



***Snohomish Health District
Board of Health Minutes
Regular Meeting
June 12, 2012***

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
Dianne White, Mayor, Stanwood
Donna Wright, Councilwoman, Marysville

Members Absent

Shannon Affholter, Councilman, Everett
Mark Lamb, Mayor, Bothell
Kerri Lonergan-Dreke, Councilwoman, Lynnwood
Michelle Robles, Councilwoman, Mountlake Terrace, Vice Chair
Dave Somers, County Councilman, Chair
Brian Sullivan, County Councilman
Stephanie Wright, County Councilwoman

Others Present

John Amos, Snohomish County Council Office
Randy Darst, SHD Environmental Health Division Director
Nancy Furness, SHD Communicable Disease Special Assistant Director
Gary Goldbaum, MD, SHD Health Officer and Director
Brent Hackney, Septic Issues Committee
Steven Hellyer, SHD Information Systems Manager
Jerrold Hoeth, Septic Issues Committee
Mark Hoppen, SHD Interim Deputy Director
Curtis Johnson, Septic Issues Committee
Kristin Kinnamon, SHD Communications Manager
Dave Lowe, Septic Issues Committee
Tim McDonald, SHD Communicable Disease Division Director
Lorie Ochmann, SHD Communicable Disease Management Assistant
Suzanne Pate, SHD Communications Specialist
Don Peterson, SHD Business Manager
Kevin Plemel, SHD Environmental Health Section Manager

Teresa Quigley, SHD Administration Specialist
Charlene Shambach, SHD Community Health Division Director
Glen Svendsen, Snohomish County Finance Office
Steve Uberti, SHD Legal Counsel
Michael Whitney, Everett Tribune

Call to Order

In the absence of Chair Somers and Vice Chair Robles, the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Health was convened at 3:02 p.m. by Mayor Dianne White in the Board Room of the Snohomish Health District Rucker Building. Roll call was taken by Teresa Quigley, who reported there was a quorum present.

Chair's Report

Team of the Quarter. Board members joined Rita Mell in recognizing members of the Mass Ad Hoc/Vaccination Team for receiving the Health District Team of the Quarter Award. The ongoing pertussis epidemic in Snohomish County prompted increased awareness of adult vaccinations targeted toward uninsured and low income. A group of Health District staff representing different departments performed an array of functions to arrange and notify the public of Tdap vaccine clinics held in partnership with other clinics, hospitals and pharmacies. This successful endeavor vaccinated over 1,000 adults.

Health Officer's Report

Monthly Report. Dr. Goldbaum advised there have been 320 reported cases of pertussis from January 1 through May 28. A postcard promoting Tdap vaccine went out to all Snohomish County households the week of May 28. Dr. Goldbaum thanked staff who worked tirelessly to make this happen and to the organizations that supported this effort—Little Red School House, Snohomish County Medical Society, Providence Regional Medical Center, and Swedish Edmonds.

Peter Mayer has been hired as the new Deputy Director starting July 9. A graduate (BA and MS) of Washington State University, Peter is currently Director of Vancouver-Clark Parks & Recreation in Vancouver, Washington. Dr. Goldbaum acknowledged Board Member Patsy Cudaback and John Wiesman, Director of Clark County Public Health, for participating on the interview panel for the Deputy Director position, and Interim Deputy Director Mark Hoppen, who will continue in this role through the end of June.

Dr. Goldbaum recently participated in the Providence Community Ministry Board retreat, involving a number of presentations about health care reform, which will dramatically impact how public health does its work. At today's meeting, Steve Brennan, Providence System Director for Public Policy Research, gave a presentation on "Medicare and Medicaid: Government Effort to Drive Value in Health Care." Mr. Brennan provided an overview of the history of value-based purchasing and its goals, including The Affordable Care Act, and what these changes will mean to states, insurance and the future direction for health care. Discussion was held regarding the cost of avoidable hospital readmissions and a patient's responsibility for their own care following discharge.

Minutes

It was moved by Mr. Gossett and seconded by Ms. Grafer to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held May 8, 2012. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Committee Reports

Included in today's meeting packet were the June 4 Administration Committee meeting minutes, the May 24 Program Policy Committee minutes and the monthly standing reports. There were no questions regarding these reports.

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Gossett and seconded by Mr. Koster to approve the following item on the Consent Agenda: (a) Resolution 12-13 authorizing May 2012 expenditures for Health District and PHEPR funds. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Agenda

Resolution 12-14, recognizing the service of Vicki Walton. Vicki Walton, Injury Prevention Health Educator in the Community Health Division and Health Educator in the Communicable Disease Division, is retiring following 18 plus years of service with Snohomish Health District. Tim McDonald, Communicable Disease Division Director, recognized Vicki for her dedicated service. It was then moved by Mr. Gossett and seconded by Mr. Koster to approve Resolution 12-14, recognizing the service of Vicki Walton. The motion carried unanimously.

