

**Island County Board of Health
Regular Session - Monday, June 16th, 2014
Minutes**

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

Call to Order: Chair Anne Tarrant called this Regular Session to order at 1:15pm.

Additions or Changes to the Agenda: None.

Approval of Minutes: Chair Anne Tarrant called for the approval of the minutes of the May 19th, 2014 Regular Session. Commissioner Helen Price Johnson moved to approve the minutes and Commissioner Jill Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Input or Comments: The floor was opened to members of the public who wished to provide input or make comments. No requests to address the Board were received.

Presentations:

David Macys of the Community Health Advisory Board (CHAB): presented a summarized review of CHAB's activities from December 2013 – June 2014 to the Island County Board of Health.

- a. KHIs (Key Health Indicators) - identified highest priority items while specifically mentioning overweight and obese adults and the performance of regular physical activity and how the County's Comprehensive Plan could affect physical activities of adults in the future;
- b. CHAB's review of the Onsite Septic Regulations – will be presented to the County Commissioners at the Wednesday, June 18th, 2014 Work Session;
- c. Mental health concerns and possible collaborative efforts with other citizen advisory boards formed to specifically address the mental health issues.

Mr. Macys thanked the Board for the opportunity to address them today as well as the members of the Health Department for providing monthly and weekly briefings whereby allowing for this exchange of information. A brief Q&A session followed concluding with the Board encouraging CHAB to continue their good work in the community – noting the benefits of their outreach, education and collaborating efforts with other citizen advisory boards. CHAB will return at a later date to provide information and recommendations to the Board as needed.

Loretta Bezold – Island County Public Health Nurse: presented "Lactation in Island County"; showing the value of breastfeeding, the support available throughout Island County including WIC, peer counseling and lactation counseling and "Lactation by the Numbers" (2013 data) for various locations within Island County. A brief Q&A session followed around the timeliness of the presentation as Commissioner Helen Price Johnson had just been speaking with other counties about this subject, laws around breastfeeding in public and continued collaboration efforts with other support agencies.

Contracts: None.

Legislative Updates: None

Health Department Report: **Keith Higman**, Island County Public Health Services Director summarized:

- a. We are hosting a PhD candidate, Loren Serrano-Torres from the School of Ponce Medicine in Puerto Rico who is working on her practicum. She will be with the Health Department through the middle of July. Michelle McKee, a long-time county employee has joined the staff as the "new face" at the front desk of the Public Health's permit counter. She will be supporting all programs of Environmental Health.
- b. The Washington Federal Appeal has been formally withdrawn and the attention of the Board is no longer required. Through the hard work and coordinating efforts of Vin Sherman, Drinking Water Program Coordinator, both parties reached an agreement. Thanks Vin for seeing this Appeal through to an amicable resolution.
- c. A task of the Healthy Communities Grant with Whatcom County was to evaluate the tobacco policy in Coupeville, and with much thanks to Emily Maughan and her work on this project an ordinance has been

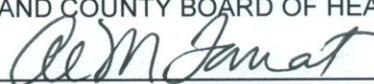
drafted and submitted to the mayor of Coupeville to initiate "Smoke Free City Parks" along with the addition of clean signage without the addition of unnecessary sight pollution to the parks.

- d. We received notice our regional application was approved for initial funding: North Sound Accountable Communities of Health next steps – Planning for a December 31st, 2014 deadline. Two of ten ACH plans will be selected for additional funding.

Board Comments/Announcements: July 21st, 2014 will be the last Regular Session of the Board of Health where Captain Edward Simmer will be sitting as an Ex-Officio member. Capt. Frederick J. McDonald, MC, USN will be replacing Captain Edward Simmer.

Adjourn: There being no further business before the Board, Chair Anne Tarrant motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:26pm. The next meeting of the Board of Health will be on Monday, July 21, 2014 at 1:15pm in the Commissioners Hearing Room (B102) in the Court House Annex Building.

Submitted: 
Brad Thomas, MD

Minutes approved this 21st day of July 2014
ISLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Anne Tarrant, Board Chair