

**Island County Board of Health
Regular Meeting - Monday, June 18, 2012
Minutes**

DUE TO THE UNAVAILABILITY OF RECORDING EQUIPMENT FOR TODAY'S MEETING, MINUTES ARE IN HARD COPY FORMAT ONLY. THERE IS NO AUDIO RECORDING OF THIS MEETING.

Members Present: Commissioners Angie Homola, Commissioner Helen Price Johnson, and Kelly Emerson; Anne Tarrant, Whidbey General Hospital Commissioner; Scott Dudley, Mayor of Oak Harbor; and, Roger S. Case, MD, Executive Secretary to the Board.

Members Absent: Captain Susan Lichtenstein, MSC, USN, Ex-Officio Member.

Call to Order: Chair Angie Homola called this Regular Meeting of the Island County Board of Health to order at 1:18 p.m.

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

Approval of Minutes: The Chair called for the approval of the minutes of the May 21, 2012 Special Joint Meeting and the May 21, 2012 Regular Meeting. Commissioner Price Johnson moved for approval of both minutes as presented. Member Anne Tarrant seconded. Mayor Dudley abstained as he was not in attendance at either meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Price Johnson thanked Dr. Case and staff for the success of the Linda Lee Martens Health Hero Awards meeting.

July 16, 2012 Regular Meeting: The Chair inquired as to who would be available for the July 16, 2012 Board of Health meeting to ensure that there would be a quorum. A quorum requires the attendance of three (3) Members, two (2) of which must be County Commissioners. Mayor Dudley, Member Tarrant, and Commissioner Price Johnson all confirmed they will be available to attend. Commissioner Emerson will not be in attendance. Commissioner Homola will be returning from out-of-town by standby

Public Input or Comments: The Chair invited members of the public who wished to provide input or make comments to indicate their wish to do so. There were no requests to address the Board.

Appointments to the Community Health Advisory Board (CHAB): Keith Higman said that he was very happy to have two extremely qualified community members to recommend to the Board for appointment to the CHAB: Dr. J.M. Kiel and Laura Luginbill. The Board briefly discussed both of their accomplished backgrounds. Mayor Dudley moved to appoint Dr. J.M. Kiel to sit on the CHAB. Commissioner Price Johnson seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. Member Anne Tarrant moved to appoint Laura Luginbill to sit on the CHAB. Commissioner Price Johnson seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. The Chair thanked Dr. Kiel and Ms. Luginbill for their willingness to serve.

Resolution HD-11-12 – Waiver of Competitive Solicitation for Procurement of On-Site Database Software Services: Keith Higman explained that the Health Department has the need of a 'bridge' to allow the data entered online by Onsite Operations & Maintenance professionals to the OnlineRME to populate the County's permit tracking system. The County has acquired a User License for InterLocking Software from Paladin Data Systems Corp. which precludes any amendments to the code of that product by anyone other than authorized by Paladin Data Systems Corp. The Health Department is requesting a waiver of competitive solicitation to contract with Paladin Data Systems as a single source of supply to provide this custom software amendment.

Presentation – Communicable Disease: Keith Higman told the Board that it was important to him to keep the Board of Health abreast of the work that Public Health is doing. In the light of all of the work being done in response to the ongoing pertussis outbreak, he thinks it is a good time to update the Board on the mechanics of the communicable disease program.

Communicable disease is an illness caused by a specific infectious agent transmitted either directly or indirectly to a susceptible host from a person, animal, or inanimate reservoir. Transmission can be direct, indirect or airborne. The goal is the control of disease by reducing the disease incidence, prevalence, morbidity and mortality through deliberate efforts using intervention measures. He went on to discuss intervention methods and describe the protocol for case investigation.

Keith introduced Janet McWatt, RN, Public Health Nurse who is based in our Community and Family Health office on Camano Island. Janet shared field examples of recent pertussis investigations that involved working closely with the Stanwood High School and Middle School school nurse to avert further spread of the disease. She also described the work that went into investigating a suspected measles case in partnership with Skagit Valley Hospital and Skagit County. Both highlighted how time consuming and complicated investigations are working with patients, practitioners, patient's families, contacts, and other involved jurisdictions.

Contracts: Keith Higman presented two contracts to the Board for their consideration:

1. Herrera Environmental Consultants – Ala Spit Restoration
Contract No. HD-09-10, Amendment No. 3
Contract Amount: \$ 104,525
Amendment Amount: \$ -0-

Commissioner Price Johnson moved that the contract be approved as presented. Commissioner Emerson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

2. DSHS – WorkFirst Children with Special Needs Assessment
Contract No. 1163-29806, Amendment No. 1
Contract Amount: \$ 3,200
Amendment Amount: \$ 1,600

Commissioner Price Johnson moved that the contract be approved as presented. Member Anne Tarrant seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Legislative Updates: Keith Higman told the Board that the State legislature is not currently in session.

Health Department Report: Keith Higman advised the Board that the State and Island County are still experiencing new pertussis cases. The State has invested a significant amount of money to message adults to get the Tdap vaccine so that transmission will stop. He pointed out a regional success in Island, Snohomish & Skagit Counties with the use of federal stimulus dollars in a “Communities Putting Prevention to Work” grant encouraging people to eat healthier, get more physical activity and stop using tobacco. Keith called the Board’s attention to an article in the *NALBOH Newsbrief*: “Health Impact Assessments...” and recommended they read it for information on the impacts on policy setting. Commissioner Price Johnson asked about the cost of this and Keith advised that the State employs a full time employee to calculate the potential cost of certain legislation.

Adjourn: There being no further business before the Board, Chair Homola adjourned the meeting at 2:06 p.m. The next meeting of the Board of Health will be as a Regular Session held on Monday, July 16, 2012 at 1:15 p.m. in the Commissioner’s Hearing Room (B102) in the Court House Annex Building.

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

Minutes approved this ____ day of _____ 2012
ISLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Angie Homola, Board Chair