



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

Members Present

Dave Somers, County Councilman, Chair
Patsy Cudaback, Councilwoman, Monroe
Adrienne Fraley-Monillas, Councilwoman, Edmonds
Linda Grafer, Councilwoman, Mukilteo
Karen Guzak, Mayor, Snohomish
John Koster, County Councilman
Mark Lamb, Mayor, Bothell
Kerri Lonergan-Dreke, Councilwoman, Lynnwood
Dianne White, Mayor, Stanwood
Donna Wright, Councilwoman, Marysville

Members Absent

Shannon Affholter, Councilman, Everett
Dave Gossett, County Councilman
Brian Sullivan, County Councilman
Stephanie Wright, County Councilwoman

Others Present

John Amos, Snohomish County Council Office
Tim Bernard
Amy Blanchard, Communicable Disease Surveillance Program Manager
Suzanne Campbell
Randy Darst, SHD Environmental Health Division Director
James Deal
Gary Goldbaum, MD, SHD Health Officer and Director
Kathleen Grieci
David John
Sally John
Peter Mayer, SHD Deputy Director
Kristin Kinnamon, SHD Communications Manager
Tim McDonald, SHD Communicable Disease Division Director
Rita Mell, Vaccine Preventable Disease Clinical Program Manager
Brenda Newell, SHD HIV/STD/VHO Program Manager
Lorie Ochmann, SHD Executive Assistant
Ed Osgood

Suzanne Pate, SHD Communications Specialist
Kathy Perkins, SHD Communicable Disease Counselor
Don Peterson, SHD Business Manager
Therese Quinn, SHD Medical Reserve Corp Coordinator
Shantel Schmaus
Charlene Shambach, SHD Community Health Division Director
Steve Uberti, SHD Legal Counsel
Carol White

Call to Order

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

Chair's Report

Chair Somers expressed his sorrow at the loss of Drew Nielsen, Everett City Council member and former Board of Health member.

Board of Health Vice Chair Michelle Robles has resigned citing personal and health reasons.

It was moved by Ms. Donna Wright and seconded by Ms. Cudaback to elect Mark Lamb as Vice Chair for the remainder of 2012. The motion carried unanimously.

Health Officer's Report

Dr. Goldbaum updated the Board about pertussis in the county, noting that many new cases have been reported, that the Health District continues efforts encourage vaccination of adults, and that Verdant (formerly the Stevens Hospital District) is supporting a project specifically to promote vaccination in South County. He also summarized progress with the Community Health Assessment and public health involvement in health care reform, notably local collaboration with the medical community to improve how we work together. Finally, he reported on community concerns about fluoridation, noting that the Health District would bring this to the July Program & Policy Committee meeting.

Minutes

It was moved by Mr. Lamb and seconded by Ms. White to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held June 12, 2012. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Public Comment on fluoridation was offered by the following:

Sally John
Kathleen Grieci

Carol White
David John
Tim Bernard
James Deal

Board members decided to revisit the issue of fluoridation in the July Program Policy meeting.

Committee Reports

Included in today's meeting packet were the June 28 Program Policy Committee minutes and the monthly standing reports. The July 2 Administration Committee meeting was canceled. There were no questions regarding these reports.

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Ms. White and seconded by Mr. Lamb to approve the following item on the Consent Agenda: (a) Resolution 12-17 authorizing June 2012 expenditures for Health District and PHEPR funds. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Agenda

Resolution 12-18, recognizing the service of Michelle Robles Mountlake Terrace City Councilwoman Michelle Robles has been a very active member of the Board of Health, serving as a member of the Program Policy Committee, as well as Chair of the Program Policy Committee 2008 - 2012 and Vice Chair of the Board of Health for 2012. Ms. Robles' participation on the Board of Health enhanced the effectiveness and efficiency of the Board in administering the Health District and in promoting and supporting policies and programs beneficial to the Public Health of the residents of Snohomish County.

It was then moved by Mr. Lamb and seconded by Ms. White to approve Resolution 12-18, recognizing the service of Michelle Robles. The motion carried unanimously.

Distribution of Naloxone through Pacific Treatment Alternatives Unintentional poisoning deaths in Snohomish County have increased more than five-fold since 1990. Eighty percent of unintentional poisonings between 2005-2007 involved the use of at least one opioid. This is an issue that is impacting both youth and young adults. By the time youth reach the 10th grade at least 1 in 12 youth will have used an opioid to "get high". Naloxone is an opioid antidote that cannot be abused (i.e. used as a stimulant, depressant or hallucinogen) but can save the life of a person who has overdosed with an opioid if administered immediately after the overdose symptoms are observed. Naloxone does not encourage people to use opioids. There are more than one hundred programs operating in 15 states that distribute Naloxone to opioid users. Snohomish Health District is proposing a pilot project to distribute Naloxone through pharmacies in conjunction with appropriate training by Pacific Treatment Alternatives on the use of Naloxone, as part of an overall harm reduction program.

