



***Snohomish Health District
Board of Health Minutes
Regular Meeting
April 8, 2014***

Members Present

Adrienne Fraley-Monillas, Councilmember, Edmonds
Karen Guzak, Mayor, Snohomish, Chair
Linda Grafer, Councilmember, Mukilteo
John Joplin, Councilmember, Brier
Ken Klein, County Councilmember
Sam Low, Councilmember, Lake Stevens
Sid Roberts, Councilmember, Lynnwood
Terry Ryan, County Councilmember
Brian Sullivan, County Councilmember
Donna Wright, Councilmember, Marysville
Stephanie Wright, County Councilmember

Members Absent

Suzie Ashworth, Councilmember, Granite Falls
Scott Murphy, Councilmember, Everett
Sean Richards, Councilmember, Mountlake Terrace
Dave Somers, County Councilmember

Call to Order

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Health was convened at 3:06 p.m. by Chair Stephanie Wright in the Auditorium of the Snohomish Health District Rucker Building. Roll call was taken by Lorie Ochmann, who reported there was a quorum present.

Minutes

It was moved by Ms. Guzak and seconded by Ms. Fraley-Monillas to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held March 11, 2014. The motion carried unanimously.



Consent Agenda

It was moved by Ms. Fraley-Monillas and seconded by Mr. Klein to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (a) vouchers for March 2014; and (b) Resolution 14-04 authorizing March 2014 expenditures for Health District and PHEPR funds. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Chair's Report

Chair Wright had no report.

Health Officer's Report

Dr. Goldbaum updated the Board on the SR530 flooding/mudslide. As of April 7th there are 33 known dead and 12 missing. Snohomish Health District's role is defined by ESF 8 (Emergency Support Function 8, Public Health and Medical Services). Twenty-seven staff worked in excess of 600 hours in March alone. Staff support is ongoing in the Medical Examiner's Office, responsibilities include assisting in collecting identifying information of victims and potential victims. SHD staff are also engaged in evaluating contaminations risks, providing vaccinations and N95 masks to responders, and staffing the county Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Medical Reserve Corp (MRC) volunteers, under the direction of public health, have also been very active in the event response. The situation remains dynamic and complex.

The Board's Public Health Advisory Council has been chosen as a 2014 Health Champion for its all encompassing work to address pressing public health issues in Snohomish County. Dr. Goldbaum recognized the council for their great work.

Dr. Goldbaum gave a State of the District presentation, discussing what defines public health, what data drive public health, Snohomish Health District's good work, and public health's unique roles. Public Health is guided by six principles; 1) do greatest good for greatest number; 2) reduce disparities/inequities; 3) protect the vulnerable; 4) prolong and improve quality of life; 5) assure society can function; and 6) follow the evidence. Dr. Goldbaum provided a list of the ten greatest public health achievements of the 20th Century and the leading causes of death 1910 – 2010. There are a number of ways data is examined, including leading causes of death, years of potential life lost, and a study of actual causes of death. Behaviors are responsible for most deaths and disabilities. This is where public health must invest the most effort. Snohomish Health District's Annual Report details the programs and initiatives working to improve the health of the



community. Community partners also have a major role in improving the health of the community. The Board's Public Health Advisory Council, representing a diverse cross-section of community stakeholders and partners, reviewed 80 health indicators over a period of months to identify the three priority issues, youth physical abuse, obesity, and suicide. These priority issues are the basis of the Community Health Improvement Plan. The Advisory Council and SHD staff will be hosting a Community Health Improvement Plan Release Event on Friday, May 2nd to share the results for the plan and seek support to help reduce youth physical abuse, obesity, and suicide in Snohomish County.

Committee Reports

There were no questions regarding the monthly financial standing report.

Information Items

A calendar for scheduled meetings in April and May 2014 was provided to Board Members in their packets.

Work Session

Pete Mayer, SHD Deputy Director introduced Margaret Norton-Arnold, who has been contracted by SHD to lead the update to the 2009 Strategic Plan. Ms. Norton-Arnold briefed the Board on progress since the March 11th Board of Health meeting, including three employee listening sessions and a brainstorming session with the Public Health Advisory Council. The result of these conversations is a "Substantial Outline" of the Strategic Plan Update consisting of seven draft strategic initiatives; 1) Move Patients out of SHD Clinics and into Medical Homes; 2) Pursue Continuous Improvement of Environmental Health Business Practices; 3) Optimize Delivery of Early Childhood Development Programs; 4) Implement Community Health Policies/Programs to Address Chronic Disease/Injury; 5) Improve Administrative Support Functions; 6) Institute Workforce Development and Succession Planning; and 7) Improve Health District Funding and Governance. Each of the initiatives has been written in a consistent manner to include rationale, relationship to the 2009 Plan, benefits, successful examples, issues to be addressed, action steps and key milestones, and assignment of accountability. Next steps are to continue work with Directors, provide employee feedback by April 11th, draft plan update by April 25th, presentation to the Board on May 7th, staff and stakeholder feedback in May, and a final plan update by June 20th.

Ms. Fraley-Monillas commented that SHD should be coordinating with community mental health so that there is a "safety net" for this vulnerable population.



Mr. Sullivan added that current services are still in place, even as the District thinks about transitioning out of some services, steps should be taken to ensure other organizations won't be overwhelmed with SHD patients, and that those patients will still get the care they need.

A question was asked about whether or not the Board could carry out the strategies by making changes to the existing budget. Mr. Mayer explained that the goal of this strategic plan is to help inform the 2015 budget and beyond.

Mr. Sullivan provided newer Board Members with some background information on public health funding and why cities are not required to contribute funds.

A Board member commented that it was important to make sure SHD continues to be involved in disaster planning, as public health has been critical to the recovery at Oso.

Discussion will continue at the May 13th Board of Health meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 PM.

Stephanie Wright, Chair

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