



# PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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## KITTITAS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH Minutes

Thursday, July 15, 2004  
10:10 a.m.

**Present:** Chairman Perry Huston, Vice Chair Carolyn Booth, Board Member Bruce Coe, Dr. Don Solberg and Max Golladay, Administrator Nancy Goodloe, Health Promotion Manager Ann Riley, Health Officer Dr. Rosalie Miller, Environmental Health Director John Wolpers, and Secretary to the Board of Health Nora Ludlow.

**Observers:** BOHAC Member Joan Baird Glover, and EH Intern Melissa Schumaier.

**Minutes:** During the discussion a change was made on page 3 – third paragraph under TB Activity to read: “which is over 1/3 of the TB budget of the HD’s annual budget.” Bruce Coe moved that the minutes of May, 2004 Board of Health meeting be approved as amended. Carolyn Booth second. Motion carried.

Discussion of new Board of Health minute format. Perry Huston said that he did not care which format was used, but the column for decisions could be removed if the format is utilized. Carolyn Booth suggested that actions in the other format could be placed at the end making it easier to notice.

**Introductions and Announcements:** Introductions of Board of Health Advisory Committee member Joan Baird Glover and Melissa Schumaier, Environmental Health Intern.

**Contracts and Amendments:**

Consolidated Contract #C08682 (10): Addition to the Consolidated Contract by \$25,990 for tobacco allocation July through December, Youth Tobacco Prevention, and Tobacco CDC federal revenue; and WIC/USDA Nutrition and Local Support.

**Dr. Don Solberg made a motion recommending the Board of Health approve the signature of the Administrator for the 2003-2004 Consolidated Contract. Carolyn Booth seconded. Motion carried.**

Grant Contract #0463-52546 WorkFirst-Public Health Partnership: This contract is with DSHS and pays for the Children with Special Health Care nurse to visit families, do an initial assessment and provide referrals to needed community services.

**Bruce Coe made a motion recommending the Board of Health approve the signature of the Administrator on the WorkFirst contract. Dr. Don Solberg seconded. Motion carried.**

**Updates/Reports:**

**Response to Commissioner Perry Huston's questions on TARR (Teaching Addicts Risk Reduction) program:**

1. What is the specific RCW, WAC or AGO (Attorney General Opinion) that is cited for giving Public Health Officers the authority to authorize a needle exchange?

There is no RCW or WAC. The Spokane County Needle Exchange Lawsuit Ruling is used for a summary judgment as to the legality of conducting a needle exchange. The Superior Court Judge Michael Donahue on May 7, 1991 ruled in favor of the Health District.

The case number is 90-2-03535-7, which was filed August 1990 in Superior Court, County of Spokane.

2. What is the particular RCW, WAC, or AGO that is cited in relation to providing participants cash for completing the intervention?

The ability to provide cash incentives has to do with the specific funding source. For this intervention we are using Omnibus funds (state) and the Regional/Yakima Health District office has set specific accountability for staff to follow when providing cash, food cards, and/or gas vouchers to clients. Kittitas County will not be handing the payments to clients directly . . . as POCAAN (People of Color Against AIDS Network) will be providing incentives to the clients and will be responsible for all documentation thereof.

Perry Huston thanked the Health Department for the information.

**Status of Active TB Patient:** Dr. Miller updated the Board on the status of the TB patient. He is still in voluntary isolation and it is very likely he will be non-infectious within the next two weeks. He will still have 9 months of monitoring and care, and he will need to comply with treatment or risk relapse. He is at high-risk to relapse if he does not continue taking his medication.

Nancy is working with the local Veterans Administration Coalition to pay for current housing and traditional housing. There have been several episodes where he has obtained alcohol. The HD is required to observe and care for TB clients. If his drinking continues and it causes him to discontinue the medications or causes problems with his liver so he cannot take his medications, we may be required to incarcerate him to stop alcohol use. We do not know the actual cost of his care right now, but the cost of medications has been reduced. Our nurses have a good relationship with him and we are optimistic he will continue treatment. This could be an issue in Arizona or Texas because our TB client may have been in these states during his infectious time.

**Regional BT End-of-year Allocation:** There are some additional dollars available from BT, at this point it looks like \$6,000. We plan on replacing 3 computers this year and purchasing a fax machine, which would leave approximately \$1,000 for training and/or allocate to salaries.

**DOH BT Allocation:** DOH has decided each Health Department/District needs a fixed satellite phone. DOH would provide the funding to purchase the phone and a 5-year service contract. Hopefully, DOH will be responsible for purchasing the phones. A question on where the phone should be located and where it would be most useful was asked and Nancy will check. Security for the phone was also a concern. Bruce Coe asked the purpose of the phone and Nancy replied that it is to receive information if the phones are down or overwhelmed. Theoretically, the phone is to be the connection between DOH and the Health Departments in the event of an emergency. Nancy will look into more information from DOH regarding who will be the contact and what are the planned uses. The Health Department currently has a portable satellite phone, but it does not work in buildings.

**CHS Manager Search Process:** There were six applicants for the position and the field was narrowed to 3 people. The interviews are scheduled for next Friday. A strong search committee has been formed and, hopefully, by the next meeting we will have a new manager.

**Status of Nutrition/Physical Activity Grant:** No report on grant process.

**BUSINESS:**

**BOH Resolution supports KCPHD grant application for the Nutrition and Physical Activity Grant:** Several comments were made during the discussion regarding the resolutions. Bruce Coe voiced concern about the first two paragraphs being too direct, and Perry Huston suggested removing the second paragraph completely. Don Solberg suggested comparing Kittitas County to the State might be less intrusive, and Bruce Coe suggested in paragraph two that Kittitas County identified obesity as a significant health problem in the County.

**Bruce Coe made a motion to amend the resolution. Dr. Don Solberg seconded. Motion carried.**

**Carolyn Booth made a motion to approve the resolution as amended. Bruce Coe seconded. Motion carried. Perry changed the wording on the resolution and the Board of Health members for signed it.**

Suggested agenda items for the August 2004 Board of Health meeting: Health Department Second Quarter report and the Annual Report from the Board of Health Advisory Committee.

**REPORT:**

Melissa Schumaier gave the Board an update on her work as an intern in Environmental Health. She has been comparing food handler class attendance and restaurant violations to see if there is a connection. She is also updating Environmental Health brochures. Bruce Coe asked Melissa if she was familiar with the Los Angeles restaurant rating system. It would be easy to put restaurant information on the web, but we would need to be very clear on the wording, even though all reports are public record.

Dr. Rosalie Miller gave an update on West Nile Virus (WNV). There have been no cases reported in Washington. They are changing the case definition to include mild cases and a wider variety. The focus has been on awareness for the public. When an initial case is identified, the affected county will have the brunt of the investigating activities. The State lab will test severe cases. There are new reporting conditions and they are very specific case definitions. Letters will be going out in the next two weeks from Dr. Miller and the State regarding WNV. Dr. Solberg is concerned about reporting definitions. Also testing may be available for mild symptoms initially. We do not have information on who to refer for testing, but the possibility of a human case prior to a case in a horse or aviary is likely. EH has only sent one bird for testing this year and it was negative. Dr. Solberg asked about costs, and Dr. Miller will find out about costs for patients.

Max asked about Lyme disease. It is still a problem, but no cases in Washington.

Max Golladay moved to adjourn and Bruce Coe second. Motion passed.

**Next Meeting:** The next Board of Health meeting will be August 19, 2004 at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

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Perry Huston, Chair of the Board of Health

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Nancy Goodloe, Administrator

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Nora Ludlow, Secretary to the Board