

**CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S MEETING ROOM
SEPTEMBER 20, 2005**

I. ROLL CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:34 p.m. by Mike Chapman, Chair.

Present: Michael C. Chapman, Chair
Jeanette Stehr-Green, M.D., Vice Chair
Howard "Mike" V. Doherty, Jr. (via: conference call)
Jim Leskinovitch
John Beitzel
Camille Scott

Excused: Stephen P. Tharinger

II. AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Dr. Locke suggested moving the Public Hearing and the Water Availability/Adequacy Policy action items up to follow Item # III. Dr. Stehr-Green moved to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Leskinovitch seconded and the motion carried.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Stehr-Green moved to approve the minutes of August 16, 2005. Mr. Leskinovitch seconded and the motion carried.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Public Health Fee Schedule Revisions. Dr. Locke presented the Final Draft of the Public Health Fee Schedule. He reviewed the following proposed changes: 1) vaccine charges will be based on a "cost plus" approach (i.e., vaccine purchase price plus other acquisition and storage costs); 2) office visit fees will be increased from \$12 to \$15; 3) a traveler's consultation fee will be added for walk-in services.

Mr. Chapman opened the Public Hearing. Comments were received from one member of the community: Linda Nutter said it seems appropriate to have a fee schedule to cover our costs and that the County shouldn't give away everything.

Mr. Leskinovitch moved to close the Public Hearing. Mr. Beitzel seconded it and the motion carried.

Dr. Stehr-Green moved to adopt the proposed Public Health Fee Schedule as written. Mr. Beitzel seconded and the motion carried.

V. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Andy Brastad presented the Final Draft of the Water Availability/Adequacy Policy for Building Permit Applications. The Board saw a draft in July 2005. Since that time, Andy met with the DCD Director and the building officials and asked for comments. He did not receive any comments. He revised the draft policy adding a "Decision Tree" to assist staff in explaining the policy to the public. Our goal is to standardize how we apply water adequacy requirements in the best interest of public health. Andy spoke to Julie Triggs, Permit Technician Supervisor, and if the policy is approved will provide inservice training for staff this coming week.

Mr. Beitzel moved to approve the Water Availability/Adequacy for Building Permit Applications Policy as written. Dr. Stehr-Green seconded and the motion carried.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

VII. OLD BUSINESS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A. Household Hazardous Waste Event, September 23-25, 2005. A color flyer promoting this year's household hazardous waste event is included in the Board's packet. In addition, an ad was placed in the newspaper and an insert included in the PUD billing. Andy reported that this may be the last county sponsored event. The Household Hazardous Waste Events as well as the Business Hazardous Waste Collection Events have been growing each year. Next year the plan is to transfer the activity to be available year round to the City of Port Angeles Moderate Risk Waste Facility Transfer Station.

Mr. Leskinovitch said he would like to see a pamphlet itemizing where to recycle specific items. Mr. Chapman said a good website for recycling information is 2GOOD2TOSS.com

- B. Fluoridation Lawsuit Dismissed. Dr. Locke reported that the lawsuit seeking to reverse the Port Angeles City Council's decision to fluoridate their community water system was dismissed by a Jefferson County Judge. There has been a motion filed for reconsideration, but with each step of the process, the City Council's actions have been affirmed, so this continues to move in the direction that this will eventually yield the beneficial enhancement of the City's water system.
- C. Region 2 Public Health Newsletter. Dr. Locke briefly presented the Region 2 Public Health Newsletter that will appear in the Board's packet every three months as an informational item. The three counties contribute to the contents of the newsletter. This one is gearing up for Flu Season. The newsletter also includes a quarterly reportable disease case summary for Region 2 counties.

VIII. PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PHAC) REPORT

No September meeting.

IX. HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

- A. West Nile Virus Detected in Washington State. Dr. Locke reported that two batches of mosquitoes and one dead bird have tested positive for West Nile Virus in the Yakima area. A horse case has also been detected south of Walla Walla.

