

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

Members Present

Patsy Cudaback, Councilwoman, Monroe
Dave Gossett, County Councilman
Adrienne Fraley-Monillas, Councilwoman, Edmonds
Linda Grafer, Councilwoman, Mukilteo
Mark Lamb, Mayor, Bothell
Brian Sullivan, County Councilman
Dave Somers, County Councilman, Chair
Karen Guzak, Mayor, Snohomish
Dianne White, Mayor, Stanwood
Donna Wright, Councilwoman, Marysville

Members Absent

Shannon Affholter, Councilman, Everett
John Koster, County Councilman
Kerri Lonergan-Dreke, Councilwoman, Lynnwood
Michelle Robles, Councilwoman, Mountlake Terrace, Vice Chair
Stephanie Wright, County Councilwoman

Others Present

John Amos, Snohomish County Council
Mark Hoppen, SHD Interim Deputy Director
Randy Darst, SHD Environmental Health Division Director
Nancy Furness, SHD Communicable Disease Special Assistant Director
Gary Goldbaum, MD, SHD Health Officer and Director
Kristin Kinnamon, SHD Communications Manager
Tim McDonald, SHD Communicable Disease Division Director
Suzanne Pate, SHD Communications Specialist
Don Peterson, SHD Business Manager
Karen Halpin, SHD Administration Specialist
Charlene Shambach, SHD Community Health Division Director
Glen Svendsen, Snohomish County Financial Analyst
Steve Uberti, SHD Legal Counsel
Michael Whitney, Everett Tribune

Call to Order

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

Chair's Report

Chair Somers had no report.

Health Officer's Report

Monthly Report.

Pertussis. Dr. Goldbaum reported there were 200 pertussis cases reported from January 1 through April 2, and 35 more cases were reported in the last month.

The District continues to work closely with community partners to support mass vaccination clinics throughout the county. Community clinics including SeaMar in Monroe, Cascade Valley Hospital in Arlington, and PacMed have hosted mass vaccination clinics throughout Snohomish County. Sanofi Pasteur, the manufacturer of the vaccine, continues to provide Tdap free of charge for these clinics and through SHD's immunization clinic.

Last year there was a family whose infant died of pertussis. SHD is collaborating with the family and other community partners to fund a mass mailing to every Snohomish County household to promote the Tdap vaccine for all adults and older children.

Dr. Goldbaum reported that SHD has revised its recommendations to the medical community to optimize testing, hoping to reduce unnecessary tests while allowing SHD to monitor the course of the epidemic. Dr. Goldbaum noted that throughout this epidemic, The Everett Clinic has been an important partner in helping the District refine testing and treatment recommendations.

Healthy Aging Report. Dr. Goldbaum reported the District is releasing the third in a series of reports on aging in Snohomish County. He noted the first two reports presented the perspectives of older adults and the leadership of community organizations that serve older adults. The highlights of the latest report include the county's population of 50 years and older increased 52% between 2000 and 2010, and will constitute 1/3 of the county's population by 2015. The reports note the county's overall racial make-up has changed significantly, but the increase of the older adult population is among whites. One in five Snohomish County households included a person 65 years or older, but people 65 and older were more likely to live alone or in group quarters. Finally, Dr. Goldbaum reported that households headed by someone 65 or older had substantially lower incomes (\$39,356) than the county median (\$63,188).

Obesity Prevention. Keri Moore explained this program is a federal grant funded by Department of Health (DOH) from March 2010 – December 2011. The grant pays for approximately 8 hours a week of prevention specialists' time as well as some necessary items for partners. The grant required that SHD partner with one low-income elementary school (Everett's Hawthorne) and one convenience store in underserved area (DKJ Foods on Casino Road). The goals of the grant were to achieve lasting policy and program change to support safe walking/biking to school and healthy food choices at a convenience store.

DKJ Foods store environment was assessed at beginning of project (what healthy foods were available, how were they displayed, and the cost).

Based on the assessment, the team developed project plan with store owner to increase healthy food availability. To date, the store owner has begun selling produce, allowed the team to label approximately 15 healthy choices currently available. DKJ will be expanding their market and will provide a variety of produce as well as a selection of healthy grocery items. SHD is assisting the owner in locating a produce vendor, and the market opened early 2012.

At the Hawthorne Elementary School, the SHD team conducted an assessment of walkability/bikeability around Hawthorne. The team identified areas in need of intervention (e.g. crosswalks that needed to be repainted, missing sidewalk). SHD partnered with the City of Everett to address issues including using GIS software to create walking/biking map for school identifying standard routes for students to follow. This was identified as a need by Hawthorne Staff and has been popular. Supplies were provided for crossing guards/student safety patrol (e.g. safety vests and flags). These items will stay with the school so that they may be used for future years. SHD also worked with Hawthorne staff and parent volunteers to implement "Walking Wednesdays." Parent volunteers lead "Walking School Buses" from three locations every Wednesday. Students gather together and walk with the volunteer's supervision to school. This began in spring 2011 and continues through the 2011-2012 school year.

Minutes

It was moved by Mr. Gossett and seconded by Ms. Wright to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held March 13, 2012. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Committee Reports

Included in today's meeting packet were the Administration Committee meeting minutes, the Program Policy Committee minutes and 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 items on the Consent Agenda. The Board approved the following items: (a) Approval of vouchers for April 2012; Resolution 12-11 authorizing April 2012 expenditures for Health District, AIDS and PHEPR funds; c) The revised non-Represented Employee Policy was removed from the agenda, and will be reviewed at the next Administration Committee meeting; and d) Coordinated Prevention Grant Renewal. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Agenda

Mark Hoppen noted the union contracts are still pending. It was then moved by Ms. Guzak and seconded by Ms. Grafer to approve the public posting of budgets on the SHD website. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion Items

Dr. Goldbaum reported that there has been no further action by the state regarding the budget. At this point, public health appears to be stable for this year.

Information Items

The calendars for scheduled meetings in April and May 2012 were provided in the packets.

Executive Session

No executive session was needed.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Dave Somers, Chair

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