

NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA
SNOHOMISH DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH
April 8, 1969

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Minutes of March 11, 1969
3. Old Business
 - Environmental Health Resolution
 - Program Planning
 - Housing for Health District
4. Reports
5. Authorization of Accounts
6. Adjournment

Clifford Anderson, M. D., MPH
District Health Officer

MINUTES
SNOHOMISH DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH

April 8, 1969

- Present Members, Messrs, Kincaid, Fosse, Forsgren, Fiege, Langus, Slye, Hutchins and Fowler. Also Dorothy Findlay, Dr. Darrough, Dr. Anderson, David Stockton, Dick Johnson, Leo Moser, Wayne Fordham, Dr. Luke, Charles Mangum, Helen Scales, Judy Blake, and Alma Sherlock.
- Absent: Members, Messrs, Kraetz, Michelson and Marler.
- Minutes: The minutes of March 11, 1969 meeting was approved as mailed.
- Auditing
Committee Mr. Kincaid appointed Mr. Fowler and Mr. Kraetz as the Auditing Committee for May.
- Environmental
Health Resolution Mr. Moser distributed copies of the amendments to the Environmental Health Resolution. The amendments were read and discussed.
- Moved by Mr. Slye, seconded by Mr. Hutchins to accept the Resolution as amended.
- Program
Planning Mr. Stockton gave each board member a booklet called "Program Planning for Public Health Services" made by the employees of the district. Discussion was then held on this booklet. It was suggested that the Program Planning Committee get together and see what would be a desirable program for next year. Mr. Stockton added that it is hoped the program plan will become a working document that everyone will use in planning and budgeting for a good health program for our county. Mr. Kincaid suggested that the members take this home and read it and be ready to discuss it at the next board meeting.
- Housing for
Health District Mr. Fowler, Dave Stockton, Dr. Anderson, Mr. Michelson and Vern Johnson met March 24th to discuss housing for the health district. The committee does not feel there is an immediate pressure. The health district does not have to move immediately from its present quarters. Further discussion brought out the fact that before any long range plans for permanent housing are made it would be desirable to have commitments to the health district by the various cities. This was deferred to the agenda for the next board meeting.
- Reports Dr. Anderson reported that further progress on Comprehensive Health Planning within the department awaits approval of the grant from the Puget Sound Governmental Conference. Once this is obtained then guidelines will be set forth from the various participating counties as to further comprehensive health planning.

Miss Findlay, Director of Nursing, Dr. Luke, Veterinarian and Leo Moser, Director of Environmental Health gave their sections' activity reports.

Dr. Luke stated there will be ten rabies clinics held in May. They will be at Everett, Marysville, Monroe, Edmonds, Lynnwood, Stanwood, Snohomish and Arlington.

Mr. Fordham, Sanitarian reported on the Food Establishments in Snohomish County. There 294 restaurants under permit system, 178 taverns and bars and 40 itinerant food establishments at the Evergreen State Fair.

Vital Statistics

Report of March, as appended.

Authorization
of Accounts

Moved by Mr. Slye, seconded by Mr. Forsgren and carried that the accounts as presented for payment be approved.

Salaries, April, 1969, \$31,116.00

Maintenance & Operation, March, 1969, \$12,009.95

Capital Outlay, March, 1969, \$5,548.95

Meeting adjourned at 3:26 p.m.


Chairman

4/9/69

County Health Board Taking Time In Search for Proposed Facility

By JUDY BLAKE
Staff Writer

The Snohomish County Board of Health has decided not to be hasty in locating or constructing a suitable building to house the health department.

"I don't feel there's any immediate pressure to rush out and start buying land until we know where we are going," said board member Richard Fowler yesterday at a meeting of the board. He and Everett City comprise a committee which is investigating the need for and availability of a facility.

The department is currently housed in the Snohomish County Courthouse, where space is at a minimum, according to Dave Stockton, the department administrator.

Cramped space in the courthouse and the need for a more centrally located building are two of the reasons a new facility is being considered for the health department, Stockton explained earlier. Another reason is that the department's services, which include laboratory work and medical examinations, are of a different nature than those performed by other departments in the courthouse.

Federal funds may be available for construction of a new building, but application must be made before Aug. 1.

In other business, board members were presented with a 57-page report prepared by Stockton and outlining a new program planning format for the department. The format is similar to that initiated by former Defense

Secretary Robert McNamara for operating the Defense Department, Stockton said. It has since been adopted by many governmental agencies.

Basic idea for the format is to keep major goals and short-term objectives foremost in all planning and budgeting, rather than to think primarily in terms of the number of new pencils or personnel needed. Specific objectives are set for certain time periods, and there are continual evaluations to see if these objectives are being met.

