

**MASON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH PROCEEDINGS**  
**June 22, 2010**

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

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

1. Commissioner Ring Erickson called the meeting to order at 3:47 p.m.
2. Correspondence - None
3. **Cmmr. Gallagher/Ring Erickson moved and seconded to adopt the agenda as published. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; G-aye; S-absent.**
4. **Cmmr. Gallagher/Ring Erickson moved and seconded to adopt the regular meeting minutes of April 27, 2010 as presented. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; G-aye; S-absent.**
5. Community & Family Health Annual Report – Lydia Buchheit presented the report.
6. H1N1 After Action Report – Vicki Kirkpatrick provided the highlights of the After Action Report that was required by the CDC. It concluded that the Health Department was proactively prepared for H1N1 and the community was knowledgeable on the dispensing points of vaccine. It has been made clear that Federal funding will not be providing funding for H1N1 response in the future, which could be a problem.
7. Office of the Director
  - 7.1 Health Officer Report – Dr. Yu discussed the current health issues effecting the area. There have been several outbreaks of measles and mumps in the country. Whooping cough is also a concern in Thurston County. The number of flu tests has gone up recently and there has been a recent hospitalization for H1N1, which was also in Thurston County.
  - 7.2 Director Report – Ms. Kirkpatrick announced that the Grant County has a mosquito pool that tested positive for West Nile Virus. It is anticipated that there will be more mosquitoes this year due to the wet spring, so mosquito control will be important. She also reminded the Board that Secretary Selecky will be visiting at the July Board of Health.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson suggested that the Department prepare a media release and work with other County departments to provide public information on the importance of mosquito control.
8. Office of Community and Family Health
  - 8.1 Manager Report – Combined with 8.2
  - 8.2 ARRA Immunization Grant – Ms. Buchheit went over the deliverables of the grant. She also discussed:
    - Health Care Reform and the effects on local health jurisdictions.
    - Assessment
      - Report Card
      - County Rankings
      - State Assessment Meeting
      - Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnership
    - Community Resource/Partnering
      - North Mason Resource Center
      - North Mason Children’s Resources
  - 8.3 Heroes of Health Award – Heidi Iyall announced that Dr. Yu won the Distinguished Service Award and the Children’s Dental Coalition won the Health Care Safety-Net Award.

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9 Office of Environmental Health

9.3 Manager Report – (Combined with 9.4 and 9.5)

9.4 Water Quality/Shellfish Update – Debbie Riley provided an update on local water quality. Since the last Board of Health meeting staff from the Washington State Department of Health and Mason County Public Health met to discuss areas of concern to shellfish harvest that were described in the 2009 Annual Shellfish Report. Because the Rocky Bay station in Mason County has good water quality, this growing area has come off our list of concerns.

The other areas of concern are:

ANNAS BAY: Continued precautionary closures because of rain events.

HOOD CANAL 6: Continues to be watched. MCPH staff are completing negotiations with the Department of Ecology for grant work to begin in the area identifying potential pollution sources.

NORTH BAY: Continued observation. Public Works, Utilities, and Public Health continue storm water project efforts in the Allyn area.

PICKERING PASSAGE: McLane Cover continues to be closed because of rain events.

Oakland Bay was not discussed because it was just discussed at the Oakland Bay Clean Water District Board of Director's meeting.

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

10 Public Comment - None

11 Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

ATTEST

BOARD OF HEALTH  
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Shannon Goudy, Clerk of the Board

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Lynda Ring Erickson, Chair

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Tim Sheldon, Commissioner

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Ross Gallagher, Commissioner