

**Island County Board of Health  
Regular Meeting - Monday, May 19, 2008  
Minutes**

**Members Present:** Commissioners: John Dean, Mac McDowell and Phillip Bakke; Kristy Miller, WGH Commissioner; Jim Slowik Mayor of Oak Harbor.

**Members Absent:** Roger S. Case, MD, Executive Secretary to the Board; Captain Colin Chinn, Medical Corps, U.S. Navy, Ex-Officio Member.

**Call to Order:** Chairman Dean called this Regular Session of the Island County Board of Health to order at 1:16 p.m.

**Additions or Changes to the Agenda:** The Chair asked that the Appeal be moved to the end of the agenda and there were no objections.

**Minutes:** Mayor Slowik moved that the minutes for the April 21, 2008 Regular Meeting be approved as written. Kristy Miller seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Advisory Board and Community Agency Reports:**

> Community Health Advisory Board (CHAB): Catherine Howard-Clark reported that the CHAB is continuing to work on their two priority areas, Chronic Disease and Physical Activity and Communicable Disease in Island County and updated the Board on ongoing committee work. She noted that the CHAB membership is down and that CHAB is working on recruiting new members. Mayor Slowik offered to lend his office's support in recruiting new members.

> Children's Commission: Janice O'Mahony presented substituting for Paty Williams. Ms. O'Mahony thanked the Board for their support and discussed the wide variety of backgrounds in the Children's Commission membership that makes a rich group. She reviewed the newly developed vision, mission and core value established by the Commission. Three study groups have been established around infants to five, six years to eleven years, and young people eleven to eighteen. The members self-selected which group they wanted to work in to develop work plans. Additionally, they are working on visibility and have been attending fairs in the county and have developed an introductory brochure and a Crisis Resources card. Commissioner McDowell recommended that they work with the 2-1-1 and 9-1-1 systems to expand on making existing resources known.

> Opportunity Council: Lisa Clark addressed the Board on behalf of Opportunity Council and presented the 2007 program statistics. She highlighted the lack of affordable housing in Island County. Energy assistance is also a very active program and unfortunately the funding has remained level where the need is rising.

**Presentation – 5930 Initiatives**

Keith Higman explained that 5930 refers to a state legislative action, Second Substitute House Bill 5930 which contributes \$20 Million dollars to provide to local public health programs to produce positive health outcomes. Performance measures have been identified to be used to gauge outcomes. How we are going to implement programs at the local level to make changes in terms of these performance levels in Island County: (1) Increase the uptake of new and underutilized child and adolescent vaccines; (2) Improve the timely complete identification and standard effective investigation of notifiable conditions; and (3) develop and implement effective community and healthcare system interventions to address obesity and its consequent burden on chronic disease.

Suzanne Turner, Community and Family Health Section Director, advised the Board that to increase the level of child vaccinations, the strategy is to make personal visits to Island County physicians. The Health Department will be utilizing the 'Child Profile' website for data collection, increasing staff education and working with school nurses. She explained the work of vaccines in producing antibodies and discussed live vaccines and inactivated vaccines and expressed the expectation that the vaccination rate should be able to be increased. Katie Hicks, Communicable Disease Coordinator, advised the Board that 62 conditions are considered to be notifiable. Animal bites are included as they provide an exposure to rabies. Public health is protected by understanding how individuals are contracting, who they are exposing and to limit the spread of exposure. Outreach will be done to providers to increase awareness of health partners about timeliness of reporting notifiable conditions.

Karen Grossman, Public Health Coordinator, addressed the HIV/AIDS, Hep B & C, and STD programs in Island County. She provided statistical information on the incidences of these diseases in Island County and some antidotal information on clients and the importance of the control of the exposure of these diseases to the public.

Whitney Webber, Public Health Coordinator, addressed the Board on the Chronic Disease Program. The diseases that account for 80% of deaths nationwide: diabetes; heart disease; and cancer, are also among the most preventable. The chronic disease prevention program is focusing on strengthening the prevention of obesity and chronic disease in Island County by addressing the major risk factors that are physical inactivity and poor nutrition. The focus is to work at the community level to influence the individual level. Whitney detailed a family success story that illustrated how individuals' choices of physical activity and food choices are impacted by policies and their environment every day. Oak Harbor School District is one of three school districts statewide selected to receive funds to pilot a program on bike safety.

**Contracts:**

Keith Higman presented the following contracts:

1. Department of Health – Consolidated Contract  
Contract No. C14949, Amendment No. 9  
Contract Amount: \$1,424,356  
Amendment Amount: \$ 8,676
2. Evergreen AIDS Foundation – HIV Case Management  
Contract No. HD-03-08  
Contract Amount: \$ 23,000

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

**Health Department Report:** There was no report.

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

**Appeal – L. Danielson and Mayrine Beckett:** The Chair advised that Commissioner Bakke would recuse himself for this continuance of the Hearing of Appeal of Island County Public Health Denials, dated 1/17/08, from the April 21, 2008 Board of Health meeting. The Hearing is continued to today for closed deliberations as allowed under RCW 42.30.140(2). At this point, the Chair asked all but the Board of Health members to leave the room to allow the Board to deliberate and they will come back and return to an open session. The Board recessed at 3:05 p.m. and asked the public to clear the room to allow for a closed deliberation. The Chair reconvened the regular session at 3:15 p.m. Commissioner McDowell moved that the Board continue the Danielson/Beckett Appeal until the next regular session of the Board of Health on June 16, 2008 at 1:15 p.m. in the same location at which time the Board will provide a written decision on the Appeal. Mayor Slowik seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Adjourn:** There being no further business, Commissioner Dean adjourned the meeting at 3.14 p.m. The next Board of Health will be a Regular Meeting to be held on June 16, 2008.

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

Minutes approved this 19th day of May 2008  
**ISLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**

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John Dean, Board Chair