

BOARD OF HEALTH PROCEEDINGS
July 13, 2006

Attendance: Commissioner, Tim Sheldon; Commissioner, Lynda Ring Erickson; Commissioner, Jayni Kamin – Absent; Thurston County Commissioner Kathryn Wolfe.

1. Chairperson Tim Sheldon called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.
2. **Cmmr. Ring Erickson/Sheldon moved and seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; K-absent.**
3. Correspondence – None
4. Approval of Minutes – None
5. Administrative Issues
 - 5.1 Health Officer's Report – Dr. Yu presented the current health issues relevant to Mason County including pandemic preparedness, medical research corp., and a grant she applied for but was not successful in obtaining.
 - 5.2 Health Officer Appointment – Mr. Kutz presented a Resolution to reappoint Dr. Yu as the Health Officer.

Thurston County Cmmr. Wolfe noted that Thurston County Board of Health has agreed to provide certain Health Officer services to Mason County in an effort to work together.

The Board thanked Dr. Yu for her service to Mason County and stated they were delighted to have her continue working for the county.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson/Sheldon moved and seconded to reappoint Dr. Yu as the Health Officer beginning August 1, 2006. RE-aye; S-aye; K-absent.

- 5.3 CHOICE Regional Health Network – Kristen West, Executive Director, of the program presented a slide show to give a better understanding of the program. The program is designed to allow better health care for everyone at less cost. A complete copy of the presentation is on file.

Cmmr. Wolfe stated Thurston County is very pleased with the work CHOICE Regional Health Network does for their county.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson stated that the County's Comprehensive Plan would be reviewed this year and it would be a place to strategically plan for the health care issues that need to be addressed.

Dr. Yu suggested that Mason County should have a Community Health Taskforce appointed by the Board of Health, to review, discuss, and suggest health issues and the access to care for the local citizens.

6. Personal Health Issues
 - 6.1 Tobacco Compliance Checks (Report and Press Release) Ms. Iyall, Health Educator, presented a news release stating the federal law requires states to keep youth tobacco sales rates at or below 20 percent to limit youth access to tobacco. Compliance with the law is measured through random tobacco compliance checks. During the compliance checks, kids attempt to buy tobacco using a valid driver's license or state ID card. The Mason County Department of Health Services conducted a total of 22 checks between January – June 2006, in tobacco sales rate is 4.5 percent, which is an improvement from last year, when youth were able to purchase tobacco 14.3 percent of the time. On June 21, 2006, 30 retailers were checked, of which there were no sales to a minor.

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7. Environmental Health Issues

7.1 Environmental Health Waivers/Variations were provided to the Board for information only.

8. Public Comment – None

9. The meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m. due to no further business.

HEALTH OFFICER

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