The board heard reports from Dr. Harold Luke, public health veterinarian; Dorothy Findlay, director of nursing for the department; Leo Moser, director of environmental health division; and Wayne Fordham, sanitarian.

Dr. Luke said rabies clinics will be held in May. (Schedules will be published in The Herald.)

Fordham outlined the work of the food-service program, in which restaurants and bars are inspected for health purposes. He noted that there are currently 178 taverns and bars and 294 restaurants in the county.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Director of Environmental Health Division of the Snohomish Health District has made report to the Snohomish Health District Board of Health concerning private sewage disposal facilities,

WHEREAS, it appears that in certain instances prompt civil action should be instituted in order to abate a public nuisance created by the breakdown of such private sewage disposal facilities which results in the accumulation of material carrying communicable disease bacteria injurious to human life,

WHEREAS, at a regular meeting of the Board of Health of the Snohomish Health District held on the 11th day of March, 1969, a motion was unanimously adopted with reference to Health Officer orders and cooperation with local governmental units insofar as public nuisances caused by breakdown of private sewage disposal facilities, and

WHEREAS, at said meeting as part of said motion the Board of Health also directed the Environmental Health Division and its Director to cease the issuance of any holding tank permits and formulated a policy hereinafter set forth in Paragraph 3 of this Resolution, directing the attorney for the Health District to prepare a formal Resolution carrying out said motion,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Snohomish Health District of the Board of Health as follows:

1. That the form of Health Officer's Order attached hereto is hereby approved for use in the discretion of the Health Officer in those situations resulting from defective private sewer disposal facilities which result in a critical condition

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potentially hazardous to the public health and which require immediate redress.

That the District Health Officer be and he is hereby authorized in the event situations arise within the County of Snohomish which in his discretion are critical as a result of the breakdown of private sewer disposal facilities to immediately request the assistance of the municipal attorneys for the particular municipal governmental agency in which such public nuisance may be created to commence with the advice and counsel of the Health District attorney a civil action seeking injunctive relief to immediately abate such public health hazard. That such actions be undertaken by and with the consent of the chief legal officer of the particular governmental agency having immediate jurisdiction over the property involved and with the consultation and assistance of the Health District attorney who is authorized to associate with such a legal staff for purposes of a civil action seeking equitable relief.

2. That the cost of such litigation insofar as reasonably possible be borne by the respective governmental authority involved with the consent of such authority and the Health Officer be authorized to incur expenses, if necessary, by way of filing fees, witness fees, and other expenses attendant upon the proper presentation of this type of case as may be approved by the Health District attorney and the Health Officer and that such expenditures be taken from that portion of the Health District budget reserved for such purposes under the classification "Contractual Services."

3. That heretofore the Environmental Health Division has granted permits for the installation of holding tanks for private sewage disposal facilities, and based upon the report of the Director of Environmental Health, it appears that, in the interest of public health, safety and welfare, such private sewage facilities that rely upon

holding tanks should no longer be granted said permits in the County of Snohomish. Except that where prior commitments have been made by the Environmental Health Division (Exhibit A) these permits shall be issued. A policy is now declared effective as of the 11th of March, 1969 that no further holding tanks shall be permitted in the County of Snohomish and pursuant to motion of the Board of Health duly adopted at said March 11, 1969 meeting the Environmental Health Division is directed to cease the issuance of any such permits from and after the 11th day of March, 1969 and to notify engineering and architectural offices in the County of Snohomish of this decision and the new policy as fixed and declared by the Board of Health through said motion and the adoption of this Resolution. PROVIDED, however, as to any use of a parcel of land by a municipal corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Washington, the Board of Health may grant an exception to this policy and permit the use on a temporary basis of a holding tank system for sewage waste disposal upon the recommendation of the Director of Environmental Health, consent of the District Health Officer, and approval by a majority action of the District Board of Health.

HEALTH OFFICER'S ORDER

Date:

To: _____

Owner

RE: PRIVATE SEWER DISPOSAL FACILITY SERVING THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED
PROPERTY, TO-WIT:

Legal: _____

Common Address: _____

You and each of you are hereby notified that the private sewer disposal facility serving the above described property is defective. Said defects create an immediate public health hazard constituting a public nuisance.

