



***Snohomish Health District
Board of Health Minutes
Regular Meeting
March 10, 2015***

Members Present

Linda Grafer, Councilmember, Mukilteo
Karen Guzak, Mayor, Snohomish
John Joplin, Councilmember, Brier
Sam Low, Councilmember, Lake Stevens
Scott Murphy, Councilmember, Everett
Sean Richards, Councilmember, Mountlake Terrace
Sid Roberts, Councilmember, Lynnwood
Terry Ryan, County Councilmember
Dave Somers, County Councilmember

Members Absent

Suzie Ashworth, Councilmember, Granite Falls
Adrienne Fraley-Monillas, Councilmember, Edmonds
Ken Klein, County Councilmember
Brian Sullivan, County Councilmember
Donna Wright, Councilmember, Marysville
Stephanie Wright, County Councilmember, Chair

Call to Order

The annual meeting of the Board of Health was convened at 3:00 p.m. by Chair Sam Low in the Auditorium of the Snohomish Health District Rucker Building. Roll call was taken by Lorie Ochmann, who reported there was not a quorum present.

The agenda was rearranged to delay voting items as no quorum was present.

Special Business

Chair Low read a proclamation recognizing the one year anniversary of the SR 530 landslide and resulting catastrophic loss in and around Oso. The Board of Health proclaimed a Day of Remembrance Sunday, March 22, 2015.

Gary Hanada, SHD Food Section Manager presented the Food Safety Excellence Award



to nine local food establishments recognized for not only consistently meeting minimum code requirements, but also going above and beyond. The recipients were:

Costco Everett
Boeing, multiple locations
Huckleberry Corn Company, Mill Creek
Anthony's Restaurants, multiple locations
#1 Teriyaki, Arlington
Golden Corral Steak House, Marysville
AJ's Burgers, Marysville
Grocery Outlet, Marysville
Marysville-Pilchuck High School

Public Comment

Public Comment was offered by Hanna Welander, Washington State Nurses Association

Chair's Report

Chair Low reported that he and Vice-Chair Mr. Klein had compiled a list of suggested Blue Ribbon Commission members recommended by Board Members. The Blue Ribbon Commission Goals are (1) To identify, prioritize and recommend to the Snohomish Health District Board of Health a series of revenue sources and strategies to sustainably fund the agency now and well into the future; (2) To identify and recommend to the Snohomish Health District Board of Health a preferred governance structure to guide the agency; and (3) To increase community awareness for public health services and secure community "champions" to support implementation of the Commission's recommendations.

Throughout this review process it has become apparent that additional discussion will be needed before implementation. A greater discussion will occur in April.

Mayor Guzak asked if a list of prospective Commission Members had been developed. Mr. Low indicated that a list had been compiled.

Mr. Murphy inquired about the willingness of local leaders to make the necessary time commitment required for the Commission.

Chair Low agreed that the time commitment has been a challenge.



Health Officer's Report

Influenza

Dr. Goldbaum reported that as of February 21, 165 Snohomish County residents had been hospitalized for influenza and nine had died of influenza during this influenza season. These numbers exceed those for every year since the 2009 H1N1 pandemic, the first year the data was collected. However, the numbers reported each week have plummeted, so the peak has passed. Given the widespread concern about the low efficacy of this year's vaccine, the challenge will be to motivate people to be vaccinated next year.

Legislative Update

Many bills had died as of March 3 and many more will likely die by March 11, but several bills of public health concern remain alive. There is little likelihood of new revenues to support specific public health activities, much less the public health infrastructure overall.

Providence Institute for Healthier Communities

Providence Regional Medical Center Everett has established the Providence Institute for Healthier Communities to promote new initiatives that will support the "triple aim" of health care reform: healthier people, greater satisfaction with health care services, and reduced costs. The Institute will initially have four centers:

- 1) Center for Health Priorities & Outcomes—will support community research to define local priorities and disseminate reports on outcomes of local initiatives.
- 2) Center for Health Education & Healing—will support making health education resources easily accessible and reduce barriers to accessing health promotion services (such as cardiac health programs).
- 3) Center for Community Health Transformation—will support community-level interventions to promote health (such as school programs to improve youth nutrition and physical activity).
- 4) Center for a Healthy Workforce—will support efforts to improve health-promoting activities at worksites, especially at small to medium-sized companies.

The Health District will work closely with the new Institute, focusing on bringing local data to guide initiatives and helping community partners in the various initiatives to coordinate their individual efforts in order to increase impact across the community.

Pertussis

Secretary of Health, John Wiesman noted in a conference call this morning that pertussis numbers are increasing. There have been six cases in 2015 compared with 24 in all of 2014. Just two years ago there was a pertussis epidemic in Snohomish County with over 500 cases in a single year. Everyone should be vaccinated and pregnant women should be vaccinated with each pregnancy to assure immunity.



Briefings

Water Catchment

Pete Mayer, Deputy Director reviewed recent water catchment activities and discussions since the February Board Meeting.

