

MASON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH PROCEEDINGS
411 North 5th Street, Shelton, WA
January 24, 2017

Attendance: Randy Neatherlin, County Commissioner; Kevin Shutt, County Commissioner; Terri Jeffreys, County Commissioner; Peggy VanBuskirk, Hospital District #2; Vacant, Fire Commissioner; Kathy McDowell, City of Shelton Commissioner.

Others in attendance: Dave Windom, Dr. Diana Yu, Debbie Riley, Lydia Buchheit

1. Chair Peggy VanBuskirk called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.
2. Approval of Agenda
Dave Windom added a resolution for alternate health officers and noted the election of chair needed to be done.
Cmmr Jeffreys/Shutt moved and seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Approval of Minutes November 29, 2016 & December 14, 2016
McDowell/Neatherlin moved and seconded to approve the November 29, 2016 & December 14, 2016 minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Mason Matters Update
Jeanne Rehwaldt spoke about the meetings she had attended. Jeannie presented a post card that went out to 99 organizations in the county advertising the Mason Matters website (<http://www.movingmasonforward.org/>). She noted that this website will help the community find contacts and resources.

At this time Jeannie introduced group of students from Evergreen state college. She explained that the students are taking a public health class so she invited them to learn about how health works.

Jorge Benitez explained that they are trying to create a short documentary and are doing research. Their goal is to find a family that uses various services provided by the County and City of Shelton.

Camille Murphy said she is currently doing inpatient rotation in Mason County. She noted that she is attending various meetings to see what programs are available in different counties.

5. Health Officer Report
Dr. Yu brought forward a resolution regarding alternate health officers. She discussed the options and backgrounds of the alternate choices. The following doctors were named as alternates for 2017:
 - Dr. Alan Melnick, Clark and Skamania County HO
 - Dr. Rachel Wood, Thurston and Lewis County HO
 - Dr. Jennifer Vines, Cowlitz County Health Officer
 - Dr. James Edstam, Pacific County Health Officer
 - Dr. John Bauscher, Grays Harbor County Health Officer
 - Dr. Dean Gushee, Mason General Hospital Emergency Department
 - Dr. Doug Dightman, Shelton Family Medicine**Cmmr. Shutt/Jeffreys moved and seconded to approve the alternate health officers for 2017. Motion carried unanimously. Resolution #**

The opioid response plan was discussed. Dr. Yu said the main goals of the plan are prevention, access to treatment, overdose prevention, and meaningful use of data. She noted that work has been done with providers and Northwest Resources to begin an inpatient/outpatient program. At this time the goal is to have the program running by March or April.

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6. Flu and CD Update

Dr. Yu reported that this year's flu epidemic is severe. In Mason County, two deaths have been reported. She stated that vaccines are still available, and if you do have the flu, you should stay home to prevent further spread. Mason General Hospital recently had to exceed capacity due to number of illnesses.

Other areas of concern include whooping cough, and Norwalk virus. Both have been spreading. Dr. Yu noted that though there is a spread of mumps, there have been no confirmed cases in Mason County.

Cmmr. Jeffreys received call in August from a student at University of Washington asking about a survey in regards to Narcan. Dr. Yu said that data was available for Mason County. Cmmr. Jeffreys then asked about the process of reportable conditions, specifically how they are decided upon. Dr. Yu explained that reportable conditions are outlined in state law. Local health officers can add local conditions to the list.

7. Administration Updates

Debbie Riley discussed a rat found at a local restaurant. Cody from Public Health had just done a walkthrough and had seen how the owners worked to fix damage from a previous rat. Debbie reported that the owners voluntarily closed for a cleaning day and called exterminators. She noted that Public Health is working with the City of Shelton to prevent further spread of rats by swabbing manhole covers with a rodenticide. Cmmr. Neatherlin asked how often that restaurant had been inspected. Debbie said every 3-4 months on average. He then asked if they had been cited for other health issues. Debbie said they had one issue with improper cooling which was quickly corrected.

Debbie announced that there will be two shellfish downgrades in the North Bay from the state. One area near Rocky Point and the other is located close to Sherwood Creek. Cmmr. Jeffreys asked if Debbie could find out who are the commercial growers in the area.

Lydia announced the Point-in-Time count for homeless. She reported that Ben Johnson is working with Representative Dan Griffey regarding lock boxes for marijuana. The lockboxes would be beneficial to homes with children because at this time over 100 children have been poisoned throughout the state.

8. Other Business and Board Discussion

Dave talked about the binders, asking if other officers would like one. Kathy and Peggy said they would both like one.

Dave briefed them on the most recent Planning Advisory Commission meeting in which the Health and Human Services chapter of the Comprehensive Plan was discussed. The document has gone from 30 pages down to 12.

It was announced that on February 8, 2017 a rural caucus will be held to talk about foundation of public health and how money will be distributed if awarded. Dave voiced concern over the fact that some smaller counties may only get \$16,000. He said there is a proposal to give at least \$75,000 to each health jurisdiction. This would allow smaller locations to add a full person.

The Hirst water decision was discussed. Dave recapped the decision and handed out draft language he worked through with the County attorneys. He said that he would like to add some of the language on the water adequacy forms. Cmmr. Neatherlin said he was in favor of adding language because it would protect the County. Cmmr. Jeffreys agreed and recommended adding the RCW.

Cmmr. Jeffreys/Shutty made a motion and seconded to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners to add language to the water adequacy development form reading "Recommended approval indicates requirements of Sanitary Code, Title 6, Chapter 6.68.040- determination of adequacy for building permits are satisfied. Additional Growth Management requirements may apply". Motion carried unanimously.

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Dave handed out a packet of house and senate bills from the Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials (WSALPHO). He noted that bill 53-53 discusses putting money into public health. He then talked about House Bill 1047 which addresses disposal of unwanted medication. Currently, officers are required to travel in pairs to Spokane.

Cmmr. Jeffreys talked about Bill 5239. She discussed in stream flows and how it pertains to homes and salmon protection.

Nominations for new board chair- **Peggy nominated Kathy McDowell. Motion seconded by Cmmr. Neatherlin. Motion carried unanimously.**

Discussion was had about the Hospital District #1 position. Lydia voiced concern with not having somebody present to make sure that district is represented.

Cmmr. Neatherlin/Cmmr. Jeffreys made a motion to request a Hospital Commissioner from District 1 sit on the Mason County Board of Health. Motion carried unanimously.

The fire district position was question. Dave noted that letters were sent to fire districts without answer. Dr. Yu suggested adding the coroner to the board if he is interested. Cmmr. Neatherlin agreed and said he would speak with him.

Cmmr. Jeffreys talked about a mobile crisis unit from Telecare, which is set to launch in March.

Peggy asked how the triage center is progressing. Cmmr. Jeffreys said they are working on a request for an architect and a project manager. Soon after a proposal for contractor bids will be done.

9. Public Comments
None

10. Adjourn
The meeting adjourned at 4:39 P.M.

