

Island County Board of Health
Regular Session - Monday, November 17th, 2014
Minutes

Members Present: Chair Anne Tarrant, Commissioner Jill Johnson, Commissioner Helen Price Johnson, Commissioner Aubrey Vaughan and Brad Thomas, MD, Executive Secretary to the Board. Commander Heather Sellers was present on behalf of Capt. Frederick J. McDonald.

Absent Members: Mayor Scott Dudley, Capt. Frederick J. McDonald (ex-officio member)

Call to Order: Chair Anne Tarrant called this Regular Session of the Board of Health to order at 1:16pm.

Additions or Changes to the Agenda: None.

Approval of Minutes:

Chair Anne Tarrant called for the approval of the minutes of the October 20th, 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 to vote.

Public Hearings:

1. Chair Anne Tarrant opened the first Public Hearing in the matter of proposed Resolution HD-08-14. Keith Higman, Island County Public Health Services Director summarized the revisions to the Immunization Fee Schedule as presented at the October 20th, 2014 Board of Health's Regular Session. The floor was opened for public comment and input. Hearing none, the Board briefly deliberated. Commissioner Jill Johnson moved to approve Resolution HD-08-14. Commissioner Aubrey Vaughan seconded the motion. Resolution HD-08-14 passed unanimously by those present to vote. The Immunization Fee Schedule with the approval of Resolution HD-08-14 is now aligned with pre-established reimbursement rates and will adjust automatically with market changes. First Public Hearing closed.
2. Chair Anne Tarrant opened the second Public Hearing in the matter of proposed Resolution HD-09-14. Environmental Health Director, Jill Wood summarized the revisions to the Environmental Health Fee Schedule as presented at the October 20th, 2014 Board of Health's Regular Session. The floor was opened for public comment and input. Hearing none, Commissioner Helen Price Johnson asked about input from the commercial community. An evaluation of the Consumer Price Index was used to determine the rate increase rather than outreach to the commercial community. Commissioner Helen Price Johnson pointed out the Food Program was excluded as current Food Program fees in Island County are higher than surrounding counties. Commissioner Jill Johnson noted that the 8% increase resulting from the approval of Resolution HD-09-14 is less than originally proposed with the difference coming from Current Expense funds. Commissioner Helen Price Johnson moved to approve Resolution HD-09-14 and Commissioner Jill Johnson seconded the motion. Resolution HD-09-14 passed unanimously by those present to vote. Second Public Hearing closed.

Presentations:

1. Jill Wood began the discussion by outlining the background and timeline of the wells drilled in 2012 and introduced Mr. Vin Sherman to present the Staff Report dated September 17th, 2014 regarding the Well Site Waiver Application received last summer from Mr. Charles F. Schindler. The staff report includes the proposal, findings, analysis, conclusion and recommendation. After compilation of materials for the Staff Report Vin received an email from Mr. Sean Griffie on behalf of the Schweizer party (the applicant's neighbor). Commissioner Helen Price Johnson asked for all information pertinent to the application. Copies of the email were distributed both to the Board of Health and applicant. Direction is being sought from the Board regarding the Well Site Waiver Application submitted today, which asks for a waiver of the sanitary control radius that falls on the neighbor's property and the requirement to obtain a restrictive covenant for property not owned in fee simple. The Board asked questions of the Health Department staff and then Chair Anne Tarrant opened the floor to the applicant. Mr. Curt Schindler spoke on behalf of his father the applicant, Mr. Charles F. Schindler and provided a handout to the Board. Curt Schindler noted they believe all processes were handled "to the book" with proper paperwork completed including the siting of the well and oppose the Schweizer's assertion no formal contact was made regarding the need for restrictive

covenants from both parties. Communication between the neighbors stopped except via attorneys after the letter dated September 29th, 2013 from Chuck Schweizer to Jeff Holbeck (contractor). The Board continued to ask questions of Curt Schindler and the Health staff. Commissioner Jill Johnson asked for options today. Keith Higman replied: 1. Deny Waiver Application, 2. Approve Waiver Application, 3. Approve Waiver Application with conditions to direct applicant to make one more try at obtaining cooperation with the neighbor, 4. Let the applicant know a new application could be looked upon more favorably if the well was moved to overlap its sanitary control radius with the sanitary control radius of the Schweizer's well. 5. Direct staff to again make outreach to see if an agreement between both parties could be reached (although unsuccessful previously).

