

**CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING ROOM  
APRIL 15, 2008**

**I. ROLL CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 1:34 P.M. by Michael Chapman, Chair.

Present: Michael C. Chapman, Chair  
John Beitzel  
Camille Scott, Vice-Chair  
Jeanette Stehr-Green, M.D.  
Stephen P. Tharinger  
Betsy Wharton

**II. AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

Dr. Jeanette Stehr-Green moved to approve the agenda. John Beitzel seconded and the motion carried.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MARCH 18, 2008 MEETING**

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

**V. B.**

From: "...additives used by the City of Port Angeles fully **met** all the..."

To: "...additives used by the City of Port Angeles fully **meet** all the..."

Dr. Jeanette Stehr-Green moved to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2008 Board of Health meeting as amended. Steve Tharinger seconded and the motion carried.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Ron Browning addressed the Board expressing his concerns regarding the shortage of primary care physicians in the area.

**V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**Press Release Regarding Hand Washing**

Dr. Tom Locke reviewed the press release entitled "Hand Washing: a Cheap, Easy, and Effective Way to Prevent Infection" that was prepared for National Public Health Week at the Board's request.

## **VI. PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PHAC) REPORT**

Norma Turner, Chair of the PHAC, reported on the April 11, 2008 meeting:

- The Committee selected hand washing signs to be placed in the courthouse restrooms. Norma passed around the two top choices for the Board's final decision.
- The Committee discussed priority goals for the next year. The first goal, from a list of several, is "public awareness of public health issues." Dan McKeen, Port Angeles Fire Chief and member of the PHAC, has offered to talk to staff at KONP radio station about scheduling an hour each month on the Todd Ortloff Show. Someone representing the Committee would talk about current public health issues. Dan will also talk with John Brewer, of the Peninsula Daily News, regarding a monthly column in the newspaper.
- There are multiple openings on the PHAC; three applications have been received. After some members meet with the applicants individually, the Committee will advise the BOH of their recommendations for appointment.
- The PHAC would like to invite a representative from the Washington Health Foundation to come to the Peninsula and talk about the Healthiest State in the Nation campaign in a public format.
- The Committee is still pursuing information from the Clallam County School Districts regarding their physical education and health curricula. The goal is to identify opportunities to assist the School Districts in promoting healthy lifestyle education and activities for their students.

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

### **A. Environmental Health Division Accomplishments for 2007 and Goals for 2008**

Andy Brastad briefly reviewed the Environmental Health Section's goals and accomplishments for 2007 and the goals for 2008. This work was performed at the EH staff's annual Goals and Accomplishments Meeting earlier this year. Utilizing this process for annual review of all HHS programs was discussed.

### **B. On-site Sewage Code Revision Update**

Andy reported the on-site work group has recommended revising the Code to include a two-tier licensing process for sewage system maintenance providers which would require:

“...one level of certification for inspections of conventional gravity OSS, and a second level of certification for inspections of alternative pressurized OSS. The training requirements would be more extensive for the second-tier certification.”

Andy hopes to ask the Board to call for a public hearing at the May BOH meeting to be held at the June BOH meeting.

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

Iva Burks reported:

- An Oral Health Contractor, replacing the in-house oral hygienist, has been found. He is a local dentist who is ABCD (Access to Baby and Child Dentistry) certified and has agreed to do the assessments and education for the Department. Once a month he will go to Forks and Sequim; every week he will be in Port Angeles.
- A Children with Special Health Care Needs nurse has been hired. One vacancy remains for a staff position to be funded with new state appropriations for communicable disease control and immunization services.
- There have been a few more I-901 complaints. Mike Chapman reported the Prosecutor is monitoring the State Attorney General's effort to deal with statewide challenges to enforcement authority.
- Iva reported she received a request, also sent to Jefferson, Kitsap and Thurston Counties, from the Mason Board of Health proposing a joint meeting of the four Boards of Health to discuss "water quality efforts." The Board requested Iva respond to the Mason County Director of Public Health stating we are interested in a joint meeting of the Counties and would send a delegate to attend.

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

### **A. 2008 Public Health Week: Climate Change – Our Health in the Balance**

Dr. Tom Locke reported last week was National Public Health Week. He briefly reviewed the information distributed in the packets for today's BOH meeting and referred members to the National Public Health Week Website for additional information. In the future, possibly June or July, there will be a local presentation on the observed and potential public health impacts of climate change.

### **B. Health Professions Shortage Area/Medically Underserved Population Designation Changes**

Dr. Locke reported Clallam County has two different Health Professions Shortage Area (HPSA) designations. Western Clallam County has long held the designation of a geographic HPSA, the highest level of need. Central and eastern Clallam County are designated as a low income and homeless population HPSA.

The Federal Government is in the process of changing the criteria for designation of HPSA. These changes could potentially impact designation of the West End as a geographic HPSA and reduce eligibility for certain enhanced payment benefits. The Board of Health, with no objection, asked Dr. Locke, with Camille Scott's input, put together a letter commenting on the proposed rule changes and their impact on Clallam County. The electronic letter should list the names and respective representation of the full Board.

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

Chris Hurst reported:

- The Work Plan for 5930 funding has been completed.
- As of April 1, HIV Case Management for Clallam County has been combined to include Jefferson County; bringing the total number of HIV patients in the two counties to 40.
- The bi-annual WIC site visit occurred yesterday. The Department is in total compliance with the program; no problems were found.

## **XI. ACTIVITIES CALENDAR UPDATE**

Norma Turner, PHAC Chair, announced the League of Women Voters' "Understanding Hospice" Forum will be held this Thursday, April 17, 2:00 – 4:00 P.M.; there will be presentations from Assured Hospice and Volunteer Hospice.

## **XII. FUTURE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS**

- State BOH is sending a delegation to meet with local BOH in June
- Public Hearing for OSS in June
- Meet in Forks in August

## **XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Dr. Eloise Kailin spoke of her concern regarding the safety of the fluorosolicic acid currently being added to the local public water supply.
- Mr. Ron Browning expressed his concern for the public's lack of information regarding Board of Health issues. He suggested utilizing a medium other than the local press.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved to adjourn the meeting. Steve Tharinger seconded and the motion carried.  
The meeting adjourned at 3:10 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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