Since we are in the peak season for West Nile Virus transmission right now, it is very unlikely that we will see any significant outbreak activity in Washington State this year. We may still see more positive bird cases this year, but significant numbers of human cases become increasingly unlikely as the weather cool.

- B. Operation Evergreen – WA State Hurricane Katrina Response. Dr. Locke said the public health response has been impressive. Early on, the Governor did what was needed officially to allow Washington State to participate in the assistance. The state has offered to take displaced people, yet few have accepted this offer to date.

The request of Washington State as of yesterday was to try to recruit 24 public health workers familiar with the Women Infants and Children program to get people enrolled in this program.

Locally we have had an upsurge in vaccinations needed by people headed to the Gulf states. Some won't be able to get their complete series before they go, but are still getting them started.

A summary was included in the Board's packet of actions underway by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as state and local public health officials. The public health ramifications from this disaster are anticipated to last for months and/or years.

- B. Community Exercise Programs – The Win Win With Walking (W-4) Competition and the Governor's Health Bowl 2005. Dr. Locke said W-4 originated through the Public Health Advisory Committee (it was proposed by Barbara Mason and Richard Welch, committee members). The W-4 Program is proposed to occur between the communities in Diamond Point and Sunland to promote walking. Blood pressure, height and weight baseline measurements will also be offered. The draft program brochure was included in the Board's packet.

Mr. Doherty mentioned that a man, Ken Rolfe, in Clallam Bay would like to speak to someone about putting in one of the self station walking trails. He asked Mr. Beitzel if he could be of any assistance to him. Mr. Beitzel added that the City of Sequim had a map developed of Sequim walking routes that will be mounted on public restrooms at Carrie Blake and Seal Street Parks. Mr. Beitzel will contact the people who organized the Sequim routes and connect them with the person in Clallam Bay.

The Washington Health Foundation is also promoting a statewide exercise program called the Health Bowl. It is a project to encourage communities across Washington State to start walking programs in competition with each other.

Mr. Beitzel also mentioned a "Walk Across Washington" through the Association of Washington Cities Wellness Division.

- D. Pumper Magazine – Clallam County in the National News. An article about Clallam County's Septics of Concern Program was included in the August issue of Pumper Magazine. The same article was run in the Installer Magazine.

Andy reported that Val Streeter, Water Quality Technician, has informed him that the latest round of testing at the mouth of Matriotti Creek and Dungeness River meet water quality standards. He also announced that Val was instrumental in getting this program together and making it successful, but Friday is her last day and she will be moving to the Marysville area to be closer to her family.

X. OTHER

Mr. Beitzel asked the status of replacing the open positions in HHS. Interviews were held for the nursing position last Friday and we are currently checking references and should be able to make an offer within the next two days. Applications for the Director and Public Health Manager positions have been received but are still in process and should start interviews in early October. The Epidemiologist position is on hold until we know what the budgets and other considerations will allow us to fund long term. We have other options for the Epidemiologist position through Region 2 and contracted services if needed.

Dr. Stehr-Green asked about the letter that was cc'd to the Board members from the Forks Open Air Market and how it was going to be handled. Andy said he, Dr. Locke and Robin Monroe will be meeting soon. Andy will provide the Board with a copy of the letter that is returned to the organization.

Dr. Stehr-Green asked about the status of the STD project. Dr. Locke explained that we are waiting to get the Community Health Nurse replacement on board to take the lead on that project.

XI. ACTIVITIES CALENDAR UPDATE

Multi County Board of Health Meeting re: Marine Water Quality
Tuesday November 8th, 11AM-1PM, Kitsap Health District Auditorium, Bremerton

Walk for Health Fundraiser for the Dungeness Valley Health Clinic October 22nd starting at Carrie Blake Park in Sequim

Mr. Leskinovitch will not be in attendance for the next two months – out of the area.

XII. NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Stehr-Green moved to adjourn the meeting of September 20, 2005 at 2:50 p.m. Mr. Beitzel seconded and the motion carried.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED THIS _____ DAY
OF _____ 2005.

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ATTEST:

Rene A. Leonard, Clerk of the Board