced Ms. Jan Brower, Program Manager of the District's Solid and Hazardous Waste Program. Ms. Brower explained that District staff will compile an inventory of government properties with bathrooms, including the cost of installing and maintaining sharps containers at these locations, for review at the next Policy Committee meeting. Brower explained that while the Health District recently provided sharps containers to the Cities of Bremerton and Poulsbo, the ongoing maintenance is the responsibility of the cities.

Mayor Matthes then recommended that any further legal review of the proposed ordinance be suspended until a formal recommendation is brought back from the Policy Committee. The Board concurred with this recommendation.

Mayor Lent wished to enter into the record recognition of the fact that January is the fiftieth anniversary of the Surgeon General's report issued on January 11, 1964, announcing that cigarette smoking was harmful to your health. Commissioner Garrido reported that the Dragonfly Cinema in Port Orchard will be screening, "A Place at the Table", a documentary about hunger in America on January 23.

## ADJOURN

There was no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 12:27 p.m.

  
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**Mayor Patty Lent, Chair**  
**Kitsap Public Health Board**

  
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**Scott Daniels**  
**Administrator**

**Board Members Present:** *Council Member Sarah Blossom; Mayor Becky Erickson; Commissioner Charlotte Garrido (arriving at 11:24); Commissioner Rob Gelder; Mayor Patty Lent; Mayor Tim Matthes*

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Jan Brower, *Program Manager, Solid and Hazardous Waste Program*; Scott Daniels, *Administrator*; Kerry Dobbelaere, *Program Manager, Clinical Services Program*; Katie Eilers, *Assistant Director, Community Health Division*; Grant Holdcroft, *Senior Environmental Specialist, Solid & Hazardous Waste Program*; Keith Grellner, *Director, Environmental Health Division*; Karen Holt, *Human Resources Analyst, Administration*; Leslie Hopkins, *Management Analyst, Administration*; Siri Kushner, *Epidemiologist 2, Assessment Program*; Scott Lindquist, *Health Officer*; Beth Lipton, *Epidemiologist 2, Assessment Program*; Maureen Murphy, *Human Resources Manager*; Suzanne Plemmons, *Director, Community Health Division*; Lacey Rhoades, *Confidential Secretary, Administration*; Jim Zimny, *Program Manager, Food and Living Environment Program*

**Public Present:** Monte Levine, *self*; Ann Smith, *League of Women Voters*