

KITSAP PUBLIC HEALTH BOARD

Regular Meeting

May 6, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair, Mayor Patty Lent, at 11:20 a.m.

MINUTES

Commissioner Charlotte Garrido moved and Commissioner Rob Gelder seconded a motion to approve the minutes for the March 4, 2014, regular meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

The contracts on the consent agenda included the following contracts that were verbally reviewed and approved by Board Chair, Mayor Patty Lent on March 26, 2014, and Board Vice Chair, Commissioner Rob Gelder on March 24, 2014:

- Contract 1250: HealthCo, *Centricity Vendor Support*
- Contract 1233: Clallam County Health and Human Services, *Epidemiology Services – Lipton*
- Contract 1225, Amendment 1: Jefferson County Public Health, *Nurse Family Partnership Supervision*
- Contract 960, Amendment 13: Washington Department of Health, *Consolidated Contract*

The following contracts that were verbally reviewed and approved by Board Chair, Mayor Patty Lent and Board Vice Chair, Commissioner Rob Gelder on April 15, 2014, included:

- Contract 1035, Amendment 1: Hood Canal Coordinating Council, *Hood Canal PIC Program*
- Contract 1163, Amendment 1: Washington Department of Ecology, *Local Source Control Partnership and Secondary Containment Voucher Program*

The following contracts were included on the regular Consent Agenda:

- Contract 1256, University of Washington School of Nursing, *Cost and Cost-Drivers of Foundational Public Health Services*
- Contract 960, Amendment 14, *Washington Department of Health, Consolidated Contract*

Commissioner Rob Gelder moved and Mayor Tim Matthes seconded a motion to affirm the agreements previously approved by the Board Chair and Vice Chair and approve the remaining contracts on the Consent Agenda, including the contracts signed update and warrant and Electronic Funds Transfer register. The motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Board Chair Lent invited members of the audience to come forward if they wished to make public comments to the Board. Ms. Maurie Lewis, Vice President of the Bainbridge Island League of Women Voters, informed the Board that the March 29th Suicide Prevention Forum sponsored by the League was very well attended. At the March 4th Board meeting, the League had invited the Board to attend this forum. Ms. Lewis reported that attendees included many

local elected officials and leaders from local agencies. Ms. Lewis said that a video of the forum is available on the League of Women Voters website by clicking on the link to Program Videos. Ms. Lewis concluded her remarks saying that the League is anxious to support the Public Health Board in any way it can to help address the important public health issue of suicide. Board members thanked the League for their work in sponsoring the forum that raised community awareness about this important public health issue.

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT/ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Dr. Scott Lindquist, Health Officer, addressed the Board on the recent measles outbreak in Washington State. He reported that currently there are 12 cases across the state, one of which is a Kitsap County resident. The Kitsap County resident contracted the illness in San Juan County where there are five additional measles cases in addition to six cases in Whatcom County. Lindquist explained that the Kitsap County resident was ill when he returned home from San Juan County and exposed hundreds of people as he moved through the ferry terminal both in Seattle and on Bainbridge Island and on the ferry itself. Lindquist commented that people often think of measles as a relatively harmless childhood illness when in fact it is highly contagious and has a high mortality rate. The Kitsap County resident who was infected was in the hospital for a number of days being treated for the illness. Lindquist informed the Board that dealing with this outbreak has cost the State several hundred thousand dollars. He explained that the only way to protect the population is to get immunized if you were born after 1957. If you were born before 1957, you are presumed to be immune because of the prevalence of the disease in the population at that time. In response to a question from the Board about the cost, Lindquist explained that a person who is infected with measles and moves through a room makes anyone following him into the same room vulnerable to infection for up to two hours after the infected individual has left. Further, Lindquist said that the measles is highly contagious, so a person without immunity would have a 90 percent or higher chance of being infected if exposed to the disease.

Mr. Scott Daniels, Administrator, deferred his report to free up time to focus on the next agenda item.

