

MASON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH PROCEEDINGS
November 24, 2009

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

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

1. Commissioner Ross Gallagher called the meeting to order at 3:37 p.m.
2. **Cmmr. Ring Erickson/Sheldon moved and seconded to adopt the agenda as published. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; G-aye; S-aye.**
3. Correspondence - None
4. **Cmmr. Ring Erickson/Gallagher moved and seconded to adopt the regular meeting minutes of October 27, 2009 as presented. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; G-aye; S-abstained.**
5. Administrative Issues
 - 5.1 Mason County Health Report Card – Vicki Kirkpatrick presented the Mason County Health Report Card for approval of publishing. The document will continue to be updated as needed.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson noted that the document is informative, but fairly long. Maybe over time a snapshot could be produced.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson/Sheldon moved and seconded to approve the publishing of the Mason County Health Report Card as presented. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; G-aye; S-aye.

Mr. Hilburn asked how the community would be challenged to work on the Report Card.

Ms. Kirkpatrick explained that she would need a clearer picture of what is already going on in the community. This will also be brought to the Community Health Task Force.

Mr. Hilburn stated he was hoping that the Board of Health would take the initiative on this.

Ms. Kirkpatrick explained that there still needs to be a study on what the best practices would be to change these issues.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson asked to what extent Mason Matters has done a gap analysis regarding a lack of services.

Lydia Buchheit stated that the Community Health Task Force has a strategic plan to do an analysis. They were waiting to get the Report Card done first.

Cmmr. Sheldon asked if there is any prioritization to the Report Card.

Ms. Buchheit explained that they need to focus on what is already going on and what resources are available. The Community Task Force will need to be reconvened. The focus in the department recently has been on H1N1.

Mr. Hilburn and Ms. VanBuskirk agreed that they would make it a priority to work on this.

- 5.2 Health Officer Coverage – 2010 – Ms. Kirkpatrick explained that this resolution provides for 24-hour health officer coverage in the event that Dr. Yu is unavailable.

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Cmmr. Ring Erickson/Sheldon moved and seconded to adopt Resolution 01-09, which appoints alternate local health officers for Mason County for 2010. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; G-aye; S-aye.

- 5.3 2010 Board of Health Meeting Dates – Ms. Kirkpatrick presented the proposed 2010 Board of Health meeting dates.

Cmmr. Sheldon/Ring Erickson moved and seconded to approve the 2010 Board of Health meeting dates. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; G-aye; S-aye.

- 5.4 Public Health Emergency Response Mutual Aid Agreement – Ms. Kirkpatrick explained that this agreement is between local health jurisdictions for public health emergencies. It is an addition to the County Mutual Aid Agreements. It is a deliverable for the Public Health Emergency Response and Preparedness funding. There are 21 local Boards of Health that have entered into the agreement.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson/Sheldon moved and seconded to enter into the Public Health Emergency Response Mutual Aid Agreement. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye;G-aye; S-aye.

- 5.5 Health Officer's Report – Dr. Yu was absent.

- 5.6 Director's Report – Ms. Kirkpatrick discussed a proposed resolution that would authorize the Director of Public Health to sign professional services agreements, not to exceed \$25,000, specifically for pandemic influenza response. The agreements would also need to be fully funded by H1N1 funds. The department is having an issue with being able to get things done rapidly for H1N1 education.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson/Sheldon moved and seconded to refer the matter to the next regular Commission meeting for approval. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; G-aye; S-aye.

Ms. Kirkpatrick also commented on the Department of Commerce's recommendation to move the County Public Health Assistance monies to the Department of Health. It will likely be a different kind of receipt for these dollars in the future.

Scott Hilburn announced that the hospital is adding on a new wing with 3 new surgical suites. The main entrance will also be moved and expanded. The 33 million dollar project will be financed with operating bonds and will not require a tax increase. Construction will take place late 2010 or early 2011.

6. Community and Family Health Issues

- 6.1 Ms. Buchheit provided an H1N1 Influenza Update. Washington has peaked in the virus and it is now in a lull. The vaccine is still being distributed. The first Mason County vaccination clinic was last Thursday at Shelton Family Medicine. They are hoping to move on to the next priority group soon. Two more clinics are planned. They have also received more seasonal flu vaccine, which will be given at one of the clinics.

7. Environmental Health Issues

- 7.1 Debbie Riley gave a West Nile Virus update. Some results are still pending so the numbers may change. This season there were 36 confirmed human cases resulting in 1 death. There were also 71 horses, 1 dog, 22 birds and 344 mosquitoes confirmed in the state. The West Nile Virus season is now over and will start up again in April.

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- 7.2 North Bay Update – Ms. Riley explained that time is running short for establishing a shellfish protection district. They were hoping it would fit within the stormwater work, but the timelines aren't meshing. The main sources of pollution are stormwater runoff, failing septic systems, pet waste and agricultural practices. She has talked to Utilities and Public Works about the issue and the three departments are working together. The biggest issue is funding. The three departments will be coming back to the Board with a proposal for the district and who the lead entity will be.

Cmrr. Gallagher asked the timeframe for establishing the district.

Ms. Kirkpatrick answered that it is 6 months.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson stated she is concerned that this sounds like the old shellfish protection districts. There needs to be a stakeholders group that meets sooner instead of later. She hopes that this goes in that direction.

Ms. Kirkpatrick stated that the plan is to replicate the process that was used in Oakland Bay. The issue is to get the district established because the clock is ticking.

Cmmr. Sheldon asked when the district needs to be established by.

Ms. Riley answered December 17, 2009.

There was a discussion about the effects of stormwater on the shellfish industry.

Cmmr. Sheldon was concerned about the timeline for establishing the district.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson was concerned that there needs to be a thoughtful open discussion with the stakeholders on this.

- 7.3 Waivers – Ms. Riley presented the Board with the current Environmental Health Waivers.

8. Public Comment –

- 8.1 Constance Ibsen stated that her group's main priority is to monitor the Health Department's two Hood Canal grants. They are also very concerned about work in Mission Creek. They haven't received a response from the Commissioners or the Health Department. They want a timeline on how the department is going to meet the deliverables of the grants. She also wants to know how the citizens can participate to get the work done.

- 8.2 Bill Dewey asked if Mason County is pursuing any EPA grants.

Ms. Riley explained that they don't have match funds at this point.

Brenda Hirschi asked if there is an estimated amount of what would be needed for matches.

Ms. Riley responded that most of the grants have a 25% match. It would be about \$100,000 per staff person per project.

Ms. Hirschi stated there is a lot of volunteer effort. She can help go through the budget to find seed money for this priority.

9. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

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ATTEST

Shannon Goudy, Clerk of the Board

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MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Tim Sheldon, Commissioner

Lynda Ring Erickson, Commissioner