

Island County Board of Health
Regular Session - Monday, October 20th, 2014
Minutes

Members Present: Chair Anne Tarrant, Commissioner Jill Johnson, Commissioner Helen Price Johnson, Commissioner Aubrey Vaughan, Scott Dudley, Mayor of Oak Harbor, Capt. Frederick J. McDonald, USN, MC (ex-officio member) and Brad Thomas, MD, Executive Secretary to the Board.

Absent Members: None.

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

Additions or Changes to the Agenda: Commissioner Helen Price Johnson noted for the record that due to a previous engagement she will be leaving this meeting at 2:30pm.

Approval of Minutes: Chair Anne Tarrant called for the approval of the minutes of the September 15th, 2014 Regular Session. Commissioner Helen Price Johnson moved to approve the minutes and Commissioner Jill Johnson seconded the motion. Minutes approved unanimously by those present.

Public Input or Comments: Chair Anne Tarrant asked that public input be held until the end of the meeting.

Presentations:

Immunization Fee Schedule: Caroline Lokkins led a presentation providing history of the current Immunization Fee schedule and outlining the proposed changes (effective January 1st, 2015). Changes would align the fees with current reimbursement rates for contracted insurance providers and current reimbursement rates for Medicaid. This modification recognizes and responds to changes in cost and market "rates" without intervention from the Board of Health. There was a brief Q & A session. Keith Higman outlined the next step which is the approval of Resolution HD-06-14; the mechanism whereby a Public Hearing date of November 17th, 2014 is set to hear public comment on the proposed Immunization Fee schedule change. Commissioner Helen Price Johnson moved to approve Resolution HD-06-14 and Commissioner Jill Johnson seconded the motion. Resolution HD-06-14 passed unanimously. Public Hearing will be set for 1:15pm on Monday, November 17th, 2014 immediately preceding the November Regular Session of the Island County Board of Health.

Environmental Health Fee Schedule: Jill Wood led a discussion of the proposed Environmental Health (EH) Fee Schedule change (effective January 1st, 2015), providing an overview of where the EH Fee Schedule is today, noting it was last updated in December 2008 although costs to deliver services has continued to increase. The goals for this fee schedule include better alignment of fees to the cost of delivering services; proposing an eight percent (8%) budget driven fee increase (excluding the Food Program fees) recognizing the significant increase in the Food Program fees after the adoption of the 2005 FDA Food Code. Fees not on the current schedule were highlighted and a clarification to the reference of the Planning Schedule was provided in response to a question posed by Commissioner Jill Johnson. The next step: approval of Resolution HD-07-14; the mechanism whereby a Public Hearing date of November 17th, 2014 is set to hear public comment on the proposed EH Fee Schedule change. Commissioner Jill Johnson moved to approve Resolution HD-07-14 and Commissioner Helen Price Johnson seconded the motion (although not present at the end of the meeting when signed). Resolution HD-07-14 passed unanimously. Public Hearing will be set for 1:15pm on Monday, November 17th, 2014 immediately preceding the November Regular Session of the Island County Board of Health. Commissioner Helen Price Johnson asked for a conversation around Food Program fees and how best to support the businesses impacted by these fees. Keith Higman welcomed a discussion and review of past Board policy decisions to be brought forward to future Board of Health sessions.

Chapter 8.09 County Code: Potable Water Source and Supply Regulations: Jill Wood led a presentation on proposed updates to Island County Code 8.09 - Potable Water Source and Supply. The focus of the update: the addition of Group B Public Water Systems in Section 8.09.060 (previously Subdivision Requirements which is now moved to 8.09.055) and the reference to arsenic in both sections 8.09.050 and 8.09.055. Other minor changes for clarification and legal purposes were made. Keith Higman noted that Section 8.09.060 Group B Public Water Systems although new as named is "business as usual" allowing for local County Code and standards to be applied to Group B systems. Next step: today was a discussion with the Board of Health and the

Code as presented will be resubmitted to the legal department for final review. When attested to form, it will be brought back to the Board of Health along with Ordinance No. HD-10-14, the mechanism whereby to set a date for Public Hearing on the changes to Island County Code 8.09.

Recess: Chair Anne Tarrant motioned for a recess at 2:43pm. Commissioner Helen Price Johnson excused herself after the Environmental Health Fee Schedule discussion as previously mentioned, and Mayor Scott Dudley and Capt. Frederick McDonald excused themselves for previous engagements during this recess following the Chapter 8.09 County Code discussion. Meeting reconvened at 2:46pm.

Contracts: Keith Higman, Health Services Director presented two contracts for consideration:

1. Washington State Department of Health: Consolidated Contract # C16886, Amendment 16 which establishes funding and tasks for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness & Response Program in the amount of \$26,405, and adds \$13,951 to the Maternal & Child Block Grant, and adds \$53,653 to the WIC Nutrition program. All monies were expected.
2. Skagit Valley College: Skagit/Islands Head Start Consultation Program Interlocal Agreement # HD-05-2014/ILA-1415-004 provides health consultation services by an Island County Public Health Nurse to the staff members and families of Skagit/Islands Head Start of Island County at a rate of \$50/per hour, with a contract amount not to exceed \$1500 for the twelve month period of September 1st, 2014 through August 31st, 2015.

No further discussion around the two contracts. However, Commissioner Jill Johnson suggested a future conversation and a report on Early Childhood/Learning. Commissioner Jill Johnson moved to approve both contracts. Commissioner Aubrey Vaughan seconded the motion. Contracts approved by those present to vote; Commissioners Jill Johnson and Aubrey Vaughan, and Board Chair Anne Tarrant were present.

Legislative Updates: None.

Health Department Report Jill Wood provided a summary of her participation in an advisory committee organized by the Washington State Department of Health. The purpose of this committee was to evaluate sustainable operating and funding models for Septic System Operation and Maintenance programs, and the Septic System Loan programs. The committee's recommendations; anticipated to positively impact local health jurisdiction staff working in the programs; include a regionalized program for the Septic System Loan Program.

Keith Higman reported on the visit with Secretary, John Weisman, and Karen Jensen and Marie Flake from the WA State Department of Health on Thursday, October 16th, 2014. Island County Public Health hosted their visit with a driving tour of Island County, a lunch at Dr. Brad Thomas's home and an opportunity to meet with Commissioner Jill Johnson, Chair of Island County Commissioners, and Catherine Ballay, Chair of Community Health Advisory Board (CHAB). Board of Health Chair, Anne Tarrant had a previous engagement and was unable to attend. This was a great opportunity to share current work being done in Island County and learn about the vision for the future for Public Health at the state level and its anticipated impact at the local level. Commissioner Jill Johnson and Catherine Ballay weighed in on the positivity of this opportunity as well.

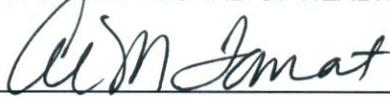
Board Comments/Announcements: None.

Public Input or Comments: The floor was opened to members of the public who wished to provide input or make comments. No public input or comments received at this time.

Adjourn: There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Jill Johnson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 3:03pm. The next meeting of the Board of Health will be on Monday, November 17th, 2014 at 1:15pm in the Commissioners Hearing Room (B102) in the Court House Annex Building.

Submitted: 
Brad Thomas, MD

Minutes approved this 17th day of Nov. 2014
ISLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH


Anne Tarrant Chair