

MASON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH PROCEEDINGS
May 24, 2011

Attendance: Mason County Board Members: Lynda Ring-Erickson; Jerry K. Lingle;
Tim Sheldon - absent

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

1. Commissioner Lingle called the meeting to order at 3:36 p.m.
2. **Cmmr. Ring Erickson/Lingle moved and seconded to adopt the agenda as published. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; L-aye; S-absent.**
3. **Cmmr. Ring Erickson/Lingle moved and seconded to adopt the regular meeting minutes of April 26, 2011 as presented. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; L-aye; S-absent.**
4. Public Health and Regional Services – What might the Future Look Like? - Vicki Kirkpatrick, Director, went over the past and the potential future of public health as it relates to regional services and health care reform. The following topics were discussed.
 - The Past and the Present:
 - Regional Public Health Emergency Preparedness & Response (PHEPR)
 - Nurse Family Partnership
 - HIV/AIDs Counseling and Testing
 - AIDSNET Regions
 - CHOICE Regional Health Network (Mason, Thurston, Grays Harbor, Lewis and Pacific Counties)
 - Hood Canal Coordinating Council
 - Alliance for a Healthy South Sound
 - Potential Future:
 - Regional Health Authority (SW Washington Model)
 - State Department of Health move towards regional funding and away from funding individual local health departments – based on a population threshold
 - “Home grown” regional approach – Mason, Thurston, Grays Harbor, Lewis and Pacific County Health Departments
 - Other?

Cmmr. Ring Erickson asked Mr. Phillips if he could provide a report at a future Board of Health meeting regarding the fire districts.

5. Office of the Director
 - 5.1 Health Officer Report – The Health Officer was absent.
 - 5.2 Director Report
 - 5.2.1 Emergency Preparedness Training – Ms. Kirkpatrick stated that staff is working on emergency preparedness training and went over the upcoming training schedule.
 - 5.2.2 Department of Health biennial fiscal monitoring visit – HIV/AIDs and PHEPR. – Ms. Kirkpatrick explained that the Department of Health recently audited these two programs. The audit was very successful.
 - 5.2.3 Ms. Kirkpatrick also announced that Ms. Buchheit was recently recognized as a nominee for Nurse Family Partnership of the year and that a Joint Board of Health meeting with Thurston County will take place on June 30th. She further noted that a proposal was received for a facilitator for the 1/10th of 1% advisory committee.

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6. Community and Family Health
 - 6.1 Immunization Project Update – Lydia Buchheit provided an update of the project. Four clinics were monitored. The immunization rate improved from 62% to 86%, which is above the State average.
 - 6.2 ACHIEVE Grant and Mobilizing for Action Through Planning and Partnership (MAPP) – Ms. Buchheit also updated the Board on the ACHIEVE grant. Data is currently being gathered. Training will take place in Baltimore in a couple of weeks.
7. Environmental Health
 - 7.1 Waivers – Ms. Kirkpatrick presented the Board with the current Environmental Health Waivers. She also noted that money from the State that was used to do this work was cut in half in the recently released State budget.
8. Public Comment
 - 8.1 Constance Ibsen commented that there was a problem of a failed septic tank on Hwy 106. Prior to sale of a property there has to be a septic inspection but on private transfers that is avoided. The property is now being remodeled. She doesn't understand how they could have gotten a building permit with a failed septic system. She would like the situation looked into.
 - 8.2 Scott Hilburn commented that the number of women attending screenings the hospital's Women's Health event has doubled. He also noted that construction on the hospital would start this week.
 - 8.3 Frank Phillips commented that Lake Cushman would be way down this year to repair work on the pilings.
9. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

ATTEST

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MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Shannon Goudy, Clerk of the Board

Jerry Lingle, Chair

Tim Sheldon, Commissioner

Lynda Ring Erickson, Commissioner