



***Snohomish Health District  
Board of Health Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
April 14, 2015***

**Members Present**

Adrienne Fraley-Monillas, Councilmember, Edmonds  
Karen Guzak, Mayor, Snohomish  
Ken Klein, County Councilmember  
Sam Low, Councilmember, Lake Stevens  
Scott Murphy, Councilmember, Everett  
Sean Richards, Councilmember, Mountlake Terrace  
Sid Roberts, Councilmember, Lynnwood  
Terry Ryan, County Councilmember  
Stephanie Wright, County Councilmember, Chair

**Members Absent**

Suzie Ashworth, Councilmember, Granite Falls  
Linda Grafer, Councilmember, Mukilteo  
John Joplin, Councilmember, Brier  
Dave Somers, County Councilmember  
Brian Sullivan, County Councilmember  
Donna Wright, Councilmember, Marysville

**Call to Order**

The April meeting of the Board of Health was convened at 3:05 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.

**Public Comment**

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

Chair Low announced that Board Member Ryan had arrived and a quorum was present.



## **Executive Sessions**

The Snohomish Health District Board of Health convened 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 30 minutes. The Board reconvened at 3:40 to announce they would convene into Executive Session for an additional 10 minutes. The Board reconvened at 3:50.

Chair Low announced that Board Member Guzak had arrived during Executive Session and that Board Member Richards had left.

## **Action Items**

It was moved by Mr. Murphy and seconded Mr. Roberts to approve the employment agreement between Gary Goldbaum and Snohomish Health District discussed in Executive Session, and to authorize Chair Low to sign the agreement with an effective date of April 14, 2015. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Ms. Guzak and seconded by Ms. S. Wright to approve the proposed revisions to the Snohomish Health District's Non-Represented Employee Policies as reflected in Exhibit A. The motion carried unanimously.

## **Health Officer's Report**

Dr. Goldbaum presented an overview of the document *Supported and Sustainable: The Future of Public Health in Snohomish County*. The publication discusses a refocused public health framework for Snohomish County that will preserve existing foundational public health programming, redirect resources from direct clinical services and into foundational activities where public health is uniquely qualified, and construct a sustainable future for the District. Action is requested at this time in order to address diminishing resources. Public Health must adapt to the evolving public health environment due to new health issues, changing technology, healthcare reform, and to allow staff to fully implement the 2014 Strategic Plan Update. Dr. Goldbaum recapped previous presentations to the Board in February and March highlighting proposed changes to the Women Infants and Children (WIC) and First Steps programs that focuses on building community capacity.

Pete Mayer, SHD Deputy Director reviewed financial assumptions and impacts noting that status quo funding will result in further cuts, and reduced funding will accelerate the dismantling of public health.



Margaret Norton-Arnold, consultant for SHD, discussed the need for a new financing model in order to sustain long-term funding. To address the need the Board of Health will analyze two or three alternative financing models. Governance changes will result from the financing system selected by the Board. This change will require support from the Snohomish County Council and action will likely be necessary in order to implement change. Strong community leader support will also be needed for the Council to act. Ms. Norton-Arnold reviewed stakeholder engagement. The proposed approach has been modified from previous discussions due to stakeholder availability. Primary goals of engagement have remained the same, to understand public health priorities and opinions from diverse base of leaders; to identify support or opposition to "Future" document and potential finance/governance models and craft responses; and to build on support and develop champions for a new era of efficient and effective public health in Snohomish County. Staff proposes a three-step approach involving stakeholder interviews with 15 individuals, paired with three board members; a joint work session with stakeholders at June board meeting; and development action plan that the board will be asked to approve at July board meeting.

Several Board Members expressed their support for the proposal and thanked staff for their work.

Mr. Murphy asked if an executive summary or other reference materials would be available to stakeholders prior to interviews. Mr. Mayer assured Board Members that stakeholders would be provided with educational materials.

Ms. Fraley-Monillas asked for clarification on the sequence of events, if the stakeholder interviews were planned to occur prior to governance and finance discussions.

Mr. Mayer indicated that interviews would occur first. Ideas on potential funding options will hopefully come from the stakeholder interviews, which will influence governance discussions.

Ms. Norton-Arnold added that examples of funding models currently in use will be provided to the stakeholders.

Although there was no longer a quorum present for a formal vote of approval, Mr. Ryan noted that he and other Board members present support the plan and staff should proceed pending a formal vote at a future meeting.

The State of the District presentation was postponed to May due to time constraints.

Brant Wood, Public Health Advisory Council (PHAC) Chair reported on outcomes of the last PHAC meeting held March 25. The Council approved the 2015 Policy Agenda. The focus areas are Youth Physical Abuse; Youth and Adult Obesity; Youth and Adult Suicide, as reflected in the 2014 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). The second phase of Smoking in Public Places (SIPP) will begin in the spring of 2015 and will explore an additional amendment to Snohomish County Sanitary Code Chapter 13 to include electronic vapor devices.



## **Minutes**

It was moved by Ms. Fraley-Monillas and seconded by Mr. Murphy to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held March 10, 2015. The motion carried unanimously

## **Consent Agenda**

It was moved by Ms. Fraley-Monillas and seconded by Mr. Roberts to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (a) vouchers 60249-60398 totaling \$1,276,300.35 for March 2015; and (b) Resolution 15-07 authorizing March 2015 expenditures for Health District and PHEPR funds. The motion carried unanimously.

## **Chair's Report**

Chair Low had no report.

## **Committee and Standing Reports**

### **Finance Report**

There were no questions on the finance report.

## **Information Items**

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

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:23PM.

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Sam Low, Chair

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