



***Snohomish Health District
Board of Health Minutes
Regular Meeting
October 9, 2012***

Members Present

Shannon Affholter, Councilman, Everett
Adrienne Fraley-Monillas, Councilwoman, Edmonds
Dave Gossett, County Councilman
Linda Grafer, Councilwoman, Mukilteo
Karen Guzak, Mayor, Snohomish
Mark Lamb, Mayor, Bothell, Vice-Chair
Lonergan-Dreke, Councilwoman, Lynnwood
Kerri
Dave Somers, County Councilman, Chair
Dianne White, Mayor, Stanwood
Donna Wright, Councilwoman, Marysville
Kyoko Matsumoto Wright, Councilwoman, Mountlake Terrace

Members Absent

Patsy Cudaback, Councilwoman, Monroe
John Koster, County Councilman
Brian Sullivan, County Councilman
Stephanie Wright, County Councilwoman

Others Present

John Amos
Nancy Blevins, SHD Health Information Manager
Randy Darst, SHD Environmental Health Division Director
James Deal
Sharon Dresler
Nancy Furness, SHD Special Assistant for Emergency Preparedness
Gary Goldbaum, MD, SHD Health Officer and Director
Kathleen Grieci
Steven Hellyer, SHD IS Program Manager
LeeAnn Hoaglin-Cooper, SHD Dental Hygienist
Peter Mayer, SHD Deputy Director
Kristin Kinnamon, SHD Communications Manager
Tim McDonald, SHD Communicable Disease Division Director
Carrie McLauchlan, SHD Healthy Communities & Assessment Program Manager



Rita Mell, SHD Immunization Program Manager
Brenda Newell, SHD HIV/STD/Hep C Program Manager
Lorie Ochmann, SHD Executive Assistant
Suzanne Pate, SHD Communications Specialist
Don Peterson, SHD Business Manager
Charlene Shambach, SHD Community Health Division Director
Nathan Shelby, SHD Systems Engineer
Glen Svendsen, Snohomish County Financial Analyst
Steve Uberti, SHD Legal Counsel

Call to Order

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Health was convened at 3:02 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 reported that the Board decided after the last meeting that the presentation on Fluoridation that Dr. Goldbaum gave to the Program Policy Committee should be repeated for the full Board.

Health Officer's Report

Newly appointed Board of Health Member, Kyoko Matsumoto Wright, City of Mountlake Terrace Councilwoman, was sworn in by SHD Legal Counsel, Steve Uberti.

Dr. Goldbaum reported for January 1 through September 28, 521 cases of pertussis have been reported, as compared with 494 cases as of August 29. Although school has resumed, the number of new cases reported each week is declining. Influenza season will start soon, so we are urging everyone to get vaccinated now. The vaccine has been updated to protect against two new strains identified last year. We expect an ample supply of vaccine. The Health District is offering intramuscular and intranasal vaccine. As of September 25, 3545 cases of West Nile Virus (WNV) had been reported in 48 states; 1816 infections resulted in meningitis or encephalitis and 147 people had died. This is the highest number of cases reported to CDC since 2003. Four human cases have been reported in Washington, two acquiring disease in state and two acquiring disease out of state. Monitoring continues. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Food and Drug Administration are working closely with state public health departments on a multistate investigation of fungal meningitis among patients who received an



epidural steroid injection. As of October 8, a total of 105 cases, including 8 deaths, have been reported in 9 states. The particular medication was not shipped to Washington and no cases have been reported here.

Dr. Goldbaum gave the presentation on Fluoridation of Public Water Supplies that had been presented at the August Program & Policy Committee meeting.

Minutes

It was moved by Ms. White and seconded by Mr. Gosset to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held September 11, 2012. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Public Comment on fluoridation was offered by the following:

James Deal
Sharon Dresler
Kathleen Grieci

Committee Reports

Ms. White reported that Admin Committee met and discussed budget and finance issues. There was a budget presentation. Voucher and expenditure items were moved to the Board Consent Agenda.

Mr. Lamb reported that the Program Policy Committee did not meet in September.

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. Gosset and seconded by Mr. Lamb to approve the following item on the Consent Agenda: (b) Resolution 12-30 authorizing September 2012 expenditures for Health District and PHEPR funds. The motion carried unanimously.



Action Agenda

Resolution 12-31, Fluoridation of public water systems. Several Board Members expressed appreciation for the concerns brought to the Board in public comment. After review of the evidence presented, the Board concluded that fluoridation is supported by scientific evidence and in the interest of the greater good of the community.

It was then moved by Ms. White and seconded by Mr. Gosset to approve Resolution 12-31, Affirming Resolution 89-27 Endorsing and Supporting Fluoridation of the Public Water System of the City of Everett. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion Items

There were no Discussion Items.

Information Items

Don Peterson reported the annual audit is complete. There were no findings. A management letter already received by Board Members identified 14 minor errors.

Pete Mayer gave a presentation on the 2013 preliminary budget. Board Members were given detailed 2013 projections and a six year forecast for consideration. The Board supported staff's proposed approach, to freeze positions currently unfilled and opening through attrition in 2013, and to draw on the fund balance in 2013 while we work with the Board to develop and implement a plan to eliminate recurring expenses that would otherwise create deficits in 2014 and beyond. Discussion will continue at future meetings.

The November Board of Health Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 13, 2012 conflicts with the Washington State Association of Counties Meeting. The Board meeting has been rescheduled for Wednesday, November 7th from 11am to 12pm in the Jackson Board Room on the 8th floor of the Robert J. Drewel Building.

The November Program Policy Meeting was cancelled due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

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



Executive Session

A five minute Executive Session was held to discuss personnel matters.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Dave Somers, Chair

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