Reinstating the Vaccine Preventable Diseases Outreach program. Tim McDonald reviewed a proposal to reinstitute the Vaccine Preventable Diseases (VPD) Outreach program as a discrete program. In November 2011, in an effort to increase efficiency, the Health District consolidated the VPD Outreach program with the Immunization Clinic under the Immunization Clinic manager, and the VPD manager moved to the First Steps, Early Intervention and Children with Special Health Care Needs programs. This consolidation of programs happened as needs for community outreach related to the pertussis epidemic increased dramatically. While support and emphasis aimed at childhood vaccination must be continued, this change in circumstances demonstrates the need for more resources focused at adult immunizations and expansion of vaccine preventable disease outreach to community health providers. Initiatives have begun in that regard. This proposal has been reviewed and approved by the Program Policy and Administration Committees. If approved by the Board of Health, the VPD program manager would return August 1, and the management position vacated in the other programs would need to be filled. These changes would not increase the 2012 Budget, but would increase future budgets by approximately \$30,000. This proposal has been reviewed and approved by the Program Policy and Administration Committees. Following discussion, it was moved by Ms. Fraley-Monillas and seconded by Ms. Grafer to approve reinstatement of the Vaccine Preventable Diseases Outreach Program, effective August 1, 2012. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 12-15, On-Site Sewage systems (OSS) Monitoring and Maintenance Specialist Program. Kevin Plemel reviewed proposed amendments to the Health District Sanitary Code in regard to the On-Site Sewage (OSS) Systems Monitoring and Maintenance. All OSS systems are permitted with the obligation directed to the homeowner to provide necessary operation and maintenance (O&M) according to WAC 246-272A-0270. Licensing of O&M professionals will ensure there is an adequate pool of trained service providers to assist homeowners in meeting their service obligations. Of the twelve Puget Sound Counties, Snohomish County is the only county without such a program and specific requirements. Brent Hackney, Chair of the Septic Issues Committee (made up of OSS pumpers, installers, and designers), advised that they have worked closely with the Health District in developing the proposed rules and regulations. This proposal has been reviewed and approved by the Program Policy Committee. Following discussion, it was moved by Ms. Guzak and seconded by Mr. Gossett to approve Resolution 12-15, adopting the Snohomish Health District Sanitary Code Chapter 8.7 "On-Site Sewage System Monitoring and Maintenance Specialist Program" and amending Chapter 8.3 "On-Site Sewage Disposal System Installer Program" and Chapter 8.4 "Septic Tank Pumper Program" for consistency with the provisions of Chapter 8.7. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 12-16, restructuring the Advisory Council. Dr. Goldbaum discussed restructuring of the Public Health Advisory Council (PHAC), which was established in October 2009. This diverse group of committed Snohomish County citizen leaders meets monthly with Health District leadership to consider public health issues and make recommendations to Snohomish Health District and the Board of Health relevant to improving the health of citizens of Snohomish County. Council members are appointed by the Board to staggered three-year terms, serve without compensation, and represent specific parts of the community (such as hospitals, tribes, and education). For the next 12-18 months, the PHAC will act as the Steering Committee for a process to develop a Community Health Improvement Plan. The process will begin with a community health assessment and end with commitments by community leaders (including but not focused on the Health District) to address local priorities. To better support this role, the Board of Health is being asked to approve restructuring of the Council to: 1) expand membership to assure broader representation of the community; 2) appoint members to all unfilled positions; and 3) clarify that appointments are for staggered three-year terms (except students appointed for one-year terms), beginning July 2012. If the Board approves, the Council will expand by five groups to 20 designated slots. Board members were provided with a table summarizing the original appointments and proposed new appointments. This proposal has been reviewed and approved by the Administration Committee. Following discussion, it was moved by Ms. Guzak and seconded by Ms. Cudaback to approve Resolution 12-16, restructuring the Public Health Advisory Council. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion Items

Board Budget subgroup. City Board members Ms. Fraley-Monillas and Ms. Grafer volunteered to participate in the 2013 Budget subgroup. A third County Board member will be identified at a future meeting.

Information Items

Community capacity for adult immunizations. In December 2011, the Board of Health delayed elimination of a sliding fee scale for communicable disease services for adults at the Health District until at least one community health care agency in both North and South Snohomish County was ready and willing to provide similar clinic services to low-income adults. Tim McDonald provided an update on community capacity for adult immunizations, previously presented to the Program Policy and Administration Committees. Snohomish Health District has signed a cooperative agreement with the SeaMar Marysville Clinic to provide walk-in immunizations on Tuesday evenings. SeaMar will provide an expedited immunization queue during that clinic, which is a major change from the normal patient registry process. All four Community Health Centers of Snohomish County (CHC) clinic sites are starting an expedited intake for patients seeking immunizations to receive services directly from a registered nurse. Both providers will use the Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) sliding scale fee for services, which is much less than the current Health District sliding scale fee. Staff will report back to the Board of Health when the level of service provided has been established.

A calendar for scheduled meetings in June and July 2012 was provided to Board members in their packets.

Executive Session

At 4:10 p.m. the Board went into Executive Session for 10 minutes to discuss matters regarding lease negotiations for the South County office. At 4:20 p.m. the meeting reconvened.

Other Business

Dr. Goldbaum invited Board members to participate in the inaugural meeting of the Local Health Boards Alliance on June 19 in SeaTac.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

Dianne White, Acting Chair

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