

**Island County Board of Health  
Regular Meeting - Monday, August 18, 2008  
Minutes**

**Members Present:** Commissioners: John Dean, Mac McDowell and Phillip Bakke; Jim Slowik Mayor of Oak Harbor; Kristy Miller, WGH Commissioner; Roger S. Case, MD, Executive Secretary to the Board; Captain James Thralls, MSC, U.S. Navy, Ex-Officio Member.

**Members Absent:** No members were absent.

**Call to Order:** Chairman Dean called this Regular Meeting of the Island County Board of Health to order at 1:15 p.m.

**Additions or Changes to the Agenda:** There were no additions or changes to the agenda.

**Minutes:** Commissioner McDowell moved that the minutes for the July 21, 2008 Special Meeting be approved as written. Commissioner Bakke seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Presentation - Children's Commission Update:** Keith Higman, Health Services Director, opened the presentation with a brief history of the formation of the Children's Commission. He noted that the dialog to establish the Commission began in 2004 with the Community Health Advisory Board (CHAB) responding to the loss of emergency respite care for children and the loss of the Child Abuse Prevention Foundation in the community. In September 2007, the Board of Health and the Board of County Commissioners passed an Ordinance to formally establish the Island County Children's Commission.

Carol Stillian, Children's Commission Chair, continued the presentation and introduced Tomi Whalen, Commission Member, who read "A Prayer for the Children" from Marian Wright Edelman's book *Guide My Feet*. Carol Stillian continued the presentation with a review of the chronology of the Children's Commission activities to date and the establishment of the structure with 3 study/action subcommittees that are organized by age category. Sandy Ziemer represented the 0 – 5 Years Early Childhood Group, Tomi Whalen represented the 6 – 11 Years Primary School Study Action Group, and Rod Merrell represented the 12 – 18 Years Secondary School Age Study Action Group. Janice O'Mahony thanked the Board of Health for their interest in the child by sponsoring the Children's Commission Board. She relayed that the Children's Commission intends to be a serious resource for youth and is serious about establishing community partnerships.

**Contracts:**

Keith Higman presented the following contracts for consideration:

1. Snohomish Health District – Region 3 AIDS (2008)  
Contract No. HD-48-07, Amendment No. 1  
Contract Amount:           \$    51,395  
Amendment Amount:       \$        595
  
2. Compass Health – HIV/AIDS Case Management  
Contract No. HD-05-08  
Contract Amount:           \$    18,000
  
3. Robin Bloom RDH, BA – Smiles for Schools  
Contract No. HD-06-08  
Contract Amount:           \$        -0-
  
4. The Michigan Public Health Institute – Child Death Review Data Use Agreement  
Contract No. HD-07-08  
Contract Amount:           \$        -0-

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

**Health Department Report:** Keith Higman advised the Board that Health Department staff member Aaron Henderson has been invited to present a poster at the Joint Conference on Health on the community garden he has championed which donates all of its fresh produce to food banks. Staff and Dr. Case continue to deal with Pertussis cases and have had 86 confirmed cases to date. Mayor Slowik complimented Dr. Case on maintaining good communication during the Pertussis outbreak.

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

**Adjourn:** There being no further business, Commissioner Dean adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m. The next Board of Health will be a Regular Meeting to be held on September 15, 2008.

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

Minutes approved this 15th day of September 2008  
**ISLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**

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John Dean, Board Chair