Said defects are as follows: _____

Said health hazard results from the presence of sewage and septic tank effluent accumulating upon the ground and surrounding area at the above described premises, said material carries potential communicable disease bacteria injurious to human life, safety, and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to immediately correct the defects in the facility above described within _____ hours from the date of this order. In the event you fail to correct said condition within the time specified, then you are directed to immediately cease the use of said sewer system serving the above described premises and to cause the occupancy thereof to be vacated until said system has been

corrected. Failure to comply with this order shall subject you to immediate legal action under the provisions of Section 14 of the Sewage Waste Disposal Resolution passed by the Board of Health of the Snohomish Health District, and the laws of the State of Washington.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 1969.

SNOHOMISH HEALTH DISTRICT

By _____
Clifford Anderson, M.D.
District Health Officer

Exhibit A

Previous Commitments Made For Holding Tanks

Barthel Mobile Home Park
156th S. W. and 40th Ave W
Alderwood Manor, Washington

Stewart & Potter Mobile Home Court
6605 200th S.W.,
Lynnwood, Washington

Lynnwood Christian Reform Church of Lynnwood
17711 Spruce Way
Alderwood Manor, Washington

M. K. Development Construction Co.
Hewitt Park
Lots 1 & 34V W 1/2 NW 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec 30-29-6
Hewitt & 108th.

THE FOOD-SERVICE PROGRAM

1. The food inspection program is one of the oldest programs in the health department.
- II. The food inspection program helps both the public as well as the food-service industry:
 1. All segments of the general public is benefited by this particular health program.
 2. This program helps the food-service industry by maintaining a minimum standard of level of operation and construction. Therefore, it helps to reduce the number of marginal food-service establishments. In fact, it stimulates industry to set higher standards than is required by the health code.
- III. The duties of a food sanitarian are the following:
 1. Plan review (new or remodeled plants)
 2. Routine inspections, preinspections, visits, etc. consulting with both management and employees.
 3. Write field reports, routine correspondence, correction notices, participate in office hearings, etc.
 4. Maintain a close liaison between different state enforcement agencies associated with the food industry (example: State Agriculture, Liquor Control Board, State Health Department, etc.)
 5. Investigates food-borne disease outbreaks as well as other complaints associated with food.
 6. Take samples of food, water, rodac test eating and drinking utensils, etc.
 7. Occasional field study of foods and methods relating to potentially hazardous foods.
 8. Health Education
 9. Consult with other industries such as dairies, restaurant equipment companies, companies selling maintenance service, etc.
 10. Interpret the food codes to industry, general public, etc.

SNOHOMISH HEALTH DISTRICT

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION

Activity Report

March, 1969

Area	Food	Milk	Water	Sewage	Solid Waste	Vector	Shelter	Misc.	Zero	Nine Air Pol. Sur.
Arlington	1	4						1		
Brier	2	1		10	3		3			
Darrington	3	4		3				1		
Edmonds	4	25	2	2	7	1	10	1		
Everett	5	69	11	19	50		20	16		8
Gold Bar	6									
Granite Falls	7									
Index	8									
Lake Stevens	9	2								
Lynnwood	11	18	6	5	3		14			
Marysville	12	1		2		2	5	1		
Monroe	13	4		1				3		
Mountlake Terr	14	8		1		1	2			
Mukilteo	15	1								
Snohomish	16	13	4	5			1			
Stanwood	17	2								
Sultan	18	1			1		6	1		
Woodway	19									
E. Unin Area	21	17	29	456	29		11	3		
N. Unin Area	22	14	22	341	14		2			
S. Unin Area	23	15	3	430	7		13	4		
County (Whole)	24	289		455			2	7		
Outside Co.	25		3	4	7					
Office	26	13		55		6	11	134		
Totals		561	3	81	1,792	10	100	172		8

Complete Total

BIRTHS AND DEATHS

(By Occurrence in Snohomish Co.)

February 28, 19 69

<u>BIRTHS</u>		Total to Date	Total for Month	Total County Res.	Total Non-Res.
Male...289					
Female...262					
<u>DEATHS</u>					
Male...186					
Female...149					
BIRTHS		571	303	266	37
FETAL DEATHS		7	4	4	
DEATHS		335	158	139	19
"Motor Vehicle" accidents	(traffic)	2	2	1	1
	(non-traffic)	1	1	1	
Accidental deaths (adults)		9	4	3	1
Accidental deaths (infant *)					
All other infant deaths		10	6	6	
Suicide		5	4	4	
Homicide					
Undetermined (of above)		1			
Infectious diseases (cause) Tuberculosis (Obillovich)		1	1	1	
Influenza		8	2	1	1
Malignant neoplasms		40	20	20	
Cerebral vascular accident		44	13	9	4
Diseases of the heart		128	65	60	5
All other diseases		86	40	33	7

* Under one year of age

Illegitimate Births 47 24 21 3