

***Snohomish Health District
Board of Health Minutes
Regular Meeting
January 10, 2012***

Members Present

Shannon Affholter, Councilman, Everett
Adrienne Fraley-Monillas, Councilwoman, Edmonds
Dave Gossett, County Councilman
Linda Grafer, Councilwoman, Mukilteo
John Koster, County Councilman
Mark Lamb, Mayor, Bothell, Chair
Dave Somers, County Councilman, Chair
Dianne White, Mayor, Stanwood
Donna Wright, Councilwoman, Marysville
Stephanie Wright, County Councilwoman

Members Absent

Patsy Cudaback, Councilwoman, Monroe
Karen Guzak, Mayor, Snohomish
Michelle Robles, Councilwoman, Mountlake Terrace, 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
Steven Hellyer, SHD Information Systems Manager
Kerri Lonergan-Dreke, City of Lynnwood Councilwoman
Tim McDonald, SHD Communicable Disease Division Director
Suzanne Pate, SHD Communications Specialist
Don Peterson, SHD Business Manager
Teresa Quigley, SHD Administration Specialist
Charlene Shambach, SHD Community Health Division Director
Jim Smith, Outgoing Board of Health Member from City of Lynnwood
Steve Uberti, SHD Legal Counsel

Call to Order

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Health was convened at 3:05 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

Outgoing Board of Health member Jim Smith was recognized for his many years of service and presented with a plaque and his Board of Health coffee cup.

Chair Lamb welcomed new Board of Health members City of Lynnwood Councilwoman Kerri Lonergan-Dreke and City of Everett Councilman Shannon Affholter. Legal Counsel Steve Uberti administered the Oath of Office for Councilman Affholter to become a certified Board of Health member. Councilwoman Lonergan-Dreke will be sworn in at the Board of Health meeting following written confirmation of her appointment by the City of Lynnwood.

Discussion was held regarding the Annual Board of Health meeting and election of 2012 officers. It was confirmed that the Annual meeting will be held on the evening of January 23. Mr. Somers has expressed interest in serving as Chair for 2012, and both Chair Lamb and Ms. Robles have expressed interest in serving as Vice Chair. Chair Lamb advised that he is withdrawing his name from the nominations, and it was decided that the election of officers would be held at the end of today's meeting.

Ms. Donna Wright asked if there was policy to determine which Board member will chair meetings in the absence of the elected Board Chair and Vice Chair. Following discussion, it was agreed that a resolution addressing this issue should be drafted for approval at the February Board of Health meeting.

Health Officer's Report

Monthly Report. Dr. Goldbaum reported on continued increase of pertussis reports in Snohomish County, which is a serious issue, and the Health District's efforts to make vaccine widely available in the community. For 2011 through December 28, the Health District had 220 cases of pertussis reported, which is eight times the number of cases reported in all of 2010 and includes 18 infants, 8 of whom were hospitalized. One newborn died of the disease. Over the past five months, staff have worked closely with schools, child care providers, and the medical community to investigate cases and protect susceptible children. To reach unvaccinated adults who might have contact with infants and who are uninsured or underinsured, the Health District is planning a special mass vaccination clinic early in February supported by funds from The Everett Clinic Foundation.

Dr. Goldbaum also provided a presentation on two Health District initiatives addressing access to care in Snohomish County. Starting in 2008, the Health District and the Snohomish County Medical Society collaborated on a volunteer community process to improve access to medical specialists for uninsured and underinsured residents of Snohomish County. Project Access Northwest is the successful result of that effort. Also, Medicaid and Medicare serve populations with high need for behavioral health, chemical dependency, and primary care services. Traditionally, these services have been funded and provided separately, creating a fragmented system that is confusing to clients, cumbersome for providers, and costly to society. In 2012, the Health District will convene leaders of community health centers, behavioral health and chemical dependency service providers, and third party payers to develop a more integrated approach locally. Dr. Goldbaum will keep the Board apprised on the progress of these two initiatives.

Dr. Goldbaum reported on the status of City appointments to the 2012 Board of Health. By the February Board meeting, a confirmation should be available for all of the City members.

Minutes

It was moved by Mr. Gossett and seconded by Ms. Donna Wright to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held December 13, 2011. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Committee Reports

The January 2 Administration Committee and December 16 Program Policy Committee meetings were cancelled. 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. Somers and seconded by Ms. Fraley-Monillas to approve the following items: a) vouchers for December 2011; b) Resolution 12-01, authorizing December 2011 expenditures for Health District, AIDS and PHEPR funds. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Agenda

Approval of Resolution 12-02, recognizing the service of Board Member Drew Nielsen. Dr. Goldbaum read aloud Resolution 12-02. It was then moved by Ms. White and seconded by Mr. Koster to approve Resolution 12-02, recognizing the service of Board Member Drew Nielsen. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Nielsen will be a guest of honor at the January 23 Annual Board of health meeting.

Discussion Items

There were no discussion items.

Information Items

A calendar for scheduled meetings in January and February was provided to Board members in their packets.

Executive Session

No executive session was held.

Other Business

On behalf of the Nominations Committee, Mr. Gossett nominated Board member Dave Somers as Chair of the Board of Health for 2012. Chair Lamb seconded the motion. No further nominations were made for the 2012 Board of Health Chair, and the motion carried unanimously. Chair Lamb transferred the gavel to Mr. Somers. Mr. Somers thanked the Board of Health for honoring him as Chair for 2012, and thanked Chair Lamb on behalf of the Board of Health for his professional service as Chair in 2011.

On behalf of the Nominations Committee, Mr. Gossett nominated Board member Michelle Robles as Vice Chair of the Board of Health for 2012. Mr. Lamb seconded the motion. No further nominations were made for 2012 Board of Health Vice Chair, and the motion carried unanimously. Ms. Robles was unable to attend today's meeting, and will be notified.

Dr. Goldbaum expressed pleasure in working with Chair Lamb in 2011, and presented him with a recognition plaque for his outstanding leadership. Mr. Lamb thanked the Board of Health for honoring him as Chair for 2011, and noted that he is looking forward to continuing service on the Board in 2012.

No other business was held.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Dave Somers, Chair

Gary Goldbaum, M.D., M.P.H., Secretary