

**CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING ROOM
MAY 20, 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
Stephen P. Tharinger
Howard "Michael" V. Doherty, Jr.
John Beitzel
Camille Scott, Vice-Chair

II. AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Dr. Tom Locke added to OLD BUSINESS:

3. Comment on Health Profession Shortage Area Rule

Steve Tharinger moved to approve the agenda as modified. John Beitzel seconded and the motion carried.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE APRIL 15, 2008 MEETING

John Beitzel moved to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2008 Board of Health meeting. Camille Scott seconded and the motion carried.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Eloise Kailin distributed copies of an article from Scientific American magazine regarding fluoridation. She addressed the Board of Health with her concerns regarding the toxicity of fluoridation.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Behavioral Risk Factor Information Website

Dr. Tom Locke briefly described the data available on this website (<https://fortress.wa.gov/doh/brfss>) which provides information on health risk behaviors for people in Washington state. Information is obtained from an annual randomized telephone interview. Information is available for individual counties on this website.

B. Healthiest State in the Nation Policy Goals - Revised

Dr. Locke reviewed the latest policy goals of the Washington Health Foundation. The three broad areas are:

Promoting Community Health
Investing in Prevention
Increasing Value in Health Services

C. Comment on Health Profession Shortage Area Rule

Dr. Locke reviewed the letter he developed for the Board to Ms. Andy Jordan, Health Resources and Services Administration at the Department of Health and Human Services, regarding the designation of MUPs and HPSAs. The Board agreed the letter should be sent as presented.

VI. PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PHAC) REPORT

Dr. Locke reviewed the highlights of the PHAC meeting held May 9th:

The Committee is interested in taking the lead in Clallam County with the Healthiest State in the Nation Campaign. Don Sloma will be invited to present on this subject sometime this summer. In addition, the Committee is interested in organizing a community forum with 15 – 20 leaders from local organizations who are able to commit to some Campaign objectives.

VII. HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

A. Measles in Washington State

Dr. Locke updated the Board on the measles outbreak occurring in Grant County.

B. Survey of Veterinarians in Clallam, Jefferson, and Kitsap Counties

Dr. Locke reported there are four epidemiologists working for the three-county region based out of Bremerton. The attached survey of veterinarians in the three counties is part of an effort to improve emergency preparedness and the control of zoonotic diseases.

C. 2008 Cross Border Public Health Conference

This Conference, held May 14 – 16, 2008, although open to all Canadian provinces and U.S. states, focuses primarily on British Columbia and Washington State working together. British Columbia is ramping up for the 2010 Winter Olympics to be held in the Vancouver area. A large number of people are expected to travel through Washington State, primarily through the I-5 corridor. They are especially concerned if a mass casualty event were to occur; they have set up plans for a large scale regional response. Tourist transit, for this event, through Port Angeles and Victoria is not expected to be significantly increased.

VIII. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT

In Andy Brastad's absence, Dr. Locke reported:

A. Memo – On-site Code Revision Update

- The latest draft of the On-site Rule is ready for public review.
- Last week some members of the On-site Sewage System (OSS) Work Group visited one conventional OSS being installed and two in-use systems.
- The EH Division is working with the Washington On-site Sewage System Association (WOSSA) in an effort to hold up to six homeowner OSS self-inspection classes in June.

B. Recommended Call for Public Hearing re: Revisions to Clallam County Code 41.20; On-site Sewage Systems for June 17, 2008 Board of Health Meeting

Steve Tharinger moved to call for hearing on the revised code for On-site Sewage Systems Code 41-20 at the June 17, 2008 Board of Health Meeting. John Beitzel seconded and the motion carried.

IX. HEALTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT

In Iva Burk's absence, Dr. Locke reported:

- Several nursing positions have been filled; the new staff are in the process of being trained.
- Target TB Testing has been put on the back burner until the Department can get fully staffed.

X. PROGRAM MANAGER'S REPORT

Chris Hurst reported:

The Standards Assessment was conducted last week and the results will be available in a few months.

XI. ACTIVITIES CALENDAR UPDATE

XII. FUTURE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

State BOH is sending a delegation to meet with the Clallam County BOH in June.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

John Beitzel moved to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:42 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