Island County Board of Health
Regular Session - Monday, August 19th, 2013
Minutes

Members Present: Island County Commissioners Jill Johnson, Helen Price Johnson, and Kelly Emerson; 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: None.

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

Additions or Changes to the Agenda: None.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Price Johnson made a motion for approval of the minutes of the July 15th, 2013 Regular meeting. Commissioner Jill Johnson seconded to approve the minutes. Commissioner Emerson 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.

Mr. Garrett Newkirk, North Whidbey resident, addressed the Board of Health with concerns about jet noise and jet fuel odor. Mr. Newkirk asked that an environmental impact study be conducted and offered suggestions for alternate locations for Navy flight training. Mr. Newkirk provided to each member of the Board a written letter summarizing his comments.

Mr. David Macys, liaison for the Community Health Advisory Board addressed the Board of Health to provide follow up information regarding last month's meeting presentation on the possible expansion of the Board of Health. Mr. Macys explained that he has reached out to the King County Board of Health for information regarding their Board of Health membership. If Island County BOH members are interested in contacting King County for additional information, Mr. Macys will provide the contact information.

Presentation – Healthy Youth Survey: Laura Luginbill of Island County Public Health and Charlene Ray of Island County Human Services presented data gleaned from 2012 Healthy Youth Survey applied to students in grades 6-12. The results provide feedback on the areas of nutrition, physical and mental health, drug/alcohol usage, sexual behaviors, bullying, and other health risk factors. Models for prevention include creation of Consolidated Health Programs in schools. Board of Health members ask several questions and discussed the results.

Contracts: Keith Higman presented one contract amendment to the Board for their consideration.

1. Department of Health: 2012-2014 Consolidated Contract, Amendment No. 9
   Contract No. C16886
   Contract Amount: $ 1,733,940
   Amendment Amount: $ 94,669

Commissioner Jill Johnson moved to approve the contract amendment as presented. Anne Tarrant seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Legislative Report: Public Health Director Keith Higman stated that no new information is being reported from Olympia. Island County Public Health is still determining specific impacts of federal sequestration.

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

- August is National Immunization Awareness Month.

- Island County Public Health continues its quality improvement efforts to provide more targeted services with less use of resources. QI efforts will be a part of the accreditation process.

  Many Public Health QI projects exist on an information exchange website developed by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Mr. Higman will send the information to the BOH.

- Burn permitting as an Island County service has now moved to Island County Public Health. A Memorandum of Understanding will be put in place with the NW Clean Air Agency. There is currently a burn ban in Island County; therefore, permitting is likely to begin in earnest in September.
- A growing need for mental health training has been identified for the nursing staff serving the Island County jail population. "Sick calls" in the jail are often complex and involve mental health issues. There are training opportunities available to provide nurses in correctional settings with education and mental health services certification. Island County Public Health will be investigating this option for its nursing staff.
- West Nile Virus data has been provided to local health jurisdictions across the state. The science about the virus and distribution of mosquito species carrying the virus has changed.
- The Island County Public Health Management Team will be in a strategic planning retreat on Friday, August 23rd, developing strategic priorities as part of its quality improvement and accreditation initiatives.

Adjourn: There being no further business before the Board, Chair Kelly Emerson adjourned the meeting at 2:28 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Health will be held on September 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 Sept 2013
ISLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Kelly Emerson
Kelly Emerson, Board Chair