

Island County Board of Health
Regular Session - Monday, September 15th, 2014
Minutes

Members Present: Commissioner Jill Johnson, Commissioner Helen Price Johnson, 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: Chair Anne Tarrant and Commissioner Aubrey Vaughan.

Call to Order: In the absence of Chair Anne Tarrant, Commissioner Jill Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:15pm.

Additions or Changes to the Agenda: Commissioner Jill Johnson welcomed Capt. Frederick J. McDonald to the Island County Board of Health. Capt. McDonald is the new Commanding Officer at Naval Hospital Oak Harbor; previously serving as the Executive Officer at the Naval Health Clinic in Patuxent River, Maryland.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Jill Johnson called for the approval of the minutes of the August 18th, 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.

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, but at the end of the meeting, Catherine Ballay newly appointed Chair of Community Health Advisory Board (CHAB), introduced herself and invited the Board to come cheer on the Healthy "PEA-ple" team at the Coupeville Farmer's market Harvest Relay Race on October 11th, 2014. Donations and pledges benefit the food bank.

Presentations: Keith Higman, Island County Public Health Services Director, lead a conceptual overview conversation of both the Immunization Fee Schedule and the Environmental Health Fee Schedule. He outlined the roll of the Board of Health and the roll of the Island County Board of Commissioners.

Immunization Fee Schedule: Keith explained what services are covered within the Immunization Fee schedule and a history of the schedule and how it currently looks. The 2015 goals for this fee schedule include: aligning the schedule with current reimbursement rates for contracted insurance providers; aligning the schedule with current reimbursement rates for Medicaid; allowing the schedule to recognize and respond to changes in cost and market "rates"; establish uniform financial screening methods to determine a client's ability to pay and finally improving cost recovery for all services. After a brief Q & A session, Commissioner Helen Price Johnson noted her support.

Environmental Health Fee Schedule: Keith provided an overview of where the Environmental Health Fee Schedule is today, noting it was last updated in December 2008 although costs to deliver Environmental Health services has increased since 2008. The 2015 goals for this fee schedule include: aligning the fees with the cost of delivering services for a 100% cost recovery; proposing a 10% fee increase equating to the cumulative changes in the Consumer Price Index since 2008 and excluding this proposed increase to the Food Program fees recognizing the significant increase in the Food Program fees after the adoption of the 2005 FDA Food Code.

Next Steps: Commissioner Helen Price Johnson noted her support to move the Immunization Fee Schedule onto the October Board of Health agenda with specific details outlined. The Environmental Fee Schedule is dependent on the county budget deliberations scheduled for October 6th, 2014. Based on the outcome of these deliberations, the Environmental Fee Schedule may not be on the October 20th, 2014 Board of Health agenda, or may be discussed at the October 20th, 2014 Board of Health Regular Session either as outlined today, or in some amended form (percentage other than 10%).

Contracts: Keith presented one contract to the Board of Health for their consideration:

1. Automatic Funds Transfer Services, Inc. (AFTS) – Septic Loan Processing Services
Contract No. HD-04-2014
Contract Amount: Fee for Service not to exceed \$15,000
This contract establishes AFTS as the entity to provide Island County with loan payment processing services for new and existing septic loans for the performance period of September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015. After a brief Q&A, Commissioner Helen Price Johnson moved for approval of Contract No. HD-04-2014. Mayor Scott Dudley seconded the motion. Contract No. HD-04-2014 received unanimous approval by those present.

Legislative Updates: None.

Health Department Report Keith Higman (#s 1-3 and 5), Jill Wood (# 6) and Dr. Brad Thomas (# 4) presented:

1. Island County Public Health Strategic Plan: The bound version of the plan was handed out to each Board member noting two major pieces we are moving forward on: a. annual work plans at a program level; and b. connecting the work we do to the Strategic Plan. Keith cited the Memorandum of Understanding with Senior Services that Suzanne Turner, Nursing Director is working on, and it's correlation with Healthy Lifestyles Strategic Priority as an example. Jill Johnson asked about how the Health Department is working with other towns and cities. Keith noted the Health Department assisted the Town Council of Coupeville to help develop a smoking policy within town parks.
2. At the last Board of Health meeting, Mayor Scott Dudley asked a timely question about depression and suicide. Keith received a Washington State Department of Health News Release on September 9th, 2014 regarding this topic: In Washington, suicide is the 8th leading cause of death (2nd in the 15-24 year old age group). During National Suicide Prevention Week (September 8th – 14th, 2014) the hopeful message is that suicide is avoidable. The Health Department will work with Jackie Henderson of Human Services to bring this very important topic forward to the Board of Health along with the Single Bed Certification conversation. Jill Johnson will coordinate with Keith Higman to seek participation from Joe Valentine.
3. Accountable Communities of Health Washington State Health Care Innovation Plan: The County Commissioners contributed to the planning grant that was put together and ultimately successfully landing a real grant. Keith Higman has been chosen to represent Island County on the organization committee for the North West Region and Tom Tomasino, CEO of Whidbey General Hospital has agreed to participate. Keith will keep the Board up-to-date as things change and progress.
4. Enterovirus D68: Dr. Brad Thomas cited the report of a cluster of children admitted to Seattle Children's Hospital with severe respiratory illness which is spread like a common cold. Asthmatic patients are at a higher risk. Avoidance and prevention is basically the same as with all respiratory viruses, and treatment is supportive.
5. Children's Day: This festival is scheduled for September 27th, 2014 from 10:00am until 2:00pm at the South Whidbey Community Park on Maxwellton Road. With a 14 year history, Children's Day provides free of charge, booths and recreational activities for children and their families.
6. On-Site Septic System Management Plans: There is potential legislation that *may* affect on-site septic system management plans for counties within Puget Sound. Now on the radar, updates to this potential legislation will be provided to the Board of Health as they become available

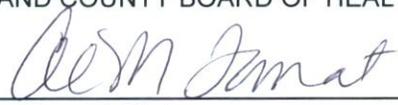
Board Comments/Announcements: Mayor Scott Dudley and Commissioner Jill Johnson reminded everyone of the parking challenge; referred to as Best Spot in the Lot "#BESTSPOTINLOT". Parking in the "Best Spot" is an easy way to get a little more exercise each day. Take a picture of yourself and post it on Facebook.

Adjourn: There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Jill Johnson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:23pm The next meeting of the Board of Health will be on Monday, October 20th, 2014 at 1:15pm in the Commissioners Hearing Room (B102) in the Court House Annex Building.

Submitted: _____


Brad Thomas, MD

Minutes approved this _____ day of _____ 2014
ISLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH


Anne Tarrant Chair