CASCADE PACIFIC ACTION ALLIANCE KICK-OFF MEETING

Mr. Scott Daniels, Administrator, explained the Health District has received an invitation from the CHOICE Regional Health Network and the Central Western Washington Regional Health Improvement Collaborative to attend a "kick-off" meeting for the Cascade Pacific Action Alliance on May 21st. Daniels explained that the purpose of the alliance is to help drive healthcare reform effectively in the region. The regional alliance being proposed includes Grays Harbor, Lewis, Mason, and Thurston Counties which could be expanded to include Kitsap, Clallam, and Jefferson Counties. Secondly, this group is interested in positioning the regional members of the alliance to take advantage of potential healthcare-related funding through the state's healthcare innovation plan. Mr. Daniels explained that at this point, he is attending these meetings to listen and learn about the potential risks and benefits for the Health District and the residents of Kitsap County if the Health District were to join the Alliance. He emphasized that no decisions will be made without the Board's involvement.

Mr. Daniels explained that in addition to the health insurance access element, there are some less well known elements of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA), including goals surrounding healthcare quality and moving the healthcare system away from the treatment of disease to a prevention model. Daniels explained that as this new healthcare reform model evolves in Washington State, there is the potential to change the structure and funding for public health's work. As was discussed in a Board meeting earlier this year, Daniels reviewed House Bill 2572 which creates the State's Healthcare Innovation Plan and establishes the framework to guide healthcare reform in Washington State. To accomplish this, this plan employs three broad strategies: first, value-based purchasing of healthcare in communities; second, improve health overall by building healthy communities through prevention and early mitigation of disease; and third, improve chronic illness care through better integration of care and social support. The Healthcare Innovation Plan creates so-called "Communities of Health" which Daniels said we are beginning to see regionally across the state. The proposed Cascade Pacific Action Alliance would be a proposed "Community of Health" in our region.

There was a discussion by the Board centering on learning about encouraging a discussion about the framework for moving the conversation forward and a timeline for potential deliverables that can be incorporated into local comprehensive plans as well as questions about costs. The consensus of the Board was to have the Policy Committee review this issue and make a recommendation to the full Board.

ANNUAL KITSAP COUNTY CORE PUBLIC HEALTH INDICATORS REPORT

Ms. Siri Kushner, Epidemiologist 2, provided an overview of the updated 2014 Core Public Health Indicators before the Board broke into two smaller groups to review the data in more detail. Kushner reminded the Board that the core public health indicators have been updated annually since 2006. She noted that the public health indicators provide an overview of the health and well-being of Kitsap residents using demographic and public health data as a lens. This data is then used to inform and prioritize programs and policies that improve the health and well-being of Kitsap County residents. After the Board's review today, the indicators will be posted to the District's website.

Following the conclusion of her presentation at 11:53, Kushner invited the Board to break into two groups and invited audience members to participate by joining a group as well to receive a more in-depth review and discussion about the public health indicators led by the District's two staff epidemiologists, Kushner and Ms. Beth Lipton. The study groups concluded at 12:32 p.m.

ADJOURN

There was no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 12:32 p.m.



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



**Scott Daniels
Administrator**

Board Members Present: *Council Member Sarah Blossom; Mayor Becky Erickson; Commissioner Charlotte Garrido; Commissioner Rob Gelder; Mayor Patty Lent; Mayor Tim Matthes; Commissioner Linda Streissguth*

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: *Karen Boysen-Knapp, Healthy Communities Specialist; Scott Daniels, Administrator; Katie Eilers, Assistant Director, Community Health Division; Keith Grellner, Director, Environmental Health Division; Leslie Hopkins, Program Coordinator 2, Administration; Siri Kushner, Epidemiologist 2, Administration; Scott Lindquist, Health Officer; Beth Lipton, Epidemiologist 2, Administration; Suzanne Plemmons, Director, Community Health Division; Shelley Rose, Public Health Educator, In Person Assister Program; Danielle Schaeffer, Environmental Health Specialist, Healthy Communities Program*

Public Present: *Monte Levine, self; Ron Levy, self; Maurie Louis, League of Women Voters-Kitsap; Leslie Kelly, Bremerton Patriot*