

The regular meeting of the Island County Board of Health was called to order at 12:05 p.m., on September 8, 1997, in the Island County Courthouse Annex, Coupeville, Wa. Board of Health members attending: Mike Shelton, Wm. L. McDowell, and Tom Shaughnessy.

Others Present: Tim McDonald, Health Services Director; Linda Morris, Human

Services Coordinator; Don Meehan, WSU Extension Agent; Marshall Bronson, CHAB;

Michael Hansen, ROPES Facilitator; Vance Jorgenson, ROPES Course Volunteer Facilitator; and Ben Gillmore, Prevention Specialist.

CHAB STATUS REPORT

Marshall Bronson, Community Health Advisory Board (CHAB), reported on the status of reaching the goal of 50 community health presentations and 500 Surveys:

Surveys Presentations

370 Surveys received 12 presentations yet to be made

130 Surveys needed.

CHAB last month received a briefing on injuries, tobacco and youth matters. This month CHAB will discuss alcohol abuse, drinking water and domestic violence. On establishing priorities, next month the CHAB priorities committee will make a presentation to the Board of Health.

ROPES COURSE RECOGNITION AWARDS

Linda Morris came before the Board to give recognition to those who work with the ROPES Course, specifically Michael Hansen who was under contract with the County and now turning the facilitation over to Ben Gillmore, hired by the County as a prevention specialist, and a volunteer facilitator, Vance Jorgenson. She noted that

Michael is being recognized for all the work he has done. He came on board at a time

when the course site was nothing more than trees and underbrush, and there now is a course which is the

envy of probably the other 38 Washington State counties. Vance has been with the course for a long time as a volunteer facilitator and just recently completed his 100th facilitation of the ROPES course, a major volunteer effort.

Don Meehan observed this represented wonderful partnership between WSU Extension, Parks Department and Health/Human Services, that began as a community program dealing with teen issues and resulting in the ROPES challenge program.

Michael became the key leader putting together the ROPES Course. Under Michael's leadership there have been over 6000 people go through the course.

On behalf of the Board of Health, Chairman Shelton presented Michael with a Certificate of Recognition awarded for service to Island County Substance Abuse

Prevention Program and the youth of Island County as ROPES Course Facilitator. Vance was presented with a Certificate of Recognition, and Chairman Shelton

commented that Island County had benefited over the years from many wonderful volunteers and the Board appreciated the opportunity to recognize him as a volunteer.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m. The next

Regular Meeting is scheduled for October

13, 1997, at 11:15 a.m.

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