

**CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING ROOM
MARCH 18, 2008**

I. ROLL CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 P.M. by Michael Chapman, Chair.

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

II. AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Dr. Tom Locke proposed the following addition to the agenda under Old Business:

Response to Dr. Eloise Kailin's, Secretary of Protect the Peninsula's Future,
Challenge to the Legality of the Use of Fluorosilic Acid in the Port Angeles
Water Supply

Dr. Jeanette Stehr-Green moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Dr. Locke's proposal. It was seconded and the motion carried.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 19, 2008 MEETING

Dr. Jeanette Stehr-Green requested the minutes be changed as follows:

X. B. 1.

From: "...administer communicable diseases and immunizations."

To: "...administer communicable diseases and immunization programs."

Dr. Jeanette Stehr-Green moved to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2008 Board of Health meeting as changed. Steve Tharinger seconded and the motion carried.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Norma Turner announced the League of Women Voters is sponsoring a forum, Understanding Hospice, on April 17th, 2:00 – 4:00 P.M., at the Unitarian Church in Agnew.

V. OLD BUSINESS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. 2007 Health of Washington State Report

Dr. Locke briefly reviewed this report that comes out every five years. It can be found, in its entirety, at www.doh.wa.gov/hws.

B. Response to Dr. Eloise Kailin's (Secretary of Protect the Peninsula's Future), Challenge to the Legality of the Use of Fluorosilicic Acid in the Port Angeles Water Supply

Dr. Locke contacted the Washington State Department of Health regarding this concern. He heard back from Denise Clifford, Director of the Office of Drinking Water, assuring him they are satisfied the Fluorosilicic Acid additives used by the City of Port Angeles fully met all the federal standards and are in compliance with Washington State law.

VI. PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Norma Turner, Chair of PHAC, reported on the recent activities of the Committee:

- There are two new members on the PHAC: Mel Melmed, RN, and Jack Flaig, retired hospital administrator
- The Committee sent a letter to each of the five school districts in Clallam County requesting a synopsis of their curricula for health and physical education.
- Norma asked the Board what their next step is in getting hand washing signs up in the courthouse. The Board requested Andy Brastad, Environmental Health Director, give hand washing signs to the maintenance department for posting in the restrooms.
- The PHAC is also requesting the BOH create a resolution regarding the importance of hand washing; then use that resolution to send out to government entities and major industry as to why it's helpful to have reminders. The Board requested Dr. Locke send a press release, to coincide with National Public Health Week in April, reminding the public of the importance of washing their hands.

VII. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Environmental Health Legislative Wrap-up

Andy Brastad reported on several bills considered in the last legislative session related to environmental health issues.

Shore Bank was not successful in getting funding for expansion of their program into Clallam County.

B. Program Updates

1. Monday, March 24th, the On-site Septic System Workgroup will meet. They will be revisiting the on-site maintenance provider recommendations made previously and see if there is further discussion about having a two-tier system. Also, they will look at preliminary work done on funding mechanisms for the on-site program.
2. Andy reported on a project called Agritourism Home Stay. This project allows people to stay at farms as guests/workers. There will be three pilot project areas: Clallam, Skagit and Stevens Counties. More information will be forthcoming.
3. On February 29th, the Environmental Health staff met to discuss 2007 accomplishments and set goals for 2008. Andy will share the report of that meeting with the BOH when they next meet on April 15.

VIII. HEALTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. 5930 Performance Measures: The Metrics

Iva Burks reviewed the Metrics to Support 5930 Performance Measures.

B. Staffing Issues

Iva reported:

- a RN for the HIV/STD Program has been hired and will start April 7
- interviewing is ongoing for a nurse to administer the expanded CD and Immunization services to be funded by "5930" legislative appropriations
- the Department is advertising for a Child with Special Health Care Needs Nurse.

IX. HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

A. Healthiest State in the Nation: Clallam County Role

Dr. Locke reported he was visited by a delegation from the Washington Health Foundation. The Foundation is asking Clallam County to seriously look at being a participant in the Healthiest State in the Nation Campaign. He briefly reviewed:

- 2008 Healthiest State Policy Priorities Overview
- The Health of Washington State 2007 sections on Obesity and Overweight, Physical Activity, and Nutrition

B. Legislative Wrap-up

All the healthcare access issues are rolled up into Senate Bill 6333 which recently passed the Washington State Legislature. This bill sets up a process to study different health care access proposals in Washington State with the goal of bringing specific reform proposals to the Legislature during the 2009-10 session.

C. Region 2 Public Health Newsletter

Dr. Locke reviewed the current issue which deals with the flu season and communicable disease surveillance data.

X. PROGRAM MANAGER'S REPORT

March HHS Newsletter

The Program Manager was not present.

XI. ACTIVITIES CALENDAR UPDATE

XII. NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Jeanette Stehr-Green moved to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:20 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

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