

Island County Board of Health
Regular Session - Tuesday, March 17th, 2015
Minutes

Members Present: Commissioner Richard M. Hannold, Chair, Commissioner Helen Price Johnson, Commissioner Jill Johnson, Dr. Grethe Cammermeyer, Mayor Scott Dudley, Capt. Frederick J. McDonald (ex-officio member) and Brad Thomas, MD, Executive Secretary to the Board

Absent Members: None.*

Call to Order: Commissioner Hannold, Chair called to order the Regular Session of the Island County Board of Health @ 1:12pm.

Additions or Changes to the Agenda: None.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Richard M. Hannold called for the approval of the minutes of the February 17th, 2015 Special Session. Commissioner Helen Price Johnson moved to approve the minutes as presented and Commissioner Jill Johnson seconded the motion. Minutes approved unanimously with all present to vote.

Public Input or Comment: Dr. Lee Roof; 1394 Penn Cove Road, Oak Harbor presented to the Board a situation associated with a water system upgrade issue in the Skylark Well Water System in Penn Cove. He requested a formal hearing at the next Board of Health to allow for more time on this matter. Commissioner Helen Price Johnson cautioned about individual contact with Board members. Commissioner Jill Johnson recommended the Health Department Staff make outreach to Dr. Roof after determining the proper venue to address this issue.

Decision and Findings: Appeal of Well Site Waiver Request Denial - Appellant Charles Schindler; property located at 2834 Camano Island, Washington. Commissioner Jill Johnson moved to uphold the Staff's decision to deny the Well Site Waiver Request. Commissioner Helen Price Johnson seconded the motion to uphold the decision. Motion carries by a vote of (4-1) with Mayor Scott Dudley opposing the motion. With the conclusion of the oral decision, and the need to set a time to sign the written decision, Commissioner Jill Johnson moved to approve the Chair, Commissioner Richard M. Hannold to sign the written decision on behalf of the Island County Board of Health. Commissioner Helen Price Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carries by a vote of (4-1) with Mayor Scott Dudley opposing the motion.

**1:30pm: Mayor Scott Dudley departed.*

Presentations: Laura Luginbill, Assessment and Healthy Communities Director led a presentation and discussion of the Island County's Community Health Assessment and Improvement Plan, providing an update on where we are in the process, where it will be going, and how the Board may support and participate in this process, working with CHAB, Island County Public Health and community leaders. The current list of community leaders will be provided to all Board members, and anyone else identified will be added to the list before formal invitations to participate are sent out in the next couple of weeks.

Contracts: Keith Higman, Health Services Director presented one contract for consideration: WA State Health Care Authority; Contract No. K1403 - Medicaid Administrative Claiming. This is a fee for service contract with a performance period of Apr. 1, 2015 through Mar. 31, 2017. Following Q&As, Commissioner Helen Price Johnson moved to approve Contract No. K1403. Commissioner Jill Johnson seconded the motion. Contract No. K1403 was approved unanimously by those present to vote.

Legislative Update: Keith Higman, Health Services Director provided an update on House and Senate bills previously presented to the Board. Two bills not reported previously include HB1458/SB5494 (Concerning the age of individuals at which sale and distribution of tobacco and vapor products may be made.) and SB5052 (Establishing the Cannabis Protection Act) as these also may be of interest to the Island County Board of Health as they relate to health perspectives.

Commissioner Jill Johnson will draft a letter for the Board to take a stand on immunization requirements following the demise of HB2009 (Concerning exemptions from immunizations for school-age children.) Community & Family Health Director Suzanne Turner will provide Vital Statistics data to Commissioner Helen Price Johnson as requested.

Health Department Report:

1. Laura Luginbill sent a reminder email on March 13th, 2015 of the upcoming Linda Lee Martens Community Health Hero Award ceremony on May 12th, 2015 from 5pm – 7pm at the Pacific Rim Institute for Environmental Stewardship. There is a nomination form on the Public Health website. If there are any questions, or if the Board wishes to discuss this in more detail, Keith and Laura are both available.
2. On March 12th, 2015 - a press release titled: "Alcohol, Tobacco Use Down Among Teens; Marijuana, E-cigarette Use a Concern", was released by the WA State Dept. of Health and DSHS on the 2014 Healthy Youth Survey Data. This was a thematic release of data associated with the use of tobacco, alcohol, marijuana and e-cigarettes. The Public Health Department receives aggregate data and Laura and Keith will be looking at, and evaluating, the state-wide, county-wide and school district specific data (when schools provide permission). This information will be brought back to the Board at a later date outlining specifics including where Island County falls in regards to other counties. Other themed data to be released by the WA State Department of Health in the future include, Mental Health, Depression and Safety.
3. March 24th, 2015 is World TB Day – a press release of 2014 data from WA State Dept. of Health shows 193 cases statewide (down by 7.6% from 209 in 2013); Island County in 2014 had zero cases of TB. Dr. Brad Thomas also reported there are new screening measures used prior to allowing U.S. immigration.

Board Comments/Announcements:

1. Commissioner Jill Johnson: Oak Harbor is considering homeless camps. There would be a Public Health intersection with that activity, if established. Commissioner Jill Johnson recommended the Board of Health understand what is involved in this process from a health and sanitation standpoint and how the Board might intersect with this as well. Although within the city limits of Oak Harbor, the Island County Public Health Department is the LHM for Oak Harbor as well.
2. Commissioner Helen Price Johnson: For clarification in regards to the public input heard by Dr. Lee Roof, the Board agreed that Keith Higman will work with the Chair, Commissioner Richard M. Hannold to come to a resolution on the next steps in this matter.
3. Grethe Cammermeyer: In regards to an invitation to Whidbey General Hospital (WGH) to collaborate with the Board when needed. Keith Higman referred to a past leadership "Summit" meeting process bringing together Island County Public Health, WGH and Naval Hospital Oak Harbor. Capt. Frederick J. McDonald concurred that re-establishing this process would be beneficial to the whole community.

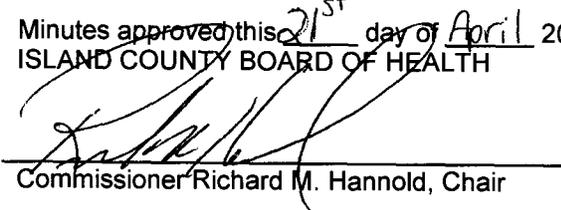
Adjourn: There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Richard Hannold, Chair made a motion to adjourn; Grethe Cammermeyer moved to adjourn; Commissioner Jill Johnson seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 2:35pm.

The next Regular Session of the Island County Board of Health is scheduled for Tuesday, April 21st, 2015 at 1:00pm in the Commissioner's Hearing Room (B-102) of the Annex Building.

Submitted: _____


Brad Thomas, MD

Minutes approved this 21st day of April 2015
ISLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH


Commissioner Richard M. Hannold, Chair