

MASON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH PROCEEDINGS
January 28, 2014

Attendance: Mason County Board Members: Terri Jeffreys and Randy Neatherlin. Tim Sheldon was absent.

Ex-Officio Board Members: Terry McGiveron for Scott Hilburn - Hospital District #1; Peggy VanBuskirk, Hospital District #2; Frank Phillips, Fire Commissioner; Mike Olsen, City of Shelton Commissioner.

1. The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.
2. **VanBuskirk/Olsen moved and seconded to adopt the agenda as published. Motion carried unanimously.**
3. Approval of November 26, 2013 Minutes
VanBuskirk/Neatherlin moved and seconded to approve the November 26, 2013 meeting minutes as published. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Vicki Kirkpatrick provided a brief update on Mental Health & Substance Abuse program. The Commissioners have approved the provider contracts for the veterans, at-risk vulnerable and incarcerated populations. Vicki will be meeting with the vendors to negotiate the contracts.
5. Water Quality – Hood Canal: Discussion of Request from Lower Hood Canal Watershed Coalition (LHCWC)
Cmmr. Jeffreys introduced the topic. The Hood Canal Watershed Coalition has submitted a request to include a goal in the proposed actions for the Puget Sound Partnership Action Agenda Update to eliminate all seepage pits and cesspools in all Hood Canal watershed shoreline (marine and freshwater) properties.

Debbie Riley provided definitions of seepage pits and cesspools, which are not the same. Cesspools are considered a failure of the septic system and must be replaced. Seepage pits are different and were a permitted system up until the mid-1990's. There are 35 permitted seepage pits on the Hood Canal watershed shoreline, 26 have had service and 15 are current with their service. There are 179 total seepage pits in the Hood Canal watersheds.

There was discussion of the effectiveness of seepage pits. If they are not failing, they are allowed to stay in the ground. Ms. Riley contacted the State Board of Health to be certain Mason County is following current regulations.

Teri King pointed out that in order to obtain funding, the projects need to be included on the Action Agenda.

The actions suggestions by the LHCWC were reviewed.

After discussion, the following goal and actions are recommended to be included in the Hood Canal Coordinating Council's Near Term Actions.

Goal: Reduce the use of seepage pits and eliminate all cesspools, when discovered, in all Hood Canal watershed shoreline (marine and freshwater) properties.

Actions:

- a) Convene a meeting of Local Health Jurisdictions to assess and determine if On-site Management Plan strategies relevant to cesspools and seepage pits on shoreline properties adequately address human health and safety.
- b) Locate and verify all shoreline seepage pits and cesspools.
- c) Create a management plan for seepage pits that includes inspection frequency and education and funding information for decommissioning.

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6. Health Officer Report – Dr. Yu submitted a written report on influenza.
7. Other Business/Board Discussion
 - 7.1 Terry McGiveron presented the Mason General Hospital and Family Clinic's Plan and Dreams document for 2014-2019. This was presented to the Hospital Board of Directors. This document is intended to increase health and fitness.
 - 7.2 Vicki Kirkpatrick brought up an issue with potential legislation that could impact local mental health services and would like a briefing to include Board of Health members.
8. Citizen Comment - Teri King brought up the issue of waivers. Vicki will have the monthly activity report posted on the website.
9. Adjourn 5:12 p.m.

ATTEST


Clerk of the Board

BOARD OF HEALTH
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Terri Jeffreys, Chair


Tim Sheldon, Commissioner


Randy Neatherlin, Commissioner