

**Island County Board of Health
Monday, September 20, 2004**

Members Present: Commissioners: Mike Shelton, Mac McDowell, William J. Byrd; Barbara Saugen, WGH Commissioner; Mayor Patty Cohen, Oak Harbor, Roger S. Case, MD, Executive Secretary to the Board.

Absent: Captain Susan B. Herrold, Commanding Officer of Naval Hospital Oak Harbor (Ex-Officio Member)

Call to Order: Commissioner Bill Byrd called this regularly scheduled session of the Island County Board of Health to order at 1:19 p.m.

Agenda: There were no additions to the agenda.

Minutes: Commissioner Barbara Saugen moved that the minutes for the August 16, 2004 meeting be approved as written. Mayor Patty Cohen seconded. The motion passed for the Chair to sign on behalf of the Board.

CHAB Appointments: Commissioner Barbara Saugen apprised the Board members of her having recently interviewed two highly qualified candidates for the Community Health Advisory Board (CHAB), and moved that the Board approve the following applicants to these positions:

Position #21 – Amanda Dudley, from Oak Harbor

Position # 10 – Dawn Larsen, from Camano Island

This motion was seconded and unanimously approved for appointment to the positions noted.

New Business: Contracts

1. Department of Health-Consolidated Contract

Contract No: C08679 Amendment 12

Contract Amount: \$1,039,712

Amendment Amount: \$21,732

Commissioner Mike Shelton moved that Department of Health/Consolidated Contract - Contract No. C08679, Amendment 12 (Amendment amount \$21,732; Contract amount \$1,039,712) be approved. Mayor Patty Cohen seconded. The motion passed for the Chair to sign on behalf of the Board.

2. ACS-Digitizing Project

Contract No: HD-06-04, Amendment 1

Contract Amount: \$33,500

Amendment Amount: \$20,000

WGH Commissioner Barbara Saugen moved that ACS-Digitizing Project - Contract No. HD-07-04 (Amendment amount \$20,000; Contract amount \$20,000) be approved. Mayor Patty Cohen seconded. The motion passed for the Chair to sign on behalf of the Board.

3. Margaret E. Griswold-Registered Dietician Services

Contract No: HD-09-04

Contract Amount: \$25.00/Hour

Mayor Patty Cohen moved that Margaret E. Griswold-Registered Dietician Services – Contract No. HD-09-04 (Contract amount \$25.00/hour) be approved. WGH Commissioner Barbara Saugen seconded. The motion passed for the Chair to sign on behalf of the Board.

4. DHHS/CDC – Delivering Environmental Health Services

Contract No: HD-10-04 (Grant No. U50/CCU024319-01)

Contract Amount: \$150,310

Commissioner Mac McDowell moved that the DHHS/CDC-Delivering Environmental Health Services – Contract No. HD-10-04 (Contract amount \$150,310) be denied. Following a period of discussion about the grant benefits and deliverables, Commissioner/Chair Bill Byrd seconded. The motion did not pass. Mayor Patty Cohen then moved that DHHS/CDC-Delivering Environmental Health Services – Contract No. HD-10-04 (Contract amount \$150,310) be approved, subject to objectives being developed by EHAT. WGH Commissioner Barbara seconded, and the motion passed (3 for, 2 opposed) for the Chair to sign on behalf of the Board.

Report from the Health Department:

Tim McDonald, Health Services Director, reported that the Bonesteel lawsuit has been dismissed. A loan is in place and repair to the sewage system is underway.

Tim McDonald updated the Board on the disease Tuberculosis in Island County. He advised that the Washington State Legislature has identified County Commissioners as the final 'bag holder' for the cost of medications, treatment and hospitalization of citizens infected with TB residing within their jurisdictions. There have been 5 primary cases of TB in Island County this year. He discussed issues regarding contagion, the amount of medications and treatment required, and the need for contacts to be investigated — 116 in one recent case. The Health Department has spent \$23,242 this year on TB issues, and could potentially be buried by this increasing expense next year.

Discussion topic from the Board:

Commissioner McDowell commented that the proposed draft requirements by the State Board of Health for septic inspections could potentially mean a huge cost to county governments and residents. Following a short discussion, Commissioner McDowell stated that he would like to issue a press release advising citizens of the proposed changes and information as to how to comment to the State Board of Health, which will meet later this year to assess public input regarding the proposed rule change. He requested that the Health Department draft this release and submit it for all the Board member's review. Keith Higman, Environmental Health Director, advised the Board that the actual draft Rule Change Proposal has not yet been released to the public.

Public Input or Comments:

David Macys thanked the Board for passing the motion of approval of the CDC grant and for their comments regarding EHAT process. He said he would convey the Board's thoughts to the Environmental Health Assessment Team (EHAT), of which he is a member but not their representative at this meeting, regarding the Board's expectation for tangible, actionable deliverables. Mr. Macys said the EHAT is aware of Commissioner McDowell's concern that there will be no extra county funding for any proposed solutions for enforcement, and that the EHAT has been working towards a community-based solution to this project (illegal dumping).

Adjourn:

There being no further business, Commissioner Byrd adjourned the meeting at 3:02 p.m. The next regularly scheduled Board of Health meeting will be on October 18, 2004.

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

Minutes approved this 16th day of August 2004.

ISLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

William J. Byrd, Chairman