

COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
KITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON
COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE ROOM
SPECIAL MEETING

MONDAY

11:00 A.M.

APRIL 11, 2011

Board members present: Chairman Paul Jewell; and Commissioner Obie O'Brien. Vice-Chairman Alan Crankovich was absent.

Others: Catherine Dunn, Deputy Clerk of the Board; Linda Navarre, James Rivard, Public Health Co-Administrators; Dr. Mark Larsen, Health Officer; Amber Simon, Public Health Business Manager; Candi Blackford, Administrative Assistant.

SPECIAL MEETING

SANE PROGRAM

COMMISSIONERS

At 11:00 a.m. **Chairman Jewell** opened a Special Meeting to discuss the future of the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) program.

Linda Navarre, Co-Administrator, said Public Health is not the place for the SANE program. She said they can't meet the legal and financial requirements of the WAC's.

Dr. Mark Larsen, Health Officer, said the Public Health nurse examiner does an examination under his medical license and under Kittitas County legal obligations. He said he has no supervision or way of providing supervision and no controls, but this could be solved with policies and procedures. He said the best way this program could run is to have the supervision of the hospital Emergency Room physicians. He said he hasn't signed off on any cases the SANE nurses have worked on and that is a liability.

Candi Blackford said the Health Department is not set up to bill private insurances and she is not comfortable with it.

Dr. Larsen said the best place to have the SANE Program is in the Emergency Room in the Kittitas Valley Community Hospital. He said they have the billing programs and 24-hour staff. He said in other areas, it is the hospitals that provide this service.

Chairman Jewell asked what the hospital objections would be. **Dr. Larsen** said the nursing union and the company which provides the emergency room doctors may have issues but they are solvable. **Chairman Jewell** said he feels the County has a responsibility to provide the service and they could do things to assist the hospital. **Dr. Larsen** said the correct approach to the hospital should be that Public Health is not the correct place for this program, as it should be with the hospital. He said he would ask how the county could assist in the transition to the hospital.

Linda Navarre said Public Health can assist the hospital in locating funding sources for the program.

Chairman Jewell asked what would happen if there was no SANE program in Kittitas County. **Ms. Navarre** said they would go to Yakima for this service, but data has shown that the number of people using the service would go down.

Dr. Larsen said Public Health needs the Board's support on this. They will be talking to the hospital again but it is helpful to have a Board member at the meeting.

Commissioner O'Brien moved to cancell the SANE program as of 12:00 p.m. on April 11, 2011. **Commissioner Crankovich** seconded the motion. Motion carried, 3-0.

Commissioner Crankovich moved to invoke the termination clause of the Kittitas County contract with Central Washington University for SANE Program. **Commissioner O'Brien** seconded the motion. Motion carried, 3-0.

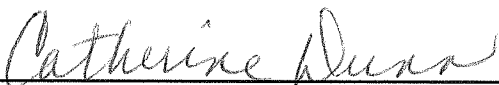
Other Business

Commissioner Crankovich said he had received a message from Matt Morton and has responded that the Board is willing to meet and discuss with him and Mayor Glondo the details of a lease not to include an extension.

A meeting was set for 9:00 a.m. April 15, 2011.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD


Catherine Dunn

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Paul Jewell, Chairman