

MASON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH PROCEEDINGS
April 22, 2008

Attendance: Board Members: Lynda Ring-Erickson; Ross Gallagher; Tim Sheldon - absent

Ex-Officio Board Members: Scott Hilburn, Hospital District #1- absent; Peggy VanBuskirk, Hospital District #2 - absent; Frank Philips, Fire Commissioner - absent; Tim LeClair, Skokomish Tribe - absent

1. Commissioner Ross Gallagher called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.
2. **Cmmr. Ring Erickson/Gallagher moved and seconded to adopt the agenda as published. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; G-aye; S-absent.**
3. Correspondence – None.
4. **Cmmr. Ring Erickson/Gallagher moved and seconded to adopt the regular meeting minutes of March 25, 2008 as presented. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; G-aye; S-absent**
5. Administrative Issues
 - 5.1 Health Officer Report - Lydia Buchheit, Community & Family Health Manager, reported on behalf of Dr. Yu. Dr. Yu wanted the Board to know she was at a medical conference this week where she spoke about the Mason County Health Challenge.
 - 5.2 Reminder – May 5, 2008 Board of Health is a joint meeting with Thurston County, Board Meeting Room 208 at the Thurston County Courthouse. The topic will be water quality in South Puget Sound.
6. Community & Family Health
 - 6.1 Community Health Care Task Force – Kim Klint, Mason Matters, gave a presentation on the Community Health Care Task Force.

The Task Force consists of representatives from local schools, hospitals, and citizens interested in public health. The vision of the group is that low-income people have access to medical and dental health in the community. There is a focus on issues such as mental health, care coordination, diabetes and community involvement.

At the last meeting there was a discussion about the healthiness of food at the food bank. The group has come up with a proposal about starting access to the healthcare system at the food bank. The Task Force meets the fourth Monday of the month.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson noted that law enforcement should also be involved in the proposed healthcare access system.
 - 6.2 National Immunization Week – Cmmr. Gallagher read aloud a Proclamation for April 20, 2008 as National Infant Immunization Week in Mason County.
7. Environmental Health
 - 7.1 Environmental Health Waivers – Debbie Riley, Environmental Health Manager, presented the Board with the current Environmental Health Waivers.
8. Board Comment – Cmmr. Ring Erickson asked when the W.I.C. update would take place.

Vicki Kirkpatrick stated the W.I.C. program would be the focus at the June Board of Health meeting.

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Cmmr. Ring Erickson also commented that she saw a news report about shorter life expectancy in southwest Washington. The counties mentioned were similar to Mason County. She though it might be a good topic for the Health Task Force.

9. Public Comment – Mr. Gerhardt was representing Hospital District #2. He expressed concerns regarding the funding of the W.I.C. program in the north end of the county.
10. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

HEALTH OFFICER

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