

**Island County Board of Health  
Special Meeting (change of date)  
Monday February 4, 2002**

**Members Present:** Commissioners Mike Shelton, William F. Thorn, Mac McDowell; Barbara Saugen, WGH Commissioner; Oak Harbor Mayor Patricia Cohen; Roger S. Case, MD, Executive Secretary, Board of Health.

**Absent:** Captain Donald Jensen, MC, USN (Ex-Officio Member)

Chairman Mike Shelton called this scheduled special meeting of the Island County Board of Health to order at 5:02 p.m.

**Changes to the agenda:** none (being a Special Board of Health Session)

**Minutes:** Commissioner Bill Thorn moved that the minutes from the January 17, 2002 meeting be approved as written. Mayor Patricia Cohen seconded. The minutes were approved for the Chair to sign on behalf of the Board.

**Advisory Reports:**

- Human Services Director Jackie Henderson presented an update for the Mental Health Advisory Board, the Drug and Substance Abuse Advisory Board (DASA), and the Developmental Disability Advisory Board (DD). She stated that DASA anticipated receiving the brunt of the State budget cuts (a cut of 17%), and that DD might receive a slight increase. The Community Treatment Teams are meeting monthly and their main focus is to “Stop the Cycle of Abuse”. She also reported that the *Whidbey Wheels*, a local wheel-chair basketball team, will be sponsored by the Coupeville School District, and will participate in the upcoming state tournament. The participants are enthusiastic about riding to their game on the school bus. Jackie stated that a member of her staff, Ben Gilmore, is working with Family Night Out, where he will be teaching communication skills and ‘making it fun’.
- Kathleen McLaughlin presented the IC-SPH&S Network Advisory Report. She stated that statewide local Network organizations had various levels of success, that some were no longer being funded, and that our local Network was among the more successful of these organizations. She continued by describing some of the present activities of the Network. (See attachment)
- Marshall Bronson spoke on behalf of the Community Health Advisory Board. Marshall stated that CHAB has openings in certain geographic areas. He noted that the PACE-Environmental Health Project is progressing well, and that CHAB is busy finishing the prioritization of the past several months survey evaluations. These results will be presented at the April Special Board of Health session held jointly with the Whidbey General Hospital Board.
- Water Resources Advisory Committee spokesperson Donald Lee gave an update on the status and accomplishments of their board. He outlined the board’s future plans and stipulated that there have been a few resignations. His board members are quite dedicated and well qualified but this committee’s work has proven to be quite time consuming. (See attachment)
- Bill Attwater presented an update for the Water Conservancy Board, stating that this board’s singular function is to address change requests in existing water rights. He further stated that if a well needs to pump over 5000 gallons of water a day, then a water right is needed from the state. He indicated that 80 % of the water in Island County is ground water, and that there is a need to make certain that a new well does not increase seawater intrusion.

**Contracts:**

**1.** Commissioner Bill Thorn moved that **Real Property Lease – 31775 SR 20, Suite 1-3, Oak Harbor** be approved. Commissioner Patricia Cohen seconded. Following a short discussion of the need for additional space, the contract was

approved for the Chair to sign on behalf of the board. Commissioner Mac McDowell abstained.

2. Commissioner Bill Thorn moved that **Watershed Planning (Amendment No. 2) – DOE Contract No. G9900038(2) for \$37,064** be approved. Commissioner Patricia Cohen seconded. The health department's Environment Health Director Keith Higman gave an update on the origination of the funds, spending and future of the project. The contract was then approved for the Chair to sign on behalf of the board.

3. Commissioner Barbara Saugen moved that **Opportunity Council-Childcare Consultation Contract No. HD-01-02 for \$11,700** be approved. Commissioner Bill Thorn seconded. The contract was approved for the Chair to sign on behalf of the board.

4. Commissioner Bill Thorn moved that **Whidbey General Hospital-Grantwriting Contract No. HD-03-02 for \$17,924** be approved. Commissioner Patricia Cohen seconded. The contract was approved for the Chair to sign on behalf of the board. Commissioner Barbara Saugen abstained.

**Report from the Health Department:**

- Health Services Director Tim McDonald presented a news release from the Washington State Department of Health regarding the West Nile Virus. The Asian mosquito *Ochlerotatus japonicus*, a vector for the disease, has found it's way to Olympia and will eventually get to Whidbey Island. It is important that residents eliminate mosquito habitat on their property. Residents can reduce mosquito breeding by disposing of containers that collect water such as pots, cans and tires. "If you have a pond, stock it with goldfish (they eat the larvae); clean the birdbaths weekly; clean your gutters. While the West Nile Virus has not yet found its way to the west coast, the vector has arrived... prevention is easier than the cure."
- Resolution HD-02-02R "Response Capacity during A Health Emergency-A Review of Selected Issues" was tabled.

There being no further business, Commissioner *Shelton* adjourned the meeting at 6:32 p.m. The Board of Health will reconvene Monday, March 18, 2002 at 5:00 p.m.

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

Minutes approved this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 2002.

**ISLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**

Mike Shelton, Chairman