

KITSAP COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
Regular Meeting
April 10, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 11:24 a.m.

MINUTES

The minutes for the March 6, 2007, meetings were approved as modified.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Status of Application Submittals (enclosed)

Keith Grellner, Deputy Director of Environmental Health, reported that building site applications in the first quarter of 2007 have returned to normal levels, following a 30 percent decrease in the fourth quarter of 2006. Dr. Lindquist commented that this is good news for the District and will positively affect the District's budget projections.

B. Kitsap Transit Challenge

Dr. Lindquist and John Claussen of Kitsap Transit have agreed to put their agencies head to head in a weight loss challenge. While this challenge is in good fun, Dr. Lindquist remarked that excess weight is a key public health challenge in the United States and underscores the District's commitment to addressing this issue.

C. Public Health Legislative Funding Update

Dr. Lindquist brought the Board up-to-date on the status of the bills in the current legislative session pertaining to stable public health funding. The current bills will fund \$20 million compared to the \$100 million requested. The house and senate versions of these bills still need to be reconciled in budget committee. The shortfall will have implications for the 2007 budget, which will need to be addressed in future board meetings.

ONSITE SEWAGE REGULATIONS DISCUSSION, CONTINUED

Jerry Deeter, Director of Environmental Health, along with Keith Grellner, continued the discussion that was begun at the March Board meeting, going into more detail regarding the effect changes to waste water treatment regulations will have on Kitsap County residents.

Mr. Deeter reviewed the recent legislative history of the current regulation changes. In 2005, the Washington State Board of Health adopted new state regulations (WAC 246-272A) that will go into effect in July 2007. These regulations introduce new requirements for on-site septic systems. The new regulations identify local health jurisdictions as the regulatory agency as well as the responsible implementing agency.

In March 2006, the legislature approved Third Substitute House Bill 1458 which consolidates the previous sensitive area regulations into the local management plan and introduces expanded requirements for the 12 marine counties.

Counties affected by the regulation must designate marine recovery areas under certain conditions. Marine recovery areas are shellfish growing areas that are negatively impacted by on-site sewage systems contributing to shellfish closures and downgrades. Marine recovery areas may be identified in three ways: as threatened shellfish growing areas as determined by the Department of Health, marine waters listed on the Department of Ecology's 303D list of waters for low dissolved oxygen content or fecal coliform, or marine waters identified as a contaminant of concern by the local health officer.

Mr. Grellner highlighted the sections of the new regulations, especially the local management plan and marine recovery areas requirements, that will impact how the District monitors and oversees on-site sewage systems. In the past, the District has actively managed only the high-end alternative treatment systems. Implementing the new regulations will require the District to expand monitoring on-site sewage systems to include standard gravity systems every three years. Approximately ninety percent of the County's on-site sewage systems are standard gravity systems. To illustrate the breadth of the potential impact of the regulations, Mr. Grellner presented maps showing potential marine recovery areas identified by the Department of Health and potential marine recovery areas as identified on the Department of Ecology's 303D lists.

Mr. Deeter closed by explaining to the Board that the District would like its local management plan and regulations to be approved and in place by July 1. He also noted that staff have some preliminary recommendations on funding the implementation of the regulation changes that will be presented to the Board at a later time. Dr. Lindquist requested that board members think about these issues and the funding needs for discussion at a future Board meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Eliason, representing the Kitsap Association of Realtors, thanked Health District staff that have come to several local meetings to explain the onsite regulation changes. He expressed the Realtors Association desire to have the new regulation require all on-site systems to be inspected at the time of a property sale.

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO RCW 42.30.110(1)(c) TO DISCUSS SALE OF REAL ESTATE

The Board recessed at 12:09 pursuant to RCW 42.20.110(1)(c) to discuss sale of real estate. The Board reconvened at 12:18.

ADJOURN

There was no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

Commissioner Jan Angel, Chair
Kitsap County Board of Health

Scott W. Lindquist, MD, MPH
Director of Health

Board Members Present: *Mayor Kim Abel; Commissioner Jan Angel; Council Member Carol Arends; Commissioner Josh Brown; Commissioner Chris Endresen; Mayor Darlene Kordonowy; Mayor Kathryn Quade; Council Member Chris Snow*

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Staff Present: Scott Daniels, *Deputy Director*; Jerry Deeter, *Director Environmental Health*; Keith Grellner, *Deputy Director, Environmental Health*; Leslie Hopkins, *Program Coordinator, Administration*; Scott Lindquist, M.D., *Health Officer*

Public Present: Chris Dunagan, *Kitsap Sun*; Mike Eliason, *Kitsap County Association of Realtors*; Stephanie Fix, *UW School of Public Health*; Hilary Heishman, *UW School of Public Health*; Karen Holt, *Self*; Amelia Miller, *UW School of Public Health*; Michelle Miller, *Kitsap County Solid Waste Division*