

**Island County Board of Health
Regular Meeting
Monday, September 17, 2001**

Members Present: Commissioners William F. Thorn, Mike Shelton, Mac McDowell; Roger S. Case, MD, (Ex-Officio Member) Executive Secretary, Board of Health.

Absent: Captain Donald Jensen, MC, USN, Ex-Officio Member; Mayor Patricia Cohen; Holly Schoenknecht, WGH Commissioner.

Chairman William F. Thorn called this regularly scheduled meeting of the Island County Board of health to order at 5:01 p.m.

There were no additions or changes to the Agenda.

Minutes: Commissioner Mike Shelton moved that the minutes from the September 17, 2001 meeting be approved as written. Commissioner Mac McDowell seconded. The minutes were approved for the Chair to sign on behalf of the Board.

Public Input: There was no input from the public.

Presentation:

Health Services Director, Tim McDonald introduced Julie Alessio and Christi Spice to the Board. They are employees of the State Department of Health. Julie is the state Vista Coordinator (a statistical program); Christi is the Community Assessment Liaison Coordinator for DOH. Mr. McDonald then introduced Carrie McLachlan and Mary Anderson who presented the topic "Assessing and Prioritizing Island County Health Data". In this presentation they: (see attachment)

- Reviewed the Community Health Improvement Process model, timeline, and prioritization process.
- Presented the health assessment modules and data sources
- Discussed the issues to-date
- Talked about next steps/future plans

In the ensuing discussion, Commissioner Shelton wondered if the Health Department were focusing too much on assessment, per se, noting that it is easier to define problems than to find solutions, and comment was made about the public's lack of willingness to proceed with information obtained from data. It was reiterated that the Community Health Advisory Board is addressing these issues, and that the public is involved with prioritizing issues evolving from collected data. Carrie explained that it is only through periodic assessment and outcome analyses that progress can be measured, and that this is an ongoing cycle upon which Public Health is embarking in fulfillment of the Public Health Improvement Plan promulgated by the legislature. As we move into the present cycle, we realize that we may not be done with previous outcome analysis, some of which may require years to realize. The State Department personnel here today are interested in seeing how local health jurisdictions are using this community process, and want to gain insight as to how they might assist in this process from their level.

Tim McDonald reminded the Board members that data was collected five years ago, and that a complete report of this was compiled in 1997. The main issue of supporting youth came out of that document, and the Healthy Families Program presently being supported by the Commissioners is one of the policy decisions made as a result. An evaluation component has been developed to measure the success of this policy decision, but may well require some years of repeated assessments to complete that analysis.

Contracts:

1. Commissioner Mike Shelton moved that Site Hazard assessment Contract No. G0200037 for \$80,000 be approved,

- Commissioner Mac McDowell seconded. The motion passed for the Chair to sign on behalf of the Board.
2. Commissioner Mike Shelton moved that the Community Mental Health-HIV-AIDS Case Management Contract No. HD-08-01 for \$8750 be approved, Commissioner Mac McDowell seconded. The motion passed for the Chair to sign on behalf of the Board.
 3. Commissioner Mike Shelton moved that the DOH Consolidated Contract No. C08645 for \$396, 053 be approved, Commissioner Mac McDowell seconded. The motion passed for the Chair to sign on behalf of the Board.
 4. Commissioner Mike Shelton moved that the School Nurse Services Contract No. HD-10-01 for \$11, 470 be approved, Commissioner Mac McDowell seconded. The motion passed for the Chair to sign on behalf of the Board.
 5. Commissioner Mike Shelton moved that the Health Consultation for Headstart-Skagit/Islands Contract No. HD-11-01 for \$1550 be approved, Commissioner Mac McDowell seconded. The motion passed for the Chair to sign on behalf of the Board.
 6. Commissioner Mike Shelton moved that the Medicaid Administration Match-DSHS Contract No. 0063-42385(2) be approved, Commissioner Mac McDowell seconded. The motion passed for the Chair to sign on behalf of the Board.
 7. Commissioner Mike Shelton moved that the ABCD-WA Dental Service Foundation Contract No. HD-09-01 for \$24,750 be approved. Commissioner Mac McDowell seconded. The motion passed for the Chair to sign on behalf of the Board.

There was no report from the Health Department.

There being no further business, Commissioner Thorn adjourned the meeting at 6:04 p.m. The Board of health will reconvene Monday, October 15th, 2001 at 5:00 p.m.

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

Minutes approved this 22nd day of October 2001.

ISLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

William F. Thorn, Chairman