

Island County Board of Health

Regular Meeting

Monday August 21, 2000

5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Commissioners Wm. L. McDowell; Wm. F. Thorn; Mike Shelton; Holly Schoenknecht, WGH Commissioner; Captain John E. Tracy, MSC, USN, Ex-Officio Member; Mayor Patty Cohen; Ex-Officio Member; Roger S. Case, M.D., Executive Secretary, Board of Health.

The regular scheduled meeting of the Island County Board of Health was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Mac McDowell.

Commissioner Bill Thorn moved that the minutes for July 17, 2000 be accepted as written. Commissioner Holly Schoenknecht seconded. The minutes were approved.

There was no input from the public.

Community Agency Report: Lisa Clark gave an update for the Opportunity Council.

Tim McDonald reported on a meeting at Whidbey General Hospital that he attended August 21, 2000. He expressed his concerns about the possibility of the hospital relocating the clinic that is now at North Whidbey Family Resource Center. After a discussion of this potential move, Commissioner Bill Thorn made a motion for Tim McDonald to draft a Board of Health Resolution to hold a joint workshop with Whidbey General Hospital Board members prior to a decision being made on relocating the clinic. Patty Cohen seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Commissioner McDowell will sign the resolution on behalf of the Board. If he is available, Scott Rhine, Whidbey General Hospital CEO will also be asked to attend the next Board of County Commissioners Staff Session along with the members of the Board of Health, 23 August, 2000.

Action on Contracts follows:

1. Childcare Consultation - Commissioner Mike Shelton moved that Contract Number HD-11-00 be approved for the Chair to sign on behalf of the Board. Commissioner Bill Thorn seconded the motion. The contract was approved.
2. Consolidated Contract - Commissioner Mike Shelton moved that Contract Number C-08611(3) be approved for the Chair to sign on behalf of the Board. Commissioner Bill Thorn seconded. The contract was approved.

Point of Order - Gilmore Research Agreement (approved by the Board of County Commissioners on August 14, 2000)

Health Services Director Tim McDonald related the need to record in the minutes that the Board of Health approved having the chair sign the contract on behalf of the Board of Health although no motion to this effect was noted. Commissioner Mike Shelton moved to endorse the signing of the Gilmore Research Agreement by the Chair. Commissioners Holly Schoenknecht and Bill Thorn seconded. The motion was approved.

Tim McDonald presented a letter from the Department of Ecology. See Attached.

Nomination for CHAB Membership: Commissioner Holly Schoenknecht moved that Captain Joline I. DeVos, NC, USN, nominated by the Community Health Advisory Board (CHAB), be approved for CHAB position #20. Commissioner Bill Thorn seconded the motion; Capt. DeVos was unanimously approved for the position.

Presentation: "Communicable Disease" was presented by Roger Case, MD, and Shannon McDonnell, RN. Dr. Case discussed RCW 70:05.060 (powers and duties of the Local Board of Health) and parts of WAC 246-100, highlighting the many diseases the Health Department is responsible for reporting — see attachment. Shannon spoke of the specific responsibilities of the communicable disease staff personnel, and of the many unfunded treatment routines involved in meeting the responsibilities of combating and/or preventing the spread of communicable disease. Dr. Case concluded by reminding the Board that the health department is unable to charge for many of these expenses, and presented a position paper outlining a method for establishing dedicated and predictable local government financing for such public health programs. (see attached)

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:24 p.m. The Board will reconvene September 18, 2000 at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted: Roger S Case, MD, Executive Secretary to the Board

Minutes approved this 18th day of September, 2000.

ISLAND COUNTY
BOARD OF HEALTH

[absent when minutes signed –
Wm. L. McDowell, Chairman]
William. F. Thorn, Vice Chairman
Mike Shelton, Member
Patty Cohen, Mayor, City of Oak Harbor
Holly Schoenknecht, WGH Commissioner