

**Island County Board of Health**  
**Regular Session - Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014**  
**Minutes**

**Members Present:** Commissioner Jill Johnson, Commissioner Helen Price Johnson, Commissioner Rick Hannold, Mayor Scott Dudley and Brad Thomas, MD, Executive Secretary to the Board.

**Absent Members:** Chair Anne Tarrant and Capt. Frederick J. McDonald (ex-officio member)

**Call to Order:** Commissioner Jill Johnson called this Regular Session of the Board of Health to order at 1:15pm and welcomed to his first Island County Board of Health meeting, Commissioner Rick Hannold, from District 3.

**Additions or Changes to the Agenda:** None.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Commissioner Jill Johnson called for the approval of the minutes of the November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Regular Session. Commissioner Helen Price Johnson moved to approve the minutes and Mayor Scott Dudley seconded the motion. Minutes approved unanimously by those present to vote.

**Rescheduled:** The rescheduling of the January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Board of Health meetings to January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 respectively was completed with no objections.

**2015 Chair:** Commissioner Rick Hannold was nominated as Chair of Island County Board of Health for 2015 by Commissioner Helen Price Johnson. Commissioner Jill Johnson seconded the nomination. No other nominations. Commissioner Rick Hannold, with those present to vote was unanimously appointed Chair of the Island County Board of Health for 2015.

**Public Input or Comments:** Commissioner Jill Johnson opened the floor for public input or comments. None.

**Set for Public Hearing:** Jill Wood, Environmental Health Director recapped the Chapter 8.09 revisions, and presented Ordinance No. HD-01-15 in the "matter of revision of Chapter 8.09 of the Island County Code, relating to the definitions and general provisions and potable water source and supply regulations" to set a Public Hearing date and time of January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 1:15pm. Health Services Director Keith Higman, provided clarification to Commissioners Helen Price Johnson and Jill Johnson as requested. Commissioner Helen Price Johnson moved to approve Ordinance HD-01-15, Mayor Scott Dudley seconded, and Ordinance HD-01-15 was unanimously approved by those present to vote. The Public Hearing is set for January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 1:15pm.

**Presentations:**

1. Jackie Henderson, Human Services Director provided a brief explanation of the Single Bed Certification process, and the Involuntary Treatment Act. She provided statistics for both the five county region and Island County (mainly Whidbey Island numbers as people from Camano Island are usually seen in Skagit County) and addressed the challenges, including funding, political will, and limited workforce and spoke of solutions from the bottom up including prevention, early intervention, treatment, housing, employment, good case management and the creation of funding for inpatient beds as needed. Ms. Deborah Bukolt from Whidbey General Hospital Social Services responded to questions from Commissioners Jill Johnson and Helen Price Johnson. Following a brief discussion, Jackie Henderson thanked Commissioner Jill Johnson for her commitment and work on the Washington State's Adult Behavioral Health System Task Force.

**Note:** Mayor Scott Dudley excused himself from this regularly scheduled meeting due to prior commitments.

2. Keith Higman Health Services Director presented Ms. Kellie Tormey as the newest nominee to the Community Health Advisory Board (CHAB). With enthusiasm, Commissioner Helen Price Johnson moved to appoint Ms. Kellie Tormey to CHAB. Commissioner Rick Hannold seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by those present to vote.

**Contracts:** Keith Higman, Health Services Director presented two contracts and two Memorandums of Understanding (in tandem) for consideration:

1. Washington State Department of Health: Consolidated Contract # C16886, Amendment 18 resulting in an increase of \$737 in the WIC program. Funding came as a result of monies already spent and billed. Commissioner Helen Price Johnson moved to approve Contract #C16886, Amendment #18 while continuing to work with our partners at the WA State Department of Health to streamline processes and Commissioner Rick Hannold seconded the motion. Contract #C16886, Amendment #18 approved unanimously by those present to vote.
2. PremeraFirst Blue Cross Provider: Contract No. HD-14-2014 is a Provider Agreement for billing/claims processing. After a brief discussion around the possibility of a brokerage to handle this process Commissioner Rick Hannold motioned to approve Contract No. HD-14-2014 and Commissioner Helen Price Johnson seconded the motion with the suggestion to reach out to other Counties to see how they are handling this process. Contract HD-14-2014 approved unanimously by those present to vote.
3. Memorandum of Understanding - Juvenile Court Services: MOU No. HD-15-2014 allows for ICPH to provide nursing services to the Juvenile Court Services Department for 2015.
4. Memorandum of Understanding – Sheriff's Office: MOU No. HD-16-2014 allows for ICPH to provide nursing services to the Sheriff's Office for 2015. Commissioner Helen Price Johnson moved to approve both MOU No. HD-15-2014 and HD-16-2014. Commissioner Rick Hannold seconded the motion. Both MOU No. HD-15-2014 and HD-16-2014 passed unanimously by those present to vote.

**Legislative Updates:** None.

**Health Department Report:**

1. Keith Higman noted around our strategic plan and his commitment for comprehensive health conversations by increasing participation at Board of Health meetings including community partners like the Hospital and other County departments such as Human Services just to name a few.
2. North Sound Accountable Communities of Health: Keith participates in this conversation with the commitment to integration of physical health and mental health, an emphasis on keeping people healthy and spoke about the planning grant previously discussed at the June 16<sup>th</sup> and September 15<sup>th</sup> Board of Health meetings. He noted that the application was submitted last Monday, and anticipates knowing the results of the application the first week of January. With a 40% chance (two communities out of five will be funded), we remain hopeful and will provide an update when available.
3. Waiver Application: This is not back on the agenda this month. The Health Department staff rendered an opinion on the application, and as the Appellate body, the Board of Health will hear the applicant's appeal.
4. Brad Thomas MD, Health Officer suggested a letter be drafted to Anne Tarrant, Whidbey General Hospital Commissioner thanking her for her dedication to the Board of Health, having served since January 2009 and serving as Chair to the Board of Health in 2014. Everyone present concurred and a "Thank-you" letter to Anne will be drafted and presented at the next Board of Health meeting for signatures.

**Board Comments/Announcements:** Commissioner Jill Johnson wished everyone a Happy Holiday and thanked everyone for the great year which included informative presentations and the development of the Strategic Plan. The next meeting of the Board of Health will be January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (B102) at 1:15pm. Commissioner Rick Hannold will Chair.

**Adjourn:** There being no further business before the Board, Acting Chair Commissioner Jill Johnson moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 2:38pm.

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Brad Thomas, MD

Minutes approved this 20th day of Jan 2015  
ISLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

  
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Commissioner Richard M. Hannold, Chair