

**Island County Board of Health
Regular Session - Monday, November 18th, 2013
Minutes**

Members Present: Island County Commissioners Jill Johnson, Helen Price Johnson, and Kelly Emerson; Captain Edward Simmer, MC, USN, Ex-Officio Member; Anne Tarrant, Whidbey General Hospital; and Brad Thomas, MD, Executive Secretary to the Board.

Members Absent: Commissioner Scott Dudley, Mayor of Oak Harbor

Call to Order: Kelly Emerson called this Regular Session of the Island County Board of Health to order at 1:17 p.m.

Additions or Changes to the Agenda: Keith Higman informs the Board that contract number four listed on the agenda, titled "Interlocal Agreement with Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department: Online Food Worker Card," should be removed from the agenda as the contract has not yet completed legal and risk review. No other additions or changes. Commissioner Helen Price Johnson moves to accept the agenda with the proposed change. Commissioner Jill Johnson seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Jill Johnson made a motion for approval of the minutes of the October 21st, 2013 Regular meeting. Commissioner Helen Price Johnson seconded to approve the minutes. Anne Tarrant abstains. Motion passes.

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.

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

1. Washington State Department of Health – Consolidated Contract, Amendment No. 11
Contract No. C16886
Contract Amount: \$ 1,773,778
Amendment Amount: \$ 7,923
2. Christopher Spitters, M.D. – 2013 TB Medical Service Consultation, Amendment No. 1
Contract No. HD-23-12 (1)
Contract Amount: \$ 14,500
Amendment Amount: \$ 2,000
3. eOnsite, LLC – Online RME, Amendment No. 1
Contract No. HD-09-12 (1)
Contract Amount: \$ 6,200
Amendment Amount: \$ 0.00
4. Washington Healthcare Authority – Medicaid Outreach, Amendment No. 1
Contract No. 1163-35240
Contract Amount: \$ -0- (Fee for service)
Contract Amendment: \$ -0-

Commissioner Helen Price Johnson moves to approve the four contracts as presented, numbered on the agenda as 1, 2, 3, 5. Motion is seconded and passes unanimously.

Presentation – Community Health Advisory Board (CHAB) Update: David Macys provides Board with a handout titled "Review of Community Health Advisory Board (CHAB) Activities from June 2013-To November 2013." Mr. Macys gives overview of items within the document.

Mr. Macys moved on to the discussion of an expansion of the Board of Health, as discussed at previous Board of Health meetings. Board has been provided CHAB's recommendation on process and candidate screening criteria. Commissioner Emerson notes that Mayor Dudley is absent and suggests formally tabling action on the mayoral position in the expansion of Board of Health. Commissioner Price Johnson suggests that one of the two new Board positions be from another community, preferably a health

a mayor

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~~professional~~, and to keep the Oak Harbor mayoral position. Member Anne Tarrant suggests having a conversation about taking on a health professional in an expanded Board. Commissioner Jill Johnson expresses concern about adding additional elected officials and would like to see a link between the expertise of new Board member(s) to priorities/goals of Board of Health.

David Macys recommends that a health care professional sitting on the Board of Health be a voting member. Commissioner Jill Johnson seeks additional input from Health Services Director Keith Higman on possible pros and cons of an expansion of the Board of Health.

Action Item: Commissioner Helen Price Johnson makes a motion for recommendation to the Board of Island County Commissioners from Board of Health an expansion of the Board of Health by two members. Anne Tarrant seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

Commissioner Jill Johnson makes a motion to allow new members of Board of Health to be voting members. Anne Tarrant seconds the motion. Motion passes 3-1 (Commissioner Price Johnson opposed).

Action Item: In reference to Table 1 "Candidate Screening Criteria" within the CHAB Board of Health Expansion Proposal: Commissioner Jill Johnson makes a motion to require both new member seats be considered "technical experts." Anne Tarrant seconds the motion. Motion passes 3-1 (Commissioner Price Johnson opposed).

