

BOARD OF HEALTH PROCEEDINGS

April 7, 2005

Chairperson Lynda Ring Erickson called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Attendance: Commissioner, Lynda Ring-Erickson; Commissioner, Jayni Kamin; Commissioner, Tim Sheldon, Absent.

ATTENDANCE

Dr. Diana T. Yu, Health Officer
Steve Kutz, Department of Health Director
Debbie Riley, Environmental Health Manager
Rebecca Wells, Mason County Journal, Reporter

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter received by Steve Hunt requesting an appeal of a decision made by Arlene Hyatt. The letter was forwarded to Debbie Riley for action.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

Cmmr. Ring Erickson made note that there was not a meeting in March 2005.

ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

Dr. Yu, Health Officer reported that it was public health week. Many of the local health departments are undergoing a standards review by the standards committee through the public health improvement plan. The first assessment was done in 2002 and this would be the second review. The review shows how well each county is doing compared to other health departments in the state that are the same size as Mason County.

The Board requested a copy of the standards.

Dr. Yu stated she would provide a copy of the standards and review the results from the 2002 assessment. She also stated she would review the results of the current assessment when it is returned from the standards committee.

Cmmr. Kamin requested a copy of the youth behavioral risk factor survey results.

Dr Yu stated the youth survey was done statewide and in order for it to be valid about 70% of the eligible youth in different grade levels needed to participate. There were a larger number of schools in Mason County that participated in the survey than in the past, which should make a difference on the results reported.

Dr. Yu, Health Officer reports for March, 2005 Communicable Diseases as 1 case of Camphylobacter, 1 case of Bacterial Meningitis, 6 cases of Chronic Hepatitis C with Lab, and 1 case of Positive PPD.

REVISED BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING SCHEDULE

Mr. Kutz, requested the Board of Health meeting schedule be change to the first Wednesday of each month. The new proposed meeting schedule would be May 4th, June 15th, July 6th, August 10th, September 7th, October 5th, November 9th, and December 7th, 2005. The new meeting schedule would best suit Dr. Yu, Health Officer.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson requested approval of the change be done in the next meeting, to allow the Board time to review their calendars and also to present it to Commissioner Sheldon who was not in attendance.

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Cmmr. Kamin/Ring Erickson moved and seconded to move the May Board of Health meeting to May 4, 2005. Motion carried unanimously. K-aye; RE-aye; S-absent.

Cmmr. Kamin/Ring Erickson moved and seconded to table the decision to change the ongoing date of the Board of Health meetings to the first of Wednesday of each month. Motion carried unanimously. K-aye; RE-aye; S-absent.

Mr. Kutz requested an appeal hearing for Mr. Steve Hunt to be scheduled on May 4, 2005 at 10:30 a.m. to consider an appeal of a group B water system.

The Board questioned if the appeal needed to be heard by the Hearings Examiner.

Mr. Kutz stated it would only need to be heard by the Board of Health.

Mr. Kutz requested the Board attend the State Board of Health meeting on April 11, 2005 at Alderbrook. The meeting agenda and other information would be coming in the mail.

PERSONAL HEALTH ISSUES

PRESENTATION ON CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS

Ms. Diane Crabtree, Public Health Nurse stated she serves children from ages 0-18 with special health needs. Her role is in case management and assisting the family in finding the resources available to them. She covered the impacts of Children with Special Needs. Schools are not required to provide special need services for children birth to three years of age, although the Shelton School District does provide the services. Ms. Crabtree reviewed the funding sources for the program she manages.

Ms. Crabtree gave a power point presentation on the children with special health care needs program. A complete copy of the presentation is on file in the Health Department.

Mr. Kutz noted that if additional funding is needed to support the program Current Expense funds are used to supplement the shortfall.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson questioned to what extent there are children and families that are falling through the cracks. She asked what kinds of services would Ms. Crabtree like to offer to assist in reaching the group of people that don't know of the services to reduce the number of people falling through the cracks.

Ms. Crabtree responded that she would like to do a presentation to the local physicians about her program and the resources that are available. She also stated she sets up a booth at local festivals and the fair to get the information out to people.

Dr. Yu offered to discuss it with the local physicians that she meets with monthly.

ENVIROMENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

OPERATION & MAINTENANCE (O&M) OF YEAR GRANT REPORT

Ms. Debbie Riley, Environmental Health Manager introduced Ms. Penny Orth, Environmental Health Specialist as the Operation & Maintenance (O&M) project coordinator.

Ms. Orth talked about the O&M project in the Lower Hood Canal watershed area. The project was funded by a grant which was awarded in 2002 and ended 2004. The goal of the O&M project was to know every system in the county and to be able to track it. There are currently about 18,000 systems in Mason County. Currently there are about 12,200 records in the database. Managing the data is the goal of the program and also to educate the owners of the systems.

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Cmmr. Ring Erickson asked if the program was targeted for waterfront homeowners' sites only.

Ms. Orth replied no, it is county wide.

PUBLIC HEARING – FOOD REGULATION

Cmmr. Ring Erickson opened the public hearing on the new food regulation at 11:06 a.m.

Ms. Riley presented the new food regulation. The revisions to Chapter 246-215 WAC, Food Service, will be adopted by the state Board of Health and become state law effective May 2, 2005. The adoption of the proposed resolution would codify the Mason County Title 6 Sanitary Code.

There was no public comment.

Ms. Riley presented Resolution No. 02-05 into the record.

Cmmr. Kamin/Ring Erickson moved and seconded to adopt Mason County Board of Health Resolution No. 02-05 and recommend to the Mason County Board of Commissioners that chapter 6.08 of the Mason County Code be rescinded and adopt the revised WAC 246-215, and any subsequent amendments, by reference. Motion carried unanimously. K-aye; RE-aye; S-absent.

ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

Ms. Riley presented the changes that were made to the certified contractor list.

Ms. Riley presented a consumer alert. Mason County residents have called and reported they have received calls by out of state companies trying to sell them substances to add to their septic tanks. The latest report was that a Florida company was offering twenty packets of product for \$180.00. Ms. Riley stated she didn't know what the product was so she was not sure if was on the state approved additives list. One citizen ordered the product, which turned out to be a tub of sawdust. Residence with questions can check the State Department of Health website for approved septic system additives or call Mason County Health Department.

PRESENTATION – THURSTON COUNTY DRUG & ALCOHOL PROGRAM

Ms. Donna Bosworth and Mr. Eric Landass from Thurston County Drug & Alcohol program presented a report on the Chemical Dependency Needs Assessment that was conducted for the Thurston/Mason program.

Ms. Bosworth presented a power point presentation about the purpose of a need assessment, the data sources, substance abuse, the population data, the chemical dependency providers available, the service levels, and the community education components.

A complete copy of the presentation is on file in the Health Department.

The Board requested training for the public health and the code enforcement staff.

Ms. Bosworth stated she would arrange a training session for those staff members.

Dr. Yu stated that there has been a notable increase in deaths due to drug overdoses. The investigation of deaths showed the cause was due to narcotic pain medications.

ENVIROMENTAL HEALTH WAIVERS/VARIANCES

Submitted to the Board by Environmental Health Manager, Debbie Riley.

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ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m. due to no further business.

BOARD OF HEALTH
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Lynda Ring Erickson, Chairperson

HEALTH OFFICER

Jayni Kamin, Commissioner

Diana T. Yu, MD MSPH
Mason County Health Officer

Tim Sheldon, Commissioner