



***Snohomish Health District
Board of Health Minutes
Regular Meeting
April 9, 2013***

Members Present

Adrienne Fraley-Monillas, Councilwoman, Edmonds
Karen Guzak, Mayor, Snohomish, Chair
Dave Gossett, County Councilman
Linda Grafer, Councilwoman, Mukilteo
John Joplin, Councilman, Brier
John Koster, County Councilman
Kerri Lonergan-Dreke, Councilwoman, Lynnwood
Sean Richards, Councilman, Mountlake Terrace
Donna Wright, Councilwoman, Marysville
Stephanie Wright, County Councilwoman

Members Absent

Shannon Affholter, Councilman, Everett
Vern Little, Mayor, Lake Stevens
Dave Somers, County Councilman, Chair
Brian Sullivan, County Councilman
Dianne White, Mayor, Stanwood

Others Present

Anne Alfred, SHD Environmental Health Specialist
John Amos, Snohomish County
Judy Chapman, SHD Accountant
Gary Goldbaum, MD, SHD Health Officer and Director
Steven Hellyer, SHD IS Program Manager
Kristin Kinnamon, SHD Communications Manager
Gayle Lanier, SHD Vaccine Preventable Disease Program Manager
Peter Mayer, SHD Deputy Director
Josh McDonald, WA State Restaurant Association
Carrie McLachlan, SHD Health Communities and Assessment Program Manager
Rita Mell, SHD Clinic Program Manager
Brenda Newell, SHD HIV, STD, Hepatitis C Program Manager
Lorie Ochmann, SHD Executive Assistant



Carolyn Pape, SHD Interim Human Resources Manager
Don Peterson, SHD Business Manager
Kevin Plemel, SHD Environmental Health Section Manager
Charlene Shambach, SHD Community Health Division Director
Nathan Shelby, SHD Systems Engineer
James Shipman, Shipman Uberti, PS
Glen Svendsen, Snohomish County Financial Analyst
Kelly Sylliaasen, SHD Vaccine Coordinator
Barb Taylor, SHD Financial Analyst
Michael Whitney, Snohomish County Tribune
Jean Zahalka, SHD Public Health Nurse
Rick Zahalka, SHD Food and Living Section Manager

Call to Order

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Health was convened at 3:40 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 reported on Health Care Reform and local activity that will impact health care in Snohomish County. The Providence Access Clinic will move from its Broadway location to a larger facility adjacent to the Everett Community College campus. Project Access Northwest (PAN) continues to expand its network of specialists who volunteer services; PAN is also piloting opening its network beyond federally qualified health centers and free clinics to include some private providers who serve low income patients. Specialists can provide their medical services through donation. The Health Leadership Group convened by Premera is moving forward with a community-based project targeting childhood obesity and a hospital/clinic-based project targeting palliative care. And an upcoming Providence conference will convene local community leaders to raise awareness about adult heart health, especially focusing on obesity.

The nation observed Public Health Week last week, but Snohomish County is observing Public Health Month. SHD will mark the month with two significant events. First, release of our first Annual Report, which will summarize our accomplishments in 2012. Second, April 30, SHD will release results of the Community Health Assessment, which represents many months of work by the Public Health Advisory Council and our Assessment team.



A new influenza A (H7N9) virus has been reported in China. To date, a total of 24 cases have been laboratory confirmed, including seven deaths, 14 severe cases, and three mild cases. At this time, no cases have been reported outside of China. According to WHO, no person-to-person spread of the H7N9 virus has been found at this time. A novel virus, it has the potential to cause a pandemic if it were to change to become easily and sustainably spread from person-to-person. The public health community will monitor for any evidence that the virus evolves to pose risk of spread.

Minutes

It was moved by Mr. Gosset and seconded by Ms. Grafer to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held March 12, 2013. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Public comment was offered by Josh McDonald.

Committee Reports

Mr. Gosset reported that Administration Committee discussed financial policies.

Ms. D. Lonergan-Dreke reported that Program Policy Committee financial policies and food code.

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 Ms. D. Wright to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (a) vouchers of March 2013 (b) Resolution 13-06 authorizing March 2013 expenditures, for Health District and PHEPR funds and (c) Resolution 13-09 authorizing changes to petty cash, change and revolving funds and (d) Resolution 13-08 authorizing staff access to Bank of America safety deposit box. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

There was no executive session.



Action Agenda

Rick Zahalka discussed the background and proposed changes to state and local food code. On October 10, 2012 the state board of health adopted revisions to chapter 246-215 Food Safety to reflect changes in the FDA food code as well as other issues in food safety specific to Washington State. The code will go into effect in May, 2013. The new Washington State Food Code covers most of the requirements for Snohomish County. Throughout the review process SHD's Food Advisory Committee was kept apprised of proposed changes and provided feedback to the DOH which resulted in changes to the proposed revision to better meet the needs of our local food service establishments. SHD staff also provided direct input through various subcommittees as well as to the core workgroup through our local health jurisdiction representatives. Over the past few months the Food Safety staff evaluated the current chapters of the local SHD Sanitary Code for relevance, alignment with the state food code and value to our current Food Safety Program. The Food Safety Program met with the SHD Food Advisory Committee and the Washington Restaurant Association to discuss and receive feedback on proposed changes to the Sanitary Code. Both groups noted that the extensive negotiations resulting in the revised State Food Code were conducted with the hopes of greater consistency throughout the state in the regulation of retail food service.

Mr. Mayer recognized Rick Zahalka's 24 years of service to Snohomish Health District. Mr. Zahalka is retiring on May 3, 2013.

It was moved by Ms. Fraley-Monillas and seconded by Ms. S. Wright to approve Resolution 13-07, authorizing revisions of Sanitary Code Chapter 10.1 Food Service Regulations. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion Items

There were no discussion items.

Information Items

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

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:06 PM.



Karen Guzak, Chair

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