



***Snohomish Health District
Board of Health Minutes
Regular Meeting, Annual Meeting
March 12, 2013***

Members Present

Shannon Affholter, Councilman, Everett
Adrienne Fraley-Monillas, Councilwoman, Edmonds
Karen Guzak, Mayor, Snohomish, Chair
Kerri Lonergan-Dreke, Councilwoman, Lynnwood
Sean Richards, Councilman, Mountlake Terrace
Dave Somers, County Councilman, Chair
Brian Sullivan, County Councilman
Dianne White, Mayor, Stanwood

Members Absent

John Joplin, Councilman, Brier
Dave Gossett, County Councilman
Linda Grafer, Councilwoman, Mukilteo
John Koster, County Councilman
Vern Little, Mayor, Lake Stevens
Donna Wright, Councilwoman, Marysville
Stephanie Wright, County Councilwoman

Others Present

Joseph Aharchi, SHD TB Program Manager
John Amos, Snohomish County
Nancy Blevins, SHD Vital Records Program Manager
Terry Clark, Little Red Schoolhouse
Randy Darst, SHD Environmental Health Division Director
Nancy Furness, SHD Special Assistant for Emergency Preparedness
Gary Goldbaum, MD, SHD Health Officer and Director
Steven Hellyer, SHD IS Program Manager
Anna Hippchen, SHD Communicable Disease Division
Naomi Kern, SHD Communicable Disease Division
Vanny Khy-Preston, SHD Communicable Disease Division
Karen Kinder-Cara, SHD Environmental Health Division
Kristin Kinnamon, SHD Communications Manager
Gayle Lanier, SHD Vaccine Preventable Disease Program Manager



Peter Mayer, SHD Deputy Director
Tim McDonald, SHD Communicable Disease Division Director
Carrie McLachlan, SHD Health Communities and Assessment Program Manager
Alicia McQuen, SHD Communicable Disease Division
Rita Mell, SHD Clinic Program Manager
Lorie Ochmann, SHD Executive Assistant
Timo Ochmann, SHD Helpdesk Technician
Carolyn Pape, SHD Interim Human Resources Manager
Suzanne Pate, SHD Communications Specialist
Lisa Pederson, SHD Communicable Disease Division
Don Peterson, SHD Business Manager
Charlene Shambach, SHD Community Health Division Director
Nathan Shelby, SHD Systems Engineer
James Shipman, Shipman Uberti, PS
Christina Stone-Griffiths, SHD Communicable Disease Division
Glen Svendsen, Snohomish County Financial Analyst
Steve Uberti, SHD Legal Counsel
Michael Whitney, Snohomish County Tribune
Karen Winchell, SHD Communicable Disease Division
Rod Younker, Summit Law

Call to Order

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Health was convened at 3:02 p.m. by Chair Karen Guzak 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

There was no Chair's report.

Health Officer's Report

Dr. Goldbaum recognized Councilman Dave Somers for his service as Board of Health chair in 2012. Dr. Goldbaum thanked Councilman Somers for his exemplary service.

Karen Kinder-Cara on behalf of the Recognition Committee recognized The Tuberculosis Control Program as SHD Team of the Quarter. The TB staff has had a challenging year with a number of complicated patients that may require a year or more of treatment.



Tim McDonald read a proclamation proclaiming March 24, 2013 World TB Day. TB is a leading cause of illness and death worldwide, and each day 4,000 people die of this curable disease. An estimated 10 to 15 million people in the United States infected with the tuberculosis bacteria, and Snohomish County has among the highest number of TB cases in the State of Washington. Each year between 20-27 active cases of the disease are diagnosed here.

It was moved by Mr. Somers and seconded by Ms. White to proclaim March 24, 2013 World TB Day. The motion carried unanimously. Dr. Goldbaum gave a State of the District address focusing on three areas; Accomplishments of the past year, Changes in public health's world, and Future challenges and responses.

Accomplishments

Snohomish County was ground zero for the state's whooping cough epidemic. Thanks to our efforts and media attention, at least 9,000 more people were vaccinated against whooping cough in 2012 compared to 2011. In addition, we maintained and expanded our community partnerships. The Health District also met its regulatory responsibilities under state law. We enforced food, water and waste codes. And we protected clean air under the Smoking in Public Places law. One priority was to expand community partnerships; we did so with many venues, including insurers such as Premera, foundations such as Verdant, many pharmacies, and our schools.