Kevin Plemel, Interim Environmental Health Division Director gave a presentation on water catchment. At the February 10th Board of Health meeting, staff were asked to explore how captured rainwater might be allowable for drinking and other household purposes. District staff had recently met with members of Snohomish County Planning and Development Services (PDS) on rainwater catchment to better scope the issue(s) and identify the opportunities and constraints under current codes, considerations for any potential changes to enable greater use of such systems in certain circumstances and identification of various options on how best to proceed.

Beginning with the passage of the Growth Management Act (GMA) in 1990 individuals have had to demonstrate an “adequate and potable” water supply prior to obtaining a residential building permit for new development (RCW 19.27.097). The local permitting authority- Snohomish County Planning and Development Services- is responsible for making such determinations. There are also similar determinations made during processes to subdivide land. Around the time that the GMA was enacted, Snohomish County PDS approached the District regarding the need to make the adequate and potable determinations. An interlocal agreement was entered into with Snohomish County and has been the basis for such determinations ever since. SHD subsequently adopted guidance based on recommendations established jointly by Ecology and the State Department of Health.

The underlying guidance and resulting rules do not address a means by which adequacy and potability can be determined relative to rainwater catchment as a source of domestic drinking water and for approval of new development.

As technologies and experiences have increased in the area of rainwater catchment, there has been an expressed desire for the Health District and Snohomish County PDS to consider policy approaches for use of catchment as a sole source of domestic potable water on an individual household basis.

Next steps may include engaging stakeholders and advisory bodies such as Public Health Advisory Council, Water Utilities Coordinating Council, rainwater catchment advocates, and Master Builders; better defining the role of SHD and County Planning & Development Services; revising agency work plans; and directing staff to explore issues and options based on Board feedback.

Mr. Somers discussed challenges for land owners in closed basins and the likelihood that additional basins may be closed to new wells in the foreseeable future. Issues related to cross-contamination and certifications are relatively simple, but do need to be addressed. This work will require determining a lead agency, either Snohomish County or SHD.

Chair Low agreed with Mr. Somers comments and recommended moving forward.

Ms. Grafer inquired about funding.

Mr. Somers indicated there would be no infrastructure costs to the county, and suggested a workgroup be formed to explore how to move the project forward.



Mr. Mayer agreed that SHD would be able to support a sub-committee.

Additional Board Members voiced their support.

Mr. Somers and Mayor Guzak volunteered to participate in a sub-committee and suggested that Mr. Klein (not present) would also like to participate. The Public Health Advisory Council will also be engaged.

Chair Low announced that board Members Murphy and Richards had arrived and a quorum was present.

Minutes

It was moved by Ms. Guzak and seconded by Ms. Grafer to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held February 10, 2015. The motion carried unanimously

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Somers and seconded by Ms. Guzak to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (a) vouchers 60096-60248 totaling \$1,311,829.98 for February 2015; and (b) Resolution 15-06 authorizing February 2015 expenditures for Health District and PHEPR funds. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Sessions

The Snohomish Health District Board of Health convene into Executive Session for purposes of discussing labor relations strategy pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(a) and to review the performance of a public employee pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g). Executive Sessions were expected to last 40 minutes. The Board reconvened at 4:10 to announce they would convene into Executive Session for an additional 20 minutes. The Board reconvened at 5:10.

Action Items

AFSCME Labor Contract

It was moved by Mr. Somers and seconded by Mr. Murphy to approve the Agreement Between Snohomish Health District and Washington State Council of County and City Employees/AFSCME, AFL-CIO, Local 1811, January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2017 and authorize the Snohomish Health District Director/Health Officer, or designee, to execute the agreement. The motion carried unanimously.



Approve AHPU Labor Contract

It was moved by Mr. Somers and seconded by Mr. Roberts to approve the Agreement Between Snohomish Health District and Professional & Technical Employees, Local 17 – Allied Professional Health Unit, January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2017 and authorize the Snohomish Health District Director/Health Officer, or designee, to execute the agreement. The motion carried unanimously.

Approve PTE EH Labor Contract

It was moved by Mr. Somers and seconded by Mr. Ryan to approve the Agreement Between Snohomish Health District and Professional & Technical Employees, Local 17 – Environmental Health Unit, January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2017 and authorize the Snohomish Health District Director/Health Officer, or designee, to execute the agreement. The motion carried unanimously.

Approve PTE EH Memorandum of Understanding

It was moved by Mr. Somers and seconded by Mr. Joplin to approve the Memorandum of Understanding Between Snohomish Health District and Professional & Technical Employees, Local 17 – Environmental Health Unit and authorize the Snohomish Health District Director/Health Officer, or designee, to execute the agreement. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Items D. Approval of Director/Health Officer Employment Agreement and E. District Policy Update were deferred to the April meeting.

Committee and Standing Reports

Finance Report

There were no questions on the finance report.

Information Items

A calendar for scheduled meetings in March and April 2015 was provided to Board Members in their packets.



Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15PM.

Sam Low, Chair

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