

NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA
SNOHOMISH DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH
June 8, 1965
First Presbyterian Church

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Minutes of May 11, 1965
3. Auditing Committee
4. Old Business
5. New Business
 - A. Mr. Elmer Ross
6. Reports
 - A. Health Officer
 - B. Sanitation
 - C. Vital Statistics
 - D. Financial
7. Authorization of Accounts
8. Adjournment

Clifford Anderson, M.D., M.P.H.
District Health Officer

MINUTES
SNOHOMISH DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH
June 8, 1965

Present: Members, Mrs. Simpson, Messrs. Krekow, Wyatt, Kraetz, and Stocker. Also, Dr. Anderson, Dr. Darrough, Dr. Millard, Miss Findlay, Mrs. Schultz, Mrs. Carleton, Mr. Ingram, and Mrs. Supper.

Minutes Moved by Mrs. Simpson, seconded by Mr. Kraetz, and carried that the minutes of May 11, 1965, as previously circulated to members, be approved as written, but with the addition of the following resolution concerning a County Meat Ordinance which had been deleted: Moved by Mrs. Simpson, seconded by Dr. Stocker, and carried that the Snohomish Health District adopt the attached proposed meat resolution prepared by Dr. Millard, and that the Board of Health request that the Board of County Commissioners give consideration to passing the said resolution to give it further force where they have jurisdiction.

Auditing Committee Mr. Krekow appointed Dr. Stocker and Mr. Kraetz as the Auditing Committee.

Health Services in Edmonds Dr. Anderson reported that he, Mr. Ingram, Mr. Stockton, and Miss Findlay had met with Mayor Gordon Maxwell and Supervisor Donald Lawson on June 2 concerning Edmonds' decision as to whether they would participate in the Snohomish Health District as a primary city at a fee of \$1.00 per capita or organize their own health department. They will present their decision on or about September 1.

County Meat Ordinance Mr. Wyatt stated that he would present the proposed meat ordinance to the County Prosecuting Attorney this date.

Health Officer's Report Dr. Anderson stated that Mr. Elmer Ross, Snohomish Health District Milk Inspector, will speak to the Board at the July meeting.

Dr. Anderson discussed a single case of Paratyphoid B which occurred during the past month and the Health District's role in the investigation of its source and suppression of rumor and alarm. He told of calls the Health District makes when notified by the U.S. Quarantine Station of people returning to this area who have been exposed to diseases in other countries. Dr. Anderson is the United States Quarantine Officer in Everett.

Budget Dr. Anderson stated that the Administrative Staff is working on a preliminary budget, and that steps have been taken to curtail costs in maintenance and operation but that this could not be large enough to make any appreciable difference in the overall shortage of funds. Mr. Krekow commended Mrs. Simpson on her efforts in working with Senator Jackson to obtain Federal monies for general public health purposes, instead of for specific programs, in order to give local health departments more mobility.

Moved by Mr. Kraetz, seconded by Mrs. Simpson, and carried that Mr. Ingram request the Prosecuting Attorney to obtain an opinion from the Attorney General clarifying the use of the term "Primary City"

as defined in RCW 70.46.010, and to ascertain whether or not the Health District can contract with a non-primary city for health services and financial contribution.

Senior Citizens' Center

Dr. Millard announced that the Senior Citizens' Center opened this week. He said that several organizations were contributing money and services to the Center. He was commended by the Board for his efforts as chairman of the project.

Reports

Vital Statistics - For April, 1965, as appended. Dr. Anderson commented that he knew of no reason for the increased suicide rate.

Financial - Revenues deposited as of May 31, 1965: \$139,024.17

Total spent up to April 30, 1965: 98,128.50

Authorization of Accounts

Moved by Mr. Krekow, seconded by Mr. Kraetz, and carried that accounts as presented for payment be approved, as follows:

SALARIES - June 1965 - \$18,273.37
M. & O. - May 1965 - 3,467.91

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.



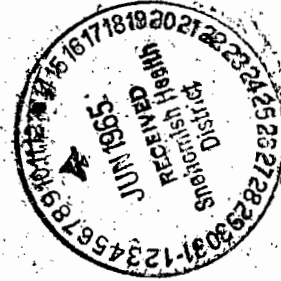
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June 9, 1965



Mr. Robert Schillberg
Prosecuting Attorney
Snohomish County Courthouse
Everett, Washington

RE: Snohomish Health District

Dear Bob:

The Snohomish Health District Board of Health requests that you, as Prosecuting Attorney, ask the Attorney General of the State of Washington for an Attorney General's opinion on the following questions:

First, by way of background, the Health District is organized under R.C.W. 70.46. The Board of County Commissioners passed a Resolution creating a Health District in 1959, and thereafter the City of Everett, as the only "Primary City" in the County, petitioned to join. This petition was accepted, and under R.C.W. 70.46.050 the City Commissioners and the County Commissioners and one man at large formed the Board of Health.