Changes

The Strategic Plan has been a valuable guide. However, we are moving into a new era. Our current environment is dynamic and demands new approaches. Chronic diseases and injury still represent the leading causes of death and disability, but the presentations are changing. There are more complications of obesity and diabetes at ever younger ages. The Affordable Care Act poses real potential to expand access, but the path is not entirely clear. Some people will not have better access; even where access improves, many people may not get the preventive services they need. No matter what happens in the medical field, the need will remain for public health's focus on preventing disease throughout the community. Our work environment has also changed. For nearly two decades, Washington's public health community has set goals and measured our performance. This has become a national movement that will ultimately demand that public health agencies be accredited. We are already moving along this path and are committed to being accredited within the next two years.

Future

First, we must secure stable funding for public health. Cities, counties, and the state must come together to assure that foundational public health services are supported. Second, we must focus on those functions that are unique to public health. This will require thoughtful review of our programming, honest discussions with community partners, and redirection of resources. Third, while assuring that we do not reverse public health's successes in communicable diseases and environmental health, we must target shrinking resources to the highest priority health issues, notably chronic diseases and injuries. Finally, we need to support the remarkable public health



network that exists in Washington State by collaborating with our state and local peers to move forward as a system.

Pete Mayer presented a 2013 Work Plan Overview which was developed to help guide the Snohomish Health District, and serve as a valuable tool to support the development, implementation and evaluation of agency operations and activities that are consistent with the SHD Strategic Plan, Board priorities and the 2013 budget. Program/division work plans have been developed identifying specific work tasks, persons responsible, and timeframes to accomplish desired activities and priorities. Many items will lead to future engagement of the Board of Health where particular policy or resourcing guidance may be obtained. Mr. Mayer introduced the varied projects and initiatives staff will be engaged in throughout the year. SHD Division Directors highlighted examples in each of their areas. Subsequent updates will occur periodically in meetings of the Administration Committee and at the full Board of Health meeting in August.

Minutes

It was moved by Ms. Lonergan-Dreke and seconded by Ms. Fraley-Monillas to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held January 8 and February 12, 2013. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Committee Reports

Terry Clark, Executive Director of Little Red Schoolhouse, and Chair of the Public Health Advisory Council, gave an update on the Council work. The Council was formed on 2010 and was made up of community stakeholder from a wide spectrum of areas. The Council has been working with SHD staff on a community health assessment and community health improvement plan. The demographics of the county were analyzed as a context for process. Nearly 80 health indicators in nine categories were evaluated with comparisons to state and national data. The top six issues were identified and will be the basis of an action plan for the top three. On April 30th, 8:30 – 10:00 AM, The Health of Snohomish County Community Report Card presentation will provide a complete overview of the community health assessments results. The event will be held a public meeting room at the Snohomish County Campus Drewel Building.

It was reported that the Admin Committee and Program Policy Committee did not meet.



Included in today's meeting packet were the monthly standing reports. There were no questions regarding these reports.

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Ms. White and seconded by Mr. Affholter to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (a) vouchers of January and February 2013 (b) Resolution 13-02 authorizing January, (c) Resolution 13-05 authorizing February expenditures, for Health District and PHEPR funds and (d) Resolution 13-04 calling for adequate state funding for public health. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 the Board of Health convened into Executive Session for 25 minutes to discuss collective bargaining contract negotiations and pursuant to RCW 42.30.140 discuss potential litigation.

Action Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Somers and seconded by Ms. White to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with Washington State Nurses Association. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Goldbaum discussed the history of Resolution 13-03 calling on the legislature to address gun-related injuries. Counties and Boards of Health throughout the state have passed similar resolutions. From 2007 to 2011, 238 Snohomish County residents died as a result of gun violence and an additional 110 residents were hospitalized due to nonfatal firearm injuries; of the Snohomish County gun deaths from 2007 to 2011, 35 were homicides and 199 were self-inflicted.

It was moved by Ms. White and seconded by Ms. Fraley-Monillas to approve Resolution 13-03, supporting legislation to address gun-related injuries. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion Items

The Board discussed availability for a one-hour work session at 2:00 PM, prior to the Board Meeting on March 12, 2013.



Information Items

A calendar for scheduled meetings in March and April 2013 was provided to Board members in their packets.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Karen Guzak, Chair

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