

Island County Board of Health
Regular Session - Tuesday, January 19, 2016
Minutes

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

Absent Members: None.

Call to Order: Commissioner Jill Johnson, Chair called to order this Regular Session of the Island County Board of Health at 1:05 pm.

Welcome: Welcome to Bob Severns, City of Oak Harbor Mayor and the newest member of the Island County Board of Health.

Additions or Changes to the Agenda: None.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Helen Price Johnson moved to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Richard Hannold seconded the motion. Minutes approved unanimously by those present to vote.

Public Input or Comment: None.

Presentations:

1. *Keith Higman, Health Services Director and Laura Luginbill, Assessment & Healthy Communities Director* provided background to the Community Health Assessment (CHA) and Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) and introduced *Maureen Pettitt, PhD, Director of Institutional Research – Skagit Valley College* who will facilitate the upcoming Community Health Prioritization Workshop on February 8th, 2016. Dr. Pettitt discussed the process of the data carousel format which will be used at the workshop resulting in a prioritization of eight health themes. A Q&A session followed. Members of the Board of Health have been invited to participate at the workshop as members of the community, not as the Board of Health as a whole. A notice of attendance will be sent to the media.

2. *Keith Higman, Health Services Director* introduced *Cheryn Weiser, Executive Director of Island County Senior Services (ICSS)*. Ms. Weiser provided an overview of the history of ICSS, the core services provided and the growth of these services over the past five (5) years. The ICSS funding story and the challenges and the approach to meeting these challenges was also discussed. A Q&A session followed.

Contracts: None.

Legislative Update: None.

Health Department Report:

Keith Higman, Health Services Director

1. State statute sets minimum qualifications for a fully qualified Health Officer in Washington:
 - a) Must be a medical doctor;
 - b) Must be qualified to practice medicine and perform surgery in the state of Washington, and;
 - c) Must have a Master's degree in Public Health (MPH).

Without holding the MPH degree, one can serve as a provisionally qualified Health Officer per state statute. Dr. Brad Thomas was appointed pursuant to RCW 70.05.053 as a provisionally qualified Health Officer. By virtue of completing three (3) years of service and meeting state review requirements, Dr. Thomas is now a fully qualified Health Officer with Island County Public Health.

Dr. Brad Thomas, Health Officer and Executive Secretary to the Board of Health

1. One day after the World Health Organization declared West Africa Ebola-free there was one death from Ebola.
2. The mosquito borne Zika virus has now reached the US (Hawaii). A CDC level-2 travel advisory for those pregnant planning travel to certain countries including Brazil and Puerto Rico has been issued.
3. Influenza cases are on the rise with five (5) cases reported from NASWI emergency room. Flu shots are still the best bet for staving off influenza.
4. Increasing bacterial resistance to antibiotics world-wide continues. Carbapenem and now the back-up Colistin being the most recently known antibiotic failures.
5. Governor Inslee issued an Executive Order regarding gun safety and mental health. Dr. Thomas will forward the release to all Board members following this meeting.

Board Comments/Announcements: None.

Adjourn: There being no further business before the Board Commissioner Jill Johnson entertained a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Helen Price Johnson moved to adjourn; Grethe Cammermeyer seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 2:56 pm.

Submitted: _____


Brad Thomas, MD

Minutes approved this 16th day of Feb. 2016

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Commissioner Jill Johnson, Chair