Snohomish Health District Board of Health Minutes Regular Meeting October 16, 2010

Members Present

Patsy Cudaback, Councilwoman, Monroe

Adrienne Fraley-Monillas, Councilwoman, Edmonds

Dave Gossett, County Councilman

Linda Grafer, Councilwoman, Mukilteo

Karen Guzak, Mayor, Snohomish

John Koster, County Councilman

Mark Lamb, Mayor, Bothell, Chair

Drew Nielsen, Councilman, Everett

Michelle Robles, Councilwoman, Mountlake Terrace

Jim Smith, Councilman, Lynnwood

Dianne White, Mayor, Stanwood

Donna Wright, Councilwoman, Marysville

Stephanie Wright, County Councilwoman

Members Absent

Dave Somers, County Councilman, Vice Chair

Brian Sullivan, County Councilman

Others Present

John Amos, Snohomish County Council

Jeff Clarke, SHD Deputy Director

Randy Darst, SHD Environmental Health Division Director

Nancy Furness, SHD Special Assistant for Public Health and Emergency Preparedness

Gary Goldbaum, MD, SHD Health Officer and Director

Tim McDonald, SHD Communicable Disease Division Director

Tim Murphy, SHD Information Systems Manager

Teresa Quigley, SHD Administration Specialist

Sharon Salyer, The Everett Herald

Christine Scarlett, SHD Human Resources Manager

Charlene Shambach, SHD Community Health Division Director

Glen Svendsen, Snohomish County Finance

Steve Uberti, SHD Legal Counsel

Call to Order

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Health was convened at 3:00 p.m. by Chair Lamb in the Board Room of the Snohomish Health District Rucker Building. Roll call was taken by Teresa Quigley, who reported a quorum was present.

Chair's Report

There was no report from the chair.

Health Officer's Report

Monthly Report: Health Care Reform legislation. Dr. Goldbaum

Minutes

It was moved by Mr. and seconded by Ms. to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held September 14, 2010. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Committee Reports

Minutes from the October 4 Administration Committee meeting were included in today's meeting packet. The September 17 Program Policy Committee meeting was cancelled. Also included in today's meeting packet were the monthly standing reports. There were no questions regarding these reports.

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Mr. and seconded by Ms. to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. The Board approved the following items: (a) Resolution 10-25 authorizing September 2010 expenditures for Health District, AIDS and PHEPR funds; and (b) Resolution 10-26 authorizing Environmental Health Division fee increases. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Agenda

There were no action items on the agenda.

Discussion Items

2011 General Fund Budget. The governor has called for 6.3% across-the-board cuts, which is less than the 7% anticipated by the Health District. However, in addition to Department of Health cuts, the Department of Social and Health Services is proposing elimination of state funding for First Steps effective March 1, 2011. Without the state general fund monies, the federal matching dollars used to support First Steps programming are not available, and the loss of both state and federal funds for this program would make it very difficult to sustain. If the Health District's First Steps program is eliminated, it would affect the WIC program, as they share administrative expenses. The First Steps and WIC programs were explained in detail to the Committee. It was noted that nongovernmental community partners are strongly advocating for the First Steps program. WIC funding remains stable. Mr. Smith requested that this information on these two programs be presented to the full Board. Until definitive decisions are made by the state and county, it will be difficult to precisely finalize the Health District budget.

Jeff Clarke went through the 2011 Budget approval schedule with the Committee. Union negotiations have been postponed until early November, but are expected to be completed prior to budget adoption. The first week of October, the Board of Health Budget Subgroup will meet with Jeff and Dr. Goldbaum. At the October 19 full Board of Health meeting, discussion will be held on the 2011 Budget. At the November 1 Board Administration Committee meeting, a draft budget and draft budget book will be reviewed and recommendations developed for major discussion and potential adoption at the full Board of Health meeting on November 16. Jeff noted that an effort is being made to keep staff informed of budget decisions on a timely basis.

Legal representation. Jeff Clarke announced that Snohomish Health District legal counsel, Steve Uberti, is leaving Bell and Ingram the end of October to join another law firm. Steve has expressed interest in continuing to serve the Health District. The Health District is obligated to give Bell and Ingram 30 days notice to terminate their contract. Jeff is going to conduct a search for legal representation, and the Board will be involved in the final decision.

Information Items

H1N1 Pandemic Supplemental PHEPR fund spending report.

Board members were provided with an H1N1 spending update as of October 4, 2010. It shows a breakout of direct costs as of September 29, along with capital assets and indirect savings on the capital assets. The spending deadline for these funds has been extended through July 30, 2011, and additional funding will be allocated from the State Department of Health. This additional funding will be used by the Health District to: a) pay outstanding encumbrances; b) pay partners in the 2009 H1N1 influenza mass vaccination clinics for their expenses (i.e. Everett Clinic, City of Stanwood, Cascade Valley Hospital, ESCA, and Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management); and c) to cover other H1N1 pandemic influenza expenditures that may occur. This H1N1 spending update will be forwarded to the full Board of Health as an information item.

A calendar for scheduled meetings in October and November was provided to Board members in their packets. Chair Lamb noted that the November Board meeting was moved out to November16 due to the WSAC Annual Conference.

Executive Session

At 4: p.m. the Board went into Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining. At 5: p.m. the meeting reconvened.

Other Business

No other business was discussed.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4: p.m.

Mark Lamb, Chair
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Gary Goldbaum, M.D., M.P.H., Secretary