The material heard today is more of a civil matter, driven not by public health theory but by a handshake agreement not carried out to both sides understanding. Commissioner Jill Johnson respectfully suggests bringing this matter back to the December 15th, 2014 Board of Health meeting after seeking legal counsel. Ms. Pearl Schaar asked for clarification of options. Commissioner Helen Price Johnson urged to table this until a future meeting; allowing time to review material in more detail and seek legal counsel. Mr. Keith Higman will make outreach to legal counsel. Commissioner Helen Price Johnson formally moved to table deliberation pending legal counsel. Commissioner Aubrey Vaughan seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously by those present to vote.

Break in session:

Due to a previous commitment, Commissioner Aubrey Vaughan excused himself and departed from this Island County Board of Health session.

2. Keith Higman presented the appointment letter and "Application to Serve" for Ms. Mary Anderson to the CHAB – Community Health Advisory Board. Commissioner Helen Price Johnson noted Ms. Anderson's interest in addressing the issue of access to healthcare information as an important topic. Commissioner Helen Price Johnson moved to approve the appointment of Mary Anderson to the Community Health Advisory Board. Commissioner Jill Johnson familiar with Ms. Anderson's volunteerism and having worked with her previously, supported her appointment to CHAB and seconded the motion. Ms. Mary Anderson appointment to CHAB member was unanimously approved by those present to vote.
3. Mr. David Macys of the Community Health Advisory Board (CHAB) and liaison to the Island County Board of Health presented a summarized review of CHAB's activities from July 2014 to November 2014 to the Island County Board of Health as follows: (A complete list was provided as a handout to the Island County Board of Health)
 - a. KHIs (Key Health Indicators) mentioned and identified last quarter specifically identified overweight and obese adults and the positive impact of regular physical activity. Although no specific actions have been taken as of yet, recent progress has been made in reviewing relevant chapters of the County's Comprehensive Plan and community data related to identifying barriers to physical activity. In 2015, CHAB will review the Community Health Assessment of 2012, to update the data used and determine whether any significant changes may have occurred that should be addressed by the CHAB and/or called to the attention of the Board of Health.
 - b. Progress has been made to collaborate with the Island County Mental Health Advisory Board (MHAB) and Island County Human Services in addressing mental health issues. CHAB has extended an invitation to Jackie Henderson, Human Services Director and the Chair of MHAB to develop a method to exchange information and identify areas for board collaboration.
 - c. CHAB has been gathering information about how neighboring counties and others in California provide food service establishment inspection grades to their public. Identification of pros and cons of various methods are being identified. Information is being gathered; no conclusions have been reached.
 - d. CHAB will be strengthening their efforts in the area of Education and Outreach efforts. Now with the appointment of Ms. Mary Anderson, CHAB has 10 active members although Island County code authorizes up to 21 positions. One other potential member has expressed interest. CHAB is looking into increased membership, with outreach to potential members from Camano Island.

Contracts: Keith Higman, Health Services Director presented one contract for consideration:

1. Washington State Department of Health: Consolidated Contract # C16886, Amendment 17 resulting in a reduction to the contract in the amount of <\$38,684> through the reduction of On-Site Septic program funding by <\$60,000> and increase to the SNAP-Ed program funding in the amount of \$21,316. Commissioner Jill Johnson moved to approve Contract #C16886, Amendment #17. Commissioner Helen Price Johnson seconded the motion. Contract #C16886, Amendment #17 approved unanimously by those present to vote.

Legislative Updates: None.

Health Department Report: Dr. Brad Thomas reported that Providence Hospital in Everett has been identified as the nearest hospital to Island County designated as an Ebola Treatment Facility. Anne Tarrant mentioned that Whidbey General Hospital anticipated this announcement. Madigan Army Medical Center is the local military monitoring facility as well.

Board Comments/Announcements: None.

Adjourn: There being no further business before the Board, Chair Anne Tarrant moved to adjourn. Commissioner Jill Johnson seconded the motion at 2:56pm. The next meeting of the Board of Health will be on December 15th, 2014 at 1:15pm in the Commissioners' Hearing Room (B102) in the Court House Annex Building.

Submitted:


Brad Thomas, MD

Minutes approved this 15th day of Dec. 2014
ISLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH


Anne Tarrant Chair ← absent
Jill Johnson ISCO Commissioner