

Meeting Title: PUBLIC HEALTH STUDY SESSION
Date: February 24, 2009
BOCC Attendees: Commissioner Alan Crankovich, Commissioner Paul Jewell
KCPHD: Cathy Bambrick, Amber Simon, Amanda Johnson
Start Time: 11:04am

Discussion:

DOE Exempt Well Project Update

Cathy stated that Environmental Health is currently commenting on Lower County plats but not Upper County plats per Brent Bottom's recommendation. Brent approved Cathy's draft for Lower County, but was uncomfortable with the language in the Upper County document. Commissioner Crankovich expressed concern that this is holding up plat applications. Commissioner Jewell reminded the group that we are operating under the emergency rule. We are two weeks away from the adoption of the DOE rule. The Commissioners agreed to put the issue on hold until after the March 11th decision by DOE and move forward with plat comments at that time.

Cathy also gave an updated that the Groundwater Advisory Committee is going very well. The next step is for the hydrogeologist to present to the DOE and BOCC. The commissioners indicated that they don't need to meet with DOE unless it becomes necessary. A decision also needs to be made in regards to requirements for when hydrogeological assessments need to be performed. Cathy's initial thought is to require them on plats in areas of gravel which have historically been problematic, but is awaiting direction from the BOCC. The only other options are to require hydrogeological assessment on all plats, no plats, or make a case by case decision based on each individual plat. Cathy will bring a map for to the next study session to show the areas of gravel as well as areas outside of gravel that have historically been problem areas.

2008 Financial Review

Amber gave a summary of the 2008 year end data. The Health Department ended up losing \$40,000 less than anticipated. The highlights included being \$60,000 under budget for MAA Match revenue (an income that is very hard to predict) and losing \$14,743.94 on communicable emergencies which is an unfunded program for Public Health. This included staff time and other resources used to respond to eleven emergencies including \$6,000 for the haunt virus incident. Oral Health lost \$40,000 despite a layoff and shifting staff time to other programs. Cathy addressed the need for having a budget for archiving records in 2009. She hopes to build a small fee into Environmental Health fees to recover some of this cost. Amber mentioned it is her goal to have an indirect cost allocation plan set up in 2009.

OSS Permit Numbers for January 2009, Comparison with January of 2006 and 2007

Cathy presented a comparison of OSS permits from January 2007, 2008, and 2009. 2009 soil logs are way down compared to 2008 numbers, however, site evaluations and permits have stayed relatively steady from 2008 to 2009.

Pertussis Outbreak

Cathy gave an update on the positive Pertussis case found in Kittitas County:

- 92 contacts
- 42 antibiotic treatments given
- 11 people have been tested

West Nile Virus Prevention Preparation

Cathy will be reviewing the emergency plan that was approved last year at the next Board of Health meeting. We now have a permit on file from the DOE authorizing us to attain larvicide and Noxious Weed is ready to order it if necessary. The cost of a preventive application of larvicide would total \$200,000. Cathy stated that the BOHAC group is looking into having a mosquito district.

Electronic Medical Records Project Update

Cathy received news that NACCHO has offered to fly one representative from the Health Department to Washington DC, all expenses paid, to present to the committee for more funding. At this time Cathy and Dr. Larson are being considered. The commissioners also suggested Dr. Solberg as a possible representative.

Meeting Concluded 12:02pm