

KITSAP COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
Regular Meeting
July 7, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 11:31 a.m.

MINUTES

Commissioner Charlotte Garrido moved and Commissioner Josh Brown seconded to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2009, regular board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

After a brief discussion, Council Member Roy Runyon moved and Mayor Kathryn Quade seconded to approve the items on the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Scott Lindquist brought the Board up-to-date on the impact of H1N1 influenza in Kitsap County and the District's plans looking forward to the fall flu season. Locally, the virus is still present, causing mild disease, and particularly affecting children and young adults.

For the fall flu season, the federal government's approach in creating a vaccine for the H1N1 virus is likely to be a two-part immunization which will be in addition to the seasonal influenza immunization – a total of three immunizations -- to protect individuals in the 2009/2010 influenza season. Different from other vaccines, the H1N1 vaccine will be distributed to providers in the community through local health jurisdictions. Lindquist noted that this additional work is coming at a time when public health infrastructure is being dismantled as a result of funding cutbacks; he is hopeful that additional funding will be coming to support this task. Current information he has received from the State is that funding will be available for purchasing antiviral medication only and not available to support infrastructure or staffing.

Lindquist further commented that the District is already setting up planning meetings with providers in the community to work out the operational details for the upcoming flu season. Mr. Scott Daniels, Deputy Director, commented that District staff are also meeting with representatives of all five school districts in the County and Olympic Educational Service District (OESD) to prepare for the upcoming school year including planning for H1N1 immunizations.

With regard to the summer meeting schedule, Dr. Lindquist confirmed with Board members that they wished to mirror Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council's (KRCC) summer schedule: no August meeting, followed by the next regular meeting on September 22.

Finally, Dr. Lindquist entered into the record the letter from Commissioner Bauer to William Tann in response to the appeal heard at the regular June Board meeting.

BOH RETREAT SUMMARY: PROPOSED BOH PRIORITIES AND NEXT STEPS

Dr. Lindquist briefly reviewed the program matrix the District has used in past years to develop the budget. District management uses the matrix to evaluate programs based on these criteria: legislative mandates; a program's use of unrestricted discretionary dollars; activities that may

be provided by other providers in the community who can provide the service at the same or lesser cost; and finally Directors'/Management priorities.

Dr. Lindquist then directed the Board's attention to the draft notes that summarize the discussion that occurred at the Board retreat in April. From these notes, Lindquist organized the material into six areas important to public health that can be considered Board priorities. The vision is to incorporate these Board priorities into the District's budget development matrix in the place of the Directors'/Management priorities. Lindquist summarized the Board's priorities as follows:

- (1) Assessment: Board members expressed a clear need for better information to use in decision making.
- (2) Communicable Disease Prevention and Control: This priority is both an expectation of the public as well as a mandate. Dr. Lindquist commented that the focus of this priority is on disease threats to the larger population, not individuals, and quoted Chairman Bauer's opinion expressed at the retreat that the Board's priorities should focus on public health as it affects "the masses". Further, he stated that it is important to maintain the infrastructure necessary for responding to contagious diseases.
- (3) Environmental Health and Safety: The focus of this priority is on protecting the larger population from environmental health concerns including food contamination, water-borne health threats to beaches and streams, and onsite septic systems.
- (4) Early Intervention: This priority focuses on early intervention in the form of public health nursing services for high-risk mothers. This priority is met through a home-visit nursing program that focuses on high-risk moms and their children. In these home visits nurses offer services ranging from safety education, for example, for smoke detectors and car seats; ensuring that the mom has a medical home; and medical assessment services including monitoring for depression and other medical concerns. Dr. Lindquist noted that while this priority focuses on individuals, research has shown that early intervention with high-risk families improves outcomes for the larger community by decreasing CPS referrals and reducing juvenile detention rates.
- (5) Chronic Diseases: Chronic diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, hypertension, mental health issues, and drug and alcohol dependence, while individual health issues, become burdens on the national health care system. Given the importance of these issues for the health of the community at large, the Board's comments focused on a continuing need for education with a focus on prevention in this area.
- (6) Increased Role for the Board in Policy Development: The Board expressed a desire to play a greater role in public health policy development. Dr. Lindquist explained that public health policy development is becoming increasingly important in improving public health in a community. Examples of policies that have had important effects on public health include smoking bans, banning trans fats in restaurants, and calorie labeling of restaurant menus. Lindquist commented that in order to expand the role of the Board in policy development, it will be necessary to redirect resources within the District, particularly managers, having them do the research necessary to draft policies for Board consideration.

After some discussion, the Board expressed a desire to move forward with these priorities and incorporate them into the matrix to use as part of the decision making process in the development of the 2010 budget.

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO RCW 42.30.110(4)(b) TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A PROPOSAL RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING CONTRACTS

Vice Chair Snow announced that the Board would adjourn to Executive Session for about 10 minutes pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(4)(b) to consider approval of a proposal relating to collective bargaining contracts. The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 12:16 and reconvened to public session at 12:23. No formal decision was reached during the Executive Session.

RESOLUTION 2009-03: AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING IMPLEMENTING MANDATED FURLOUGH DAYS FOR ALL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES

Mr. Scott Daniels, Deputy Director, explained to the Board that this proposal implements mandated furlough days for all union and non-union employees one day per month beginning July 20 through the end of 2009 via a Memorandum of Understanding with the International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers Local 17 subject to ratification by the members in a vote occurring now.

Commissioner Garrido moved and Mayor Quade seconded that the Board approve Resolution 2009-03: Authorizing Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding Implementing Mandated Furlough Days for All District Employees. The motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2009-04: URGING IMMEDIATE PASSAGE OF COMPREHENSIVE FEDERAL HEALTH REFORM LEGISLATION

Dr. Lindquist explained that other health jurisdictions and boards of health throughout Washington State and across the United States are sending letters of support from their respective jurisdictions to their federal representatives supporting health care reform and emphasizing the important role of preventative health care for public health. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Brown moved and Council Member Runyon seconded that the Board approve Resolution 2009-04: Urging Immediate Passage of Comprehensive Federal Health Reform Legislation. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

There was no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

**Council Member Chris Snow, Vice Chair
Kitsap County Board of Health**

**Scott W. Lindquist, MD, MPH
Director of Health**

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Board Members Present: *Commissioner Josh Brown; Commissioner Charlotte Garrido; Council Member Darlene Kordonowy; Mayor Kathryn Quade; Council Member Roy Runyon; Council Member Dianne Robinson; Council Member Chris Snow*

Board Members Absent: *Commissioner Steve Bauer; Mayor Lary Coppola; Mayor Pro Tem Cecil McConnell*

Staff Present: *Dana Brainerd, Cris Craig, Program Manager, Health Information Resources; Scott Daniels, Deputy Director; Kerry Dobbelaere, Program Manager, Clinical Services; Karen Holt, Personnel Assistant; Leslie Hopkins, Special Projects Program Coordinator, Administration; Scott Lindquist, MD, MPH, Health Officer; Beth Lipton, Epidemiologist, Health Information Resources; Sandra Morales, Program Manager, Parent Child Health; Maureen Murphy, Human Resources Manager; Suzanne Plemmons, Director, Community Health; Shelley Rose, Tobacco Outreach Worker, Health Promotion Program*

Public Present: *Monte Levine, self*