

**CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM
DECEMBER 16, 2008**

I. ROLL CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:37 P.M. by Michael Chapman, Chair.

Present: Michael C. Chapman, Chair
Stephen P. Tharinger
Howard "Michael" V. Doherty, Jr.
Camille Scott
Jeanette Stehr-Green, MD
Betsy Wharton

Excused: John E. Beitzel

II. AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Dr. Jeanette Stehr-Green moved to approve the agenda. Mike Doherty seconded and the motion carried.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 18, 2008 MEETING

Dr. Jeanette Stehr-Green moved to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2008 Board of Health meeting. Betsy Wharton seconded and the motion carried.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Trish Holden addressed the Board regarding her concerns about non-compliance and enforcement of Initiative 901.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Flu View 2008

Dr. Tom Locke reviewed the Weekly Influenza Surveillance Report summary included in the BOH packet for today's meeting.

B. November Epi Trends

Dr. Locke also reviewed *epiTRENDS*, A Monthly Bulletin on Communicable Disease Epidemiology and Public Health Practice in Washington State.

C. Flu Vaccine for Kids and Teens in Good Supply

Dr. Locke reported, because of the severe budget crisis in the State of Washington, the State sponsored system of providing vaccines for children, at no cost to the public, will probably come under intensive review this year in Olympia. Influenza is among the sponsored vaccines.

D. Response Letter from Gregg Grunenfelder

In this letter, addressed to Dr. Eloise Kailin regarding her question of whether or not the product used by the City of Port Angeles to fluoridate the city's water supply meets the regulatory requirements of the Washington State Department of Health, Mr. Grunenfelder states the product is NSF Standard 60 certified and does meet the requirements of the State's regulations.

VI. PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PHAC) REPORT

December 12, 2008 Meeting Report

In Norma Turner's, PHAC Chair, absence Iva Burks reported:

- a letter from the PHAC recognizing Olympic Medical Center's (OMC) recently initiated smoke-free campus policy will be presented by Norma at OMC's next board meeting;
- three Committee members, Norma Turner, Virginia Clark and Allen Lapin, have requested reappointment for another term on the PHAC;
- members will hold a roundtable meeting, on January 23 or 30, regarding their ideas for the Washington Health Foundation and applying for a grant.

VII. HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

A. I-901 Enforcement Options

Dr. Locke reported the State Supreme Court handed down a decision, in September of this year, about contested issues regarding the enforceability of I-901's restrictions on indoor smoking in public places and places of employment. I-901 assigned enforcement of statutory changes to local health departments without specific means to do so. After reviewing various enforcement options available and their success to date, he requested the Board of Health direct staff to develop a draft ordinance, modeled after Jefferson County's, which links food service establishment licenses to compliance of I-901.

Dr. Jeanette Stehr-Green moved to direct Dr. Tom Locke and his staff to draft an ordinance to enforce I-901, modeled after Jefferson County's, and bring it back to the Board of Health. Camille Scott seconded and the motion carried.

B. Public Health Mutual Aid Agreements: Inter-County, County-Tribal, and State-Province

Dr. Locke updated the BOH on progress in developing a Mutual Aid Agreement for public health emergencies. Potential parties to the agreement are the three public health jurisdictions (Clallam, Jefferson and Kitsap Counties) know as Region 2 and the seven Tribal governments that share boundaries with these three counties.

VIII. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH MANAGER'S REPORT

Program Updates

Andy Brastad provided updates on the following:

- the homeowner education grant project, funded by the Department of Ecology, is expected to begin in January;
- a proposal was submitted last week, to the Department of Ecology, to fund ordinance development that may be required when the in-stream flow rule for the Dungeness becomes effective;
- the department is working on a proposal that continues to support the water exchange development which will be part of the in-stream flow rule;
- DOH anticipated reductions in services statewide as it relates to EH.

IX. HEALTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Department of Health Budget Cuts for Remainder of 2007-2009 Biennium

Iva Burks reported the State Department of Health must reduce spending by \$7.1 million before June 30, 2009; she reviewed the current fiscal year budget reductions noting tribes and local health jurisdictions do not have big program cuts from DOH at this time.

B. Program Updates

The chemical dependency mental health task force has been busy with contract renewals and new program funding requests.

X. PROGRAM MANAGER'S REPORT

Chris Hurst reported:

- 100% of the Public Health Department staff received flu shots this year;
- after 11 months, the syringe exchange program in Forks has been discontinued due to lack of attendance.

XI. ACTIVITIES CALENDAR UPDATE

XII. FUTURE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

The January 2009 Board of Health meeting will be held January 27, 2008, in the **BOCC Conference Room**.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no objection, Mike Chapman adjourned the meeting at 3:12 P.M.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED THIS _____
DAY OF _____ 2008.

CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Michael C. Chapman, Chair

Camille Scott, Vice-Chair

ATTEST:

Patricia Richards, Clerk of the Board

Howard V. Doherty, Jr.

Stephen P. Tharinger

John E. Beitzel

Jeanette K. Stehr-Green, MD

Betsy Wharton