

Island County Board of Health
Regular Session - Monday, July 15th, 2013
Minutes

Members Present: Commissioners Jill Johnson and Helen Price Johnson; Captain Edward Simmer, MC, USN, Ex-Officio Member; Scott Dudley, Mayor of Oak Harbor; Anne Tarrant, Whidbey General Hospital Commissioner, and Brad Thomas, MD, Executive Secretary to the Board.

Members Absent: Commissioner Kelly Emerson

Call to Order: Anne Tarrant called this Regular Session of the Island County Board of Health to order at 1:15 p.m.

Additions or Changes to the Agenda: Board notes absence of Board of Health Chair Kelly Emerson. Anne Tarrant volunteers to act as Chair. No other changes or additions.

Approval of Minutes: Anne Tarrant made a joint motion for approval of the minutes of the June 17th, 2013 Regular meeting as well as approval of the addition to current agenda to elect Anne Tarrant as Chair for this meeting. Commissioner Price Johnson seconded to approve the minutes and the addition to the agenda and the motion passed unanimously.

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.

Presentation – Community Health Advisory Board New Member Applications: Keith Higman presents applications of four new potential members of the Community Health Advisory Board (CHAB): Catherine W. Ballay, Rogers S. Case, MD, Patti Milligan, Douglas D. Slaten, MD, MPH. Commissioner Price Johnson moves to approve the slate of four applicants as members of CHAB; Commissioner Jill Johnson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Presentation—Proposal to Expand the Island County Board of Health: David Macys, Community Health Advisory Board (CHAB) Member, presented to the Board an updated version of attachment found in Board of Health Agenda packet entitled "Island County Community Health Advisory Board: Board of Health Expansion Proposal," commenting that the revisions are to correct typos only and not substantive changes. Discussion follows related to process of appointment and methods and criteria for selection of new Board of Health members. Commissioner Price Johnson makes a motion for a supplemental recommendation to include additional information per the discussion and to move forward contingent on additional discussion with Board of Health. Commissioner Johnson seconds motion with agreement for additional discussion related to the expansion. Motion passes unanimously. Follow up clarification provided to David Macys to work with Public Health Director Keith Higman regarding application process. Chair Anne Tarrant suggests that CHAB provide the Board with a recommendation for list of qualifications of potential additional members to the Board of Health. Keith Higman suggests that CHAB act as advisory and eventual codification process to be staffed by Island County Public Health Administration for Island County Board of Commissioners approval.

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

1. DSHS – Early Family Support Services (EFSS)
Contract No. 1363-78353
Contract Amount: \$ 9498.00
Amendment Amount: \$ -0-
2. DSHS – Early Intervention Program (EIP)
Contract No. 1363-78354
Contract Amount: \$ 15,260
Amendment Amount: \$ -0-
3. DSHS – WorkFirst-Children with Special Needs
Contract No. 1363-81228
Contract Amount: \$ 3,200
Amendment Amount: \$ -0-

Commissioner Helen Price-Johnson moved that contracts 1 through 3 be approved as presented. Commissioner Jill Johnson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

4. Interlocal Agreement: Whidbey Island Conservation District

Contract No. HD-09-2013
Contract Amount: \$13,000
Amendment Amount: \$ -0-

5. Interlocal Agreement: Snohomish Conservation District

Contract No. HD-10-2013
Contract Amount: \$29,000
Amendment Amount: \$ -0-

Commissioner Helen Price Johnson moved that contracts 4 and 5 be approved as presented. Commissioner Jill Johnson seconded the motion; Mayor Dudley opposes. Motion carries.

Legislative Report: Public Health Director Keith Higman recapped to the Board that though the Legislature passed a budget but all details are still not known. He noted that Quitline will be discontinued as there is no funding for prevention. It was noted that Whidbey General Hospital currently maintains a free tobacco cessation program. Keith Higman explains that State "pass-through" funding for Public Health programming will now be dispersed to Local Health Jurisdictions via a block grant through the State Treasurer. Administrative money will not be dispersed through the block grant.

Report from the Health Department: Keith Higman provides the following:

- An overview of Dr. Thomas' first month as new public health officer, stating that a measles notification to the public has already been necessary.
- Describes the transition of Island County burn permit processing from General Services Administration to Public Health. More work will need to be done to fully implement a permitting system that works effectively between Public Health and the Planning Department, which will be a part of the permitting approval process for certain types of burning.
- The Affordable Care Act includes the Healthy, Hungry-Free Kids Act, which creates a new standard for having smarts snacks in schools. There is an open comment period related to the implementation of this act. Keith will send out more information if the Board is interested in participating.
- An update on the active TB case in Island County, including the estimated costs of treating the patient, which is a state-mandated cost to the County.
- The CDC has published a recent study regarding a high overdose rate of opioid pain relievers in women. Anne Tarrant states that Whidbey General Hospital is diligent in maintaining data on those patients with frequent requests for these types of drugs as well as encouraging doctors to be aware of prescription drug use/abuse. Captain Simmer states that the Naval base has outpatient resources for these issues and that any prescription paid for by Navy medical is tracked. Commissioner Johnson comments that part of the problem could be the high frequency of prescription drug advertisements and a prevalence of self-diagnosis.
- There is a recently realized local environment health concern in Freeland. A leaking fuel tank is threatening an aquifer with possible contamination. Island County Public Health is aware of the issue and monitoring the situation, along with Department of Ecology. This will ultimately be the property owner's responsibility to correct. At this time, there is no evidence that petroleum is in the drinking water supply.

Adjourn: There being no further business before the Board; Chair Anne Tarrant adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Health will be held on August 19th, 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 19th day of Aug. 2013
ISLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH


~~Anne Tarrant~~, Board Chair
Kelly Emerson