

**CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 19, 2005**

I. ROLL CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by Michael C. Chapman, Chair.

Present: Michael C. Chapman, Chair
Jeanette Stehr-Green, M.D., Vice Chair
Stephen P. Tharinger
Howard "Mike" V. Doherty, Jr.
Jim Leskinovitch
John Beitzel
Camille Scott

Arrived at 1:37

II. AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVAL

JoAnne Dille, Director of HHS, requested the addition of IV. B. Update on ADA Signage. Dr. Stehr-Green moved that we approve the agenda with the addition. Mr. Leskinovitch seconded and the motion carried.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Beitzel moved to adopt the minutes of March 15, 2005. Mr. Doherty seconded and the motion carried.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

V. OLD BUSINESS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A. 2005 Heroes of Health Care Healthy Systems Award. Ms. Dille reported that the local Clallam Citizens for Dental Health group is being recognized for their collaborative efforts to identify, create and support fluoridation in the Port Angeles water system. Mr. Leskinovitch said there will be nine people and their partners attending the Awards Banquet May 5, 2005 from 6:00-7:30 at the Westin Hotel in Seattle.
- B. Update on ADA Signage. Maintenance notified Ms. Dille that the sign has been designed and ordered for the top of the stairs above the Public Health Department. JoAnne reported that the new sign will have clearer language and directional indicators that will help assist the public be aware of the main entrance and the elevator availability. The signs should be installed within a month.

VI. PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PHAC) REPORT

- A. April 7, 2005 Letter re: Port Angeles School District Levy. Dr. P. Stehr-Green reported that the committee submitted a letter to the media offering some public health rationales to support the Port Angeles School Levy. That was sent to media, but has not yet been printed.
- B. Regular meeting – April 1, 2005. Dr. P. Stehr-Green reported that the committee discussed supporting Bill 5319 "Clean Car Bill". The committee sent an e-mail of support to Senator Hargrove's office. They also discussed (for their May meeting) putting some criteria and parameters around the kinds of issues the committee feels are appropriate and relevant to officially support.

Dr. Stehr-Green said the committee is also continuing with their priority setting process. They decided to focus specifically on physical activity – walking programs. One sub-

committee has been developed to look at obesity and the problems with it and a second sub-committee is engaging other partners in the community to see what is already going on and to better coordinate those programs.

Mr. Beitzel suggested contacting the City of Sequim because they currently have some activities happening around obesity.

Dr. J. Stehr-Green asked if the committee had looked at the BRFSS data in conjunction with their priority setting process. Dr. P. Stehr-Green said the committee had briefly discussed the need to evaluate the impact, but they have not discussed any details of that. He said he will bring that suggestion back to the committee.

The Board brought up and discussed the situation of the advisory committee maybe needing to follow the Health & Human Services procedure for media released information. Dr. P. Stehr-Green will bring that issue to the next PHAC meeting.

VII. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Clallam County Food Safety Code – Draft Code. Possible Action Item: Call for Public Hearing May 17, 2005 meeting. Andy Brastad, Environmental Health Manager, announced the press releases offering workshops for the public, having to do with the new state food code. The Board was given the draft of the new local food code for their review (in their packets). When the state code was adopted, the regulators and administrator worked on it and said they would like the local codes to be kept as simple as possible. In keeping with these goals, the draft Clallam County Food Safety code adopts the state code by reference, provides a hearings process for suspensions and revocations that meets current due process standards, and specifies effective dates. Andy said that specific issues will be addressed through policy or informal meetings between Field Service Operators, Environmental Health and the Health Officer.

We have meetings scheduled with the industry on April 25th and 29th. The WAC will be made available to anyone who requests a copy for reference.

Mr. Tharinger moved to call for a Public Hearing for the adoption of the Clallam County Food Safety Code at the next Board of Health meeting on May 17, 2005 at 1:30 in Forks (at Forks Community Hospital Meeting Room). Dr. J. Stehr-Green seconded and the motion carried.

- B. ESSHB 1458 Onsite Sewage Systems in Marine Shoreline Areas. Andy reported that the Washington Counties with marine shoreline designated as sensitive areas with septic systems. The County is to identify the systems, have them inspected by a certified O&M person and to create a database to track them. Andy contacted Vicky Kirkpatrick, Environmental Health Director's Legislative Liaison, who said the Bill is currently on "life support" and probably won't pass. Andy said that we are in support of the House version that says if funding doesn't come to the local health jurisdictions to do the work, then it is null and void. Mr. Doherty will call the Senator's office and tell him Clallam is in support of the Bill if it comes with funding.
- C. Andy reported that the department's water lab sent out a press release notifying the public of its opening for public water testing beginning April 25th. He said that the Forks Health Department and the City of Sequim have water bottles available for distribution. We have created a database to track the samples, fees and other relevant information. We will work on necessary adjustments as they come up.

VIII. HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

- A. Health Officer's Memo. The Board accepted Dr. Locke's memo as his monthly report.
- B. Legislative Update. (see attachment in Board packet)

C. HIV Rule Revision. (see attachment in Board packet)

IX. HEALTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Strategic Planning Update. Ms. Dille said she will have a report for the Board at the next meeting.

X. OTHER

Mr. Leskinovitch announced that OMC has new lab equipment to test for STDs. All local physicians, Family Planning and the Health Department are in the process of being notified.

Ms. Dille announced that after two years with us, Stacie Neff, HHS Epidemiologist, has taken a position at OMC and will be leaving the department on April 27th. Stacie will still be available to the department as a resource. HHS will recruit to refill the position.

Mr. Chapman discussed hearing about the Bird Flu being announced as "ready, willing and genetically able to mutate".

Dr. J. Stehr-Green noted reading (in the CDC publication MMWR) about a survey done of high school students that there is a 28% rate of smokers. Those are just the students in school, so students not in school may be higher.

XI. ACTIVITIES CALENDAR UPDATE

XII. NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

The next Board of Health meeting will be held at the Forks Community Hospital in the main conference room. Mr. Doherty would like to schedule a brief presentation on the Tele-Med equipment available on the West End and its potential uses. Kathryn McDaniel, Health Services Manager, offered the Board the opportunity to tour the Forks Health Department during the trip.

Dr. Stehr-Green said she would like to have a discussion at the next Board of Health meeting, which is the one year anniversary of the expansion of the Clallam County Board of Health, as to whether it has proved beneficial.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Stehr-Green moved to adjourn the meeting of April 19, 2005 at 2:58 p.m. Mr. Beitzel seconded and the motion carried.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED THIS _____ DAY
OF _____ 2005.

CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Michael C. Chapman, Chair

Jeanette Stehr-Green, M.D., Vice Chair

ATTEST:

Rene A. Leonard, Clerk of the Board

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