At the present time, there is another City in the County, Edmonds, which has a population in excess of 20,000. R.C.W. 70.04.030 provides that every city organize a Board of Health, employ a Health Officer and perform all the duties given to Boards of Health. R.C.W. 70.46.060 provides that Boards of Health of Health Districts supersede and exercise all powers and perform all duties by law vested in the County or City or Town Board of Health of any county, city or town included in the Health District. A primary city is not included in the Health District unless it petitions for membership and an appropriate financial contribution to the operation of the District is accepted by the Board of Health. There are two cities in the County within the territorial limits of the Health District which have populations in excess of 10,000 but less than 20,000. I understand that Chapter 7 of the laws of 1965, which is a re-enactment of Title 35, gave certain

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cities, having a population of 10,000, a first-class city status for certain governmental functions.

Therefore, the Snohomish Health District wishes an opinion from the Attorney General on the following question, namely:

Question 1: Has R.C.W. 70.46.010, in which a primary city is defined as a city having a population of 20,000 or more, but less than 100,000, been amended or modified by the laws of 1965, Chapter 7, giving certain cities over 10,000 in population the status and certain powers of first-class cities?

Further, the Snohomish Health District wishes to ask the following questions for an opinion from the Attorney General dealing with the responsibility of the Health District to render health services to cities and towns within the Health District that are not classified as a primary city. These questions are as follows, to-wit:

Question 2: Can the Snohomish Health District require a financial contribution from any other city or town in the County, not a "primary city" and enter into a memorandum for providing such health services and financial contribution?

Question 3: Can the Snohomish Health District withdraw health services presently rendered to non "primary cities" in the Health District in the event the Health Board is unable to arrive at a financial contribution to the Health District Fund satisfactory to the Board?

We would appreciate it, Bob, if you would submit these questions to the Attorney General for his opinion. As I explained to you, the source of revenue to the Health District is quite limited and consists essentially of a per capita from the City of Everett and .4 mill from the County general levy. The District has fee income as a result of inspections and the issuance of licenses and permits for the operation of food establishments, sewage disposal systems, plumbing installations, nursing homes, trailer camps, etc. These inspections, of course, are being carried out within a city or town which makes no direct financial contribution to the Health District Fund. We understand that the Yakima Health District and the Seattle-King County Public Health Department are contemplating entering into such arrangements, and in fact, may well have entered into Agreements with non primary cities in their territorial areas.

Very truly yours,

W. F. INGRAM



STATE OF WASHINGTON

JOHN J. O'CONNELL
ATTORNEY GENERAL
OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON



September 2, 1965

Honorable Robert E. Schillberg
Prosecuting Attorney
Snohomish County Court House
Everett, Washington

Dear Sir:

This letter is written in answer to your request for advice on several questions concerning the Snohomish Health District which consists of Snohomish County and the City of Everett.

Your first question is concerned with whether the provisions of RCW 70.46.010 which defines a primary city as one having a population of 20,000 or more, but less than 100,000, has been amended or modified by chapter 7, Laws of 1965. The answer to your question is in the negative, inasmuch as that chapter is a reenactment of Title 35 RCW and does not contain any change in the basic law of the state. In addition, Title 35 RCW is not controlling in this instance because of the language found in RCW 70.46.010 which provides as follows:

"For the purpose of this chapter
words and phrases shall have the meaning
herein ascribed to them:

"'Health district' means all the territory embraced within a single county and all cities and towns therein, except primary cities, and/or all the territory consisting of one or more counties and all the cities and towns in all of the combined counties, except primary cities, which have been combined and organized as hereinafter provided. No city having a population of one hundred thousand or more shall be included in any health district.

"'Primary city' as used herein shall mean a city having a population of twenty thousand or more and less than one hundred thousand." [Emphasis supplied.]

Honorable Robert E. Schillberg
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Your second and third questions are concerned with the problems arising out of the requirement of Chapter 70.46 RCW, that cities other than primary cities make financial contributions to the health district, or if they withdraw from participation in the health district after paying any sums due them to the health district, they are required by law to re-establish a health department within the city or town.

For your information, we are enclosing an informal opinion of this office written on August 11, 1964, to the Prosecuting Attorney of Chelan County in which these problems were discussed at great length.

I trust this information will be of assistance to you, but if you have any further questions, do not hesitate to call upon us.

Very truly yours,

JOHN J. O'CONNELL
Attorney General

Jane Dowdle Smith
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Assistant Attorney General

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BIRTHS AND DEATHS OCCURRING IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY
AS OF April 30, 19 65

		Total to Date	Total for Month	Total County Res.	Total Non Res.
	<u>BIRTHS</u>	967	246	229	17
	<u>FETAL DEATHS</u>	9			
	<u>DEATHS</u>	502	111	104	7
"Motor vehicle"accidents		19	5	5	
Adult accidental deaths		20	5	5	
Infant accidental deaths		3	2	2	
All other infant deaths		22	2	2	
Suicide		6	2	2	
Homicide					
Undetermined (of above)					
Infectious diseases					
Malignant neoplasms		76	16	15	1
Cerebral vascular accident		61	13	11	2
Acute coronary		26	7	7	
All other deaths		269	59	55	4