It was moved by Ms. Guzak and seconded by Ms. Fraley-Monillas to approve Resolution 12-19, distribution of Naloxone through Pacific Treatment Alternatives. The motion carried unanimously.

Establishing a fee for "The Greater Risk? Disease vs. Vaccine" publication Tim McDonald discussed the success of the publication "The Greater Risk? Disease vs. Vaccine". These laminated cards provide photographic tools for providers to assist in educating clients on the potential risks in declining vaccinations. The healthcare community has expressed interest in large quantities of these publications. Due to the ten dollar each production cost of these publications, the Snohomish Health District is unable to meet demand and is therefore proposing a ten dollar fee per publication to cover the cost of printing and postage.

It was then moved by Mr. Lamb and seconded by Ms. Loneragan-Dreke to approve Resolution 12-20, establishing a fee for "The Greater Risk? Disease vs. Vaccine" publication. The motion carried unanimously.

Acknowledging "Stop the Cough" Partners Tim McDonald discussed the whooping cough epidemic in Snohomish County that has sickened hundreds of people and required an exceptional public health response. The Snohomish Health District has coordinated this response, but has relied on community partners to help educate and vaccinate the public. These public-private partnerships have resulted in:

- Nine free immunization clinics at locations throughout Snohomish County;
- 2,000 doses of free vaccine administered to date;
- All 285,000 residences in Snohomish County received a "Get vaccinated" postcard;
- 21 pharmacy partners administering vaccine to low-income adults; and
- A doubling of the number of adults receiving vaccination in 2012 so far compared to 2011

The Snohomish Health District would like to recognize formally these outstanding business, health care and community partners in the fight against whooping cough: *The Everett Clinic and Foundation, Group Health Foundation and Everett Medical Center, Cascade Valley Hospital and Foundation, Providence Regional Medical Center, Swedish/Edmonds, Snohomish County Medical Society, Verdant Health Commission, Little Red School House, SeaMar Community Health Centers, Pacific Medical Center, Cascade Valley Darrington Clinic, Valley General Hospital, Arlington Pharmacy, Bartell Drugs Pharmacies, Pharm-A-Save, Rite Aid Pharmacies, Tulalip Clinical Pharmacy, Kusler's Pharmacy, Sanofi-Pasteur Americares Program, Washington State Department of Health*

It was then moved by Mr. Lamb and seconded by Ms. Cudaback to approve Resolution 12-21, acknowledging "Stop the Cough" Partners. The motion carried unanimously.

Acknowledging Medical Reserve Corps Volunteers Tim McDonald discussed the role of the Medical Reserve Corp in support of Snohomish Health District in immunizing more than 1,500 adults against the whooping cough epidemic. Medical Reserve Corps volunteers have been essential in the coordination of nine free vaccination clinics:

- Operating a call center for 14 days to take appointments and questions
- Directly vaccinating about 500 adults
- Greeting and assisting clients at clinics throughout the county
- Donating a total of 408 volunteer hours – the equivalent of two weeks work for five full-time staff

It was then moved by Ms. Guzak and seconded by Ms. Grafer to approve Resolution 12-22, acknowledging Medical Reserve Corps Volunteers. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Chronic Disease Prevention Healthy Communities Grant Charlene Shambach reported that a grant opportunity is available to SHD, which builds upon the Healthy Communities efforts of the Health District. The Department of Health (DOH) will award the Health District \$75,000 for one year to focus on physical activity, healthy eating, and tobacco-free living in a community. The work must be focused in a geographical area of the county. Based on our experience, health data, and community interest, the city of Darrington is willing to partner with the Health District. Convening a community coalition is a requirement of the grant. The Health District plans to assemble and facilitate the Snohomish County Healthy Communities Coalition with representatives from five municipalities including Marysville, Lynnwood, Everett, Darrington and Granite Falls. The intent of the coalition is to engage past Healthy Communities partners (Lynnwood, Marysville, and Everett) and involve new Healthy Communities partners (Darrington and Granite Falls). This coalition can serve to support the municipalities in their work to implement policy, systems, and environmental change strategies for active living, healthy eating, and tobacco-free living.

The grant period is July 1, 2012-June 30, 2013. All overhead/indirect costs are allowed and no matching funds are required. The funding will come through the existing DOH Consolidated Contract. A 1.0 FTE is requested to fulfill the requirements of the grant for the duration of the grant funding.

Discussion Items

Board members determined they have adequate availability to convene the July Program Policy meeting, cancellation will not be necessary.

Information Items

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

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Dave Somers, Chair

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