

**Island County Board of Health
Regular Meeting - Monday, June 16, 2008
Minutes**

Members Present: Commissioners: John Dean, Mac McDowell and Phillip Bakke; Jim Slowik Mayor of Oak Harbor; Roger S. Case, MD, Executive Secretary to the Board; Captain Colin Chinn, Medical Corps, U.S. Navy, Ex-Officio Member.

Members Absent: Kristy Miller, WGH Commissioner.

Call to Order: Chairman Dean called this Regular Session of the Island County Board of Health to order at 1:18 p.m.

Additions or Changes to the Agenda: Keith Higman, Health Services Director, requested the addition of two contracts to the agenda. The first of the two is between Island County Planning and Community Development and Puchika Productions LLC. Legal council required that this contract be approved by the Board of Health as a Health Department contract funds this subcontract. The second contract is DSHS/Foster Care Public Health Nurse Services Contract 0863-44375. Mayor Slowik made a motion to add both contracts to the agenda, Commissioner McDowell seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Chair took the opportunity at this point in the agenda to invite Captain Chinn to introduce his relief and successor to the Board, the new Commanding Officer of the Naval Hospital Oak Harbor, Captain James Thralls. Captain Chinn thanked the Board of Health for the honor of sitting on the Board and for the Board's collaboration with the Naval Hospital.

Minutes: Mayor Slowik moved that the minutes for the May 19, 2008 Regular Meeting be approved as written. Commissioner Bakke seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Appeal – L. Danielson and Mayrine Beckett: Continuance of Appeal by Mayrine Beckett and L. Danielsen on behalf of Property Owner Selestial Initiates Exonerare of Island County Public Health Denial, dated 1/17/08, from the May 19, 2008 Board of Health meeting. This matter came before this Board for hearing on April 21, 2008 based upon an "Appeal of Island County Public Health Denials dated 2/17/08 (sic)" that was filed with the Board of Health on January 25, 2008 by Mayrine Beckett and L. Danielsen on behalf of the property owner, Selestial Initiates Exonerare (Appellants). At the Appellants' request, Board member Phillip Bakke recused himself from participating due to his former job as Island County Planning Director. Commissioner Bakke is sitting in the meeting today but not participating or voting on this matter. The Board considered the written material submitted by the appellants and the Island County Health Department and the presentations made at the appeal hearing by Keith Higman and James Exe of the Health Department and Larry Danielsen for the appellants. The Board continued the hearing to today's meeting. Board member Kristy Miller is not in attendance today due to illness but has given the Chair directive by email and telephonic permission for the Chair to sign the Findings of Fact on her behalf.

Commissioner McDowell moved that the Board sign the decision on the appeal, which is a denial of the appeal, as stated in the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Decision on Appeal. Mayor Slowik seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously with Commissioner Bakke abstaining.

Presentation – Early Learning in Island County

Keith Higman introduced the presenters, Karin Watson, the Health Department's Parent Education Coordinator, and Bess Windecker-Nelson, Subcontractor to the Health Department, to the Board and audience. Karin Watson began by telling the Board that she and Ms. Windecker-Nelson were presenting about a program started six years ago when the County Commissioners voted to support an early intervention program called Health Baby and will be updating the Board on the outcomes of that program and to share the future planning of the early learning community. The purpose of early learning is that every child reaches their full social, physical, cognitive, and emotional potential as demonstrated by a child's readiness for school and for life. All of this is done by healthy relationships that are well supported in the first years of life. They highlighted two of the programs involved in the group of programs making up Early Learning, Mother's Circle and the Jail Project. Future plans emphasize continuing to build community coalitions.

Commissioner McDowell commented that he had been impressed by New York study presented to the Board several years ago regarding findings of a study from birth to 3 to 5 years old and hoped that the information could be presented to the Board again. He hoped to find a way to continue to support this good work.

Contracts:

Keith Higman presented the following contracts:

1. DSHS – Early Family Support Services
Contract No. 0863-42638
Contract Amount: \$ 10,374

2. DSHS – WorkFirst
Contract No. 0763-19528, Amendment No. 1
Contract Amount: \$ Fee for service
Amendment Amount: \$ -0-

3. Puchika Productions LLC – Septic System Training Video
Contract No. RM-PLAN-08-102
Contract Amount: \$ 28,754

4. DSHS – Foster Care Public Health Nurse Services
Contract No. 0863-44375
Contract Amount: \$ 20,500

Commissioner McDowell moved that the contracts be approved as presented. Commissioner Bakke seconded and the Board approved the motion unanimously.

Health Department Report: There was no report.

Public Input or Comments: There was no public input or comment.

Adjourn: There being no further business, Commissioner Dean adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m. The next Board of Health will be a Regular Meeting to be held on July 21, 2008.

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

Minutes approved this 21st day of July 2008
ISLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

John Dean, Board Chair