In reference to criteria found in Table 1 "Candidate Screening Criteria," discussion continues:

- Captain Simmer suggests adding another criterion for at least one position, or to enlarge or edit criteria to clarify differences between positions. Example: "Experience in public health or active in Island's medical community."
- Keith Higman suggests that changes to the Island County Code in regard to expansion of Board of Health should be clear in terms of members. The language can be reviewed and finalized with Board of Island County Commissioners and Board of Commissioners staff.
- Commissioner Jill Johnson suggests moving candidate screening forward to Board of Island County Commissioners with addition of "active in medical community." Anne Tarrant remarks that the Board of Commissioners can further decide wording.

In reference to the four proposed options in Table 2 "New BOH Member Selection Process Options" within the CHAB Board of Health Expansion Proposal discussion, discussion is as follows:

- Commissioner Jill Johnson favors Option 3 for committee involvement.
- Commissioner Price Johnson suggests CHAB screen candidate, a committee conducts interviews, Board of Health to nominate candidate, and Board of Commissioners to appoint.
- Commissioner Jill Johnson suggests having some positions overlap between the process groups.
- Anne Tarrant suggests that Board of County Commissioners would determine the make up of a committee.
- Keith Higman notes that Board of County Commissioners has a number of advisory committees which provide input for the Commissioners to make a decision. Board of Health has rule-making committees. Board of Health can be a filter in terms of deciding which candidates to move forward based on meeting criteria.
- Commissioner Emerson recommends moving forward Option 3 of Table 2 to Board of Commissioners.
- Commissioner Price Johnson recommends that CHAB be involved in Option 3.

Action Item: Commissioner Jill Johnson moves to submit entire Table 2 "New BOH Member Selection Process Options" to Board of Island County Commissioners with preference of Option 3 with need for modification. Anne Tarrant seconds the motion. Motion passes 3-1 (Commissioner Price Johnson opposed).

with request for consideration of a time to address mayoral position. Mr. Macys asks for clarification on next steps of Board of Health Expansion.

- Commissioner Emerson suggests submitting a letter of recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners with this meeting's actions.
- Commissioner Jill Johnson suggests that recommendations be brought to the Board of Commissioners during a regular Board of Health work session. Board of Health agrees.

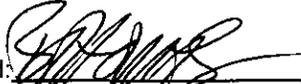
Report from the Health Department: Dr. Thomas, Health Officer, reports that he was recently notified of a suspected case of rubella (German measles) on South Whidbey that was incorrectly diagnosed and reported as positive on a Facebook page and shared by multiple users. Dr. Thomas has notified community healthcare providers of the situation. Dr. Thomas notes that a social media presence for Island County Public Health may be helpful in disseminating accurate information to the public.

Keith Higman, Health Services Director reports the following:

- Recent studies have shown that injuries to pedestrians aged 16-19 have increased 25% in the last 5 years. Reasons for this increase: 40% due to texting, 40% due to using headphones, 25% due to talking on the phone.
- Updates on implementation of I-502 (License and regulates recreational marijuana production, distribution and possession) and Bill 3ESSB 5034 which formed the Medical Marijuana Work Group. This advisory group has forwarded recommendations to the legislature to form a single system of producer, processor and retailer licenses with tax exemptions for medical marijuana users.
- The State's Public Health Improvement Group has put together a policy group to ensure appropriate levels of funding for public health, as there exists no dedicated funding to public health. This group is made up of various members throughout the state. If Board of Health members are interested in joining, they should contact Keith Higman for information.
- Solid Waste Regulations will be changing which will necessitate updating Island County Code.
- Oak Harbor Police Department currently accepts unused and/or expired prescription drugs 24 hours per day/7 days per week via a drop-off bin at the Oak Harbor Police Department. This is available to any Island County Resident. OHPD and Whidbey General may be entering into a possible partnership in order for OHPD to accept used needles.

Board Comments/Announcements: Commissioner Jill Johnson congratulates Whidbey General Hospital on a successful levy.

Adjourn: There being no further business before the Board, Chair Kelly Emerson adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Health will be held on December 16th, 2013 at 1:15 p.m. in the Commissioner's Hearing Room (B102) in the Court House Annex Building.

Submitted: 
Brad Thomas, M.D.
Executive Secretary to the Board

Minutes approved this 16th day of Dec. 2013
ISLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH


Kelly Emerson, Board Chair
Anne, Tarrant Acting Board Chair