

**MASON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH PROCEEDINGS**  
**April 24, 2012**

Attendance: Mason County Board Members: Lynda Ring-Erickson, Steve Bloomfield.

Tim Sheldon was absent.

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

Mike Olsen, City of Shelton, was absent.

1. Cmmr. Bloomfield called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m.
2. **Cmmr. Ring Erickson/Bloomfield moved and seconded to adopt the agenda as published. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; B-aye; S-absent.**
3. **Cmmr. Ring Erickson/Bloomfield moved and seconded to adopt the regular meeting minutes of March 27, 2012 as presented. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; B-aye; S-absent.**
4. Mason County Public Health and Human Services Strategic Plan – Vicki Kirkpatrick explained that there is a requirement for the strategic plan to be approved by the Board of Health. The completed items will be identified in the Department’s annual report each year.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson asked how the public schools were involved in the goals. She wanted to see early childhood education involved in the plan.

Ms. Kirkpatrick responded that ESD 113 and the Superintendent of the Shelton School District were involved in the MAPP and CHIP processes. Education was involved in every area that was determined to be a priority.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson wanted to see it reflected in the strategic plan.

Cmmr. Bloomfield noted that a large part of the community was served by tribal health services. He wanted to see the Tribes present at the table as well.

The Board discussed different ways to meet Goal 2 “Promoting Health Policies and Health Behaviors”.

Dr. Yu suggested joining Michelle Obama’s “Let’s Move” campaign.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson suggested that the Board of Health members take pictures of walking areas in the county to present at the next meeting.

**Cmmr. Ring Erickson/Bloomfield moved and seconded to approve the strategic plan with the addition of noting the involvement of public schools. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; B-aye; S-absent.**

5. Memorandum of Understanding with Squaxin Island Tribe – Pollution Identification and Correction Grant.

Debbie Riley explained that Mason County is in line to receive over \$550,000 for a no-match, pollution identification and correction grant. It would be about two and a half years of work and \$60,000 would go to the Conservation District. They are working closely with the Squaxin Tribe. The grant does not include Hood Canal because that work will take place through another grant with the Hood Canal Coordinating Council. They are looking forward to formally partnering with the Squaxin Island Tribe and they are working on an Intergovernmental Agreement for the specific work. They are seeking permission to set a time for the signing of the agreement.

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John Konovsky added that the State Department of Health originally hesitated including Mason County in the program, even though it is the most important shellfish growing areas in the state. Formalizing an agreement between the Tribe and the County helped move the process forward. The Tribal Council was very excited about the program and wanted to get together for a formal signing ceremony.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson was passionate about the issue and enjoyed working with the Tribes.

Cmmr. Bloomfield also thought it was a huge step in the right direction.

6. Administration

6.1 Health Officer Report – Dr. Yu reported that they are working on a Memorandum of Understanding between the Medical Reserve Corps and the Squaxin Island Tribe to staff a health clinic to assist with the canoe journey. There are concerns with the number of people expected to attend. She also discussed whooping cough. There have been the same number of cases reported in the first four months of this year as all of last year. She discussed the importance of getting vaccinated.

6.2 Director Report – Ms. Kirkpatrick went over the Legislative bills that have passed the will affect the Department. A surcharge has been added to recorded documents to assist with housing assistance programs. There is also a bill that gives local Boards of Health the ability to impose a rate for the actual costs of the County's onsite management plan. It could be a funding mechanism that the Stormwater Task Force explores.

7. Environmental Health

7.1 Water Quality Update – Ms. Riley reported that the Department of Health's shellfish program finished their annual update. Only one station in the state was not meeting the standard and nine were threatened. There is a station on Hood Canal near Union that is listed as threatened.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson asked Ms. Riley to report on these issues at the evening Commission meeting.

Ms. Riley also noted that the Department is continuing sampling on three D listed streams in the county.

7.2 Waivers – Ms. Riley provided the current environmental health waivers for the Board's information.

8. Community and Family Health

8.1 Manager's Report – Ms. Buchheit was absent so Ms. Kirkpatrick reported that the Department would be receiving enough additional funding to double the number of clients in the Nurse Family Partnership program. They will need to hire another public health nurse to maintain other grant programs.

9. Public Comment - There was no public comment.

10. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

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Shannon Goudy, Clerk of the Board

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