

**CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING ROOM  
FEBRUARY 19, 2008**

**I. ROLL CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 1:36 P.M. by Michael Chapman, Chair.

Present: Michael C. Chapman, Chair  
Howard "Mike" V. Doherty, Jr.  
Jeanette Stehr-Green, M.D.  
Stephen P. Tharinger

**II. AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

Dr. Jeanette Stehr-Green proposed the following addition to the agenda:

Mike Chapman report on his communications regarding enforcement of civil infractions related to I-901.

Steve Tharinger moved to accept the agenda as amended. It was seconded and the motion carried.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 15, 2008 MEETING**

Dr. Jeanette Stehr-Green moved to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2008 Board of Health meeting. Steve Tharinger seconded and the motion carried.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Eloise Kailin, M.D., Secretary of Protect the Peninsula's Future (PPF), read a letter she distributed to the Board regarding what the PPF believes to be unlawful activity, failure to warn, misrepresentations, and liability involving the commercial fluoride additive currently being used to treat the Port Angeles municipal water supply.
  - Dr. Locke will ask the State Department of Health, since they are the regulatory agency for the water system in Port Angeles, if they feel the additive meets "ANSI/NSF Standard 60" for public water system additives.
- Reverend Lynne Lohr expressed her concerns regarding global warming and the hazards of cell phone radiation.
- Judy Larson stated she would like to see "pumpers," after going through the same training homeowners will be required to complete, be part of the professional certified inspectors for conventional gravity systems.
- A gentleman expressed his concerns regarding the cost to the individual home owner to comply with the on-site septic system code.
- Judy Larson suggested the restricted areas for outdoor burning be extended.

## **V. OLD BUSINESS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **A. Letter from Washington State Board of Health**

Dr. Tom Locke reported he received a letter from the Washington State Board of Health requesting that a Board member and staff visit the Clallam County Board of Health and attend the meeting on June 17, 2008. Dr. Locke conveyed acceptance to the WSBOH and the BOH concurred.

### **B. Enforcement of Civil Infractions**

Mike Chapman reported staff is working closely with the Prosecutor's office regarding enforcement of the non-smoking policy.

## **VI. PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT**

No Report

## **VII. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

### **A. Environmental Health Legislative Issues**

Andy Brastad reported briefly on several bills being considered in the legislature related to environmental health issues.

### **B. On-site Sewage Workgroup – 2/11/08 Meeting Update**

Andy reviewed the workgroup's meeting. They recommended the following:

When a homeowner gets certified to inspect their own system, they may help up to 10 other homeowners, per year, inspect their systems as long there is no charge.

### **C. On-site Code**

Andy met Doug Jensen, of the Prosecutor's office, who will be working with staff regarding environmental health regulations.

### **D. Department Update**

Currently the EH department has two staff on extended leave and another is scheduled to go on extended leave in May. Due to this staffing shortage Andy is talking with Jefferson County about helping with local source control specialists' inspections. This is a regional activity with Kitsap County overseeing the contract with Ecology.

## **VIII. HEALTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

### **Blue Ribbon Commission ("5930") Funding for Public Health Priorities – 2008 Workplan Goals**

Iva reviewed the information she distributed to the Board regarding the priorities established by the 5930 Performance Measures Committee and the 5930 Activities and Services Committee. Performance measures were established for each of these areas:

- increase the uptake of new and underutilized vaccines
- timely, complete identification and standard, effective investigation of notifiable conditions per WAC 246-101.

## **IX. HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT**

### **A. 2008 Legislative Session: Public Health Issues**

1. Dr. Tom Locke reported on SB 6300, regarding mercury-containing vaccines, did not make it through Committee before the cut-off. Health officials were concerned this bill would prohibit access to influenza and tetanus vaccine for pregnant women.
2. On the health access front, there were a number of bills introduced this year; none have yet made it through the legislature. Several have been turned into study lists. The legislature is expected to take significant action on health care access in 2009.

### **B. 2007-08 Seasonal Influenza Activity**

Dr. Locke reported that we are in the midst of widespread activity influenza in Washington State. Several of this year's circulating strains of influenza are not close matches to the strains chosen for this year's vaccine. The net effect is that only one-half of the people who were vaccinated are optimally protected from the type of influenza they are likely to encounter. The constant mutation of the influenza virus makes it necessary to change the vaccine components from year to year.

### **C. Victoria Sewage Treatment Update**

Dr. Locke reviewed an e-mail from a Canadian citizen, Tyler Ahlgren, and a letter he had sent to Governor Gregoire, requesting that Washington State officials write letters urging Canadian officials to continue with implementation of a wastewater treatment system for the City of Victoria. Mr. Ahlgren also requested Dr. Locke write a letter of support to the specified recipients.

The Board of Health directed Dr. Locke to respond to the letter restating the Board's position in support of the wastewater treatment plant.

## **X. PROGRAM MANAGER'S REPORT**

**A. February HHS Newsletter**

Chris Hurst reported the emphasis of the newsletters is tied to at least one of the monthly “Observances” in the healthcare community. The March newsletter’s emphasis will be tuberculosis as “Tuberculosis Day” occurs that month.

**B. Public Health Staffing**

1. As a result of the 5930 funds, the Department is currently advertising for a full time RN position to help administer the communicable diseases and immunization programs.
2. A nurse has been hired, and will start in March, to work in the sexually transmitted diseases area.

**XI. ACTIVITIES CALENDAR UPDATE**

**XII. NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS**

**XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- A gentleman expressed his concern for the environmental impacts of lead-containing bullets at the Port Angeles Gun Club. He suggested the State of Washington look into requiring copper bullets at shooting ranges.
- Judy Larson suggested video taping field trips the County may take related to on-site sewage systems.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Jeanette Stehr-Green moved to adjourn the meeting. Mike Doherty seconded and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:12 P.M.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_  
DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ 2008.

CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

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Michael C. Chapman, Chair

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Camille Scott, Vice-Chair

ATTEST:

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Patricia Richards, Clerk of the Board

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Howard V. Doherty, Jr.

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Stephen P. Tharinger

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John E. Beitzel

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Jeanette K. Stehr-Green, MD

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