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KITTITAS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Minutes

Thursday, December 16, 2004
10:00 a.m.

Present: Chairman Perry Huston, Board Members Max Golladay, Don Solberg, Bruce Coe, CHS Manager Bonnie Corns, Environmental Health Director John Wolpers, Secretary to the Board of Health Nora Ludlow, Public Health Clerk Kay Kenison, Environmental Health Specialist Phil Martinez, Business Manager Lynn Borngrebe, BOHAC Vice-Chair Melanie Jones, Commissioner elect David Bowen.

Minutes: Max Golladay moved that the minutes of November, 2004 Board of Health meeting be approved as presented. Don Solberg seconded. Motion carried.

Introductions:

Nora introduced the new Business Manager for Public Health – Lynn Borngrebe.
John introduced the new Environmental Health Specialist II (OSS) – Phil Martinez.

Contracts and Amendments:

Consolidated Contract #C08682 (13): Addition to the Consolidated Contract for special projects for immunizations. This is money we were expecting to get and have been working on the projects.

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

Consolidated Contract #C13037: This is the original contract for the 2005-2006 Consolidated Contract. The money in this contract only covers 2005 and is included in our 2005 budget. There will be additional amendments adding 2006 money to the contract over the next two years. We expect an amendment within the next few weeks to add the Regional Emergency Preparedness money to the contract.

Max Golladay made a motion recommending the Board of Health approve the signature of the Administrator for the 2005-2006 Consolidated Contract. Dr. Don Solberg seconded. Motion carried.

Updates/Reports:

Dr. Miller was not able to attend this meeting due to surgery. Bonnie read an e-mail from her to the Board. Bonnie handed out an update on the flu clinics so far. We have been able to return all 700 doses of vaccine to Cle Elum Family Medicine (the Clinic gave us this amount initially from their original order). It appears that Pierce, King and Yakima counties do not have enough vaccine and we may be selling some of ours to them. Perry asked about the saturation of vaccine in our county. Bonnie estimated that of the 5,700 high-risk community members in our county, we have vaccinated 3,700. Don Solberg estimated that there are between 15% and 20% that will not take the vaccine. There are not many people in our county that are looking for vaccine. To date, there has been 1 confirmed case of Influenza in Kittitas County and 1 case in Yakima County. The CDC reports confirmed cases in Washington State are sporadic. Public Health will have a one-half page advertisement for "Cover your Cough" in the Daily Record today. This is part of our attempt to educate the public about preventing the spread of germs, specifically the flu germs. This paper is their mass distribution paper that will go to all subscribers and non-subscribers in the County.

The Public Health Nurse II position interviews are complete and we are checking references. Bonnie is planning to offer the job to one candidate tomorrow and hopefully they will start in January.

The Health Educator position is being advertised, we have received some applications. This is a position supported by a state grant to build healthy communities. This is a 5-year grant and Public Health will be working in conjunction with the school district on a Shape Up Kittitas County initiative. Lynn asked how the grant will measure progress and Dr. Solberg mentioned they would be watching the demographics of the area. Ann Riley, Health Promotions Manager will give the Board of Health periodic updates.

John discussed the BOHAC orientation of the Commissioners-elect. Robbie Soltz is the new Chair for BOHAC. BOHAC was started in 1992. The floor was opened to the Commissioners-elect for questions.

Nora gave an update on the 2005 final budget. The Public Health 2005 budget passed by the Board of County Commissioners differed from the budget approved by the Board of Health. We reduced our total expenses by about \$8,000, mostly due to salaries for new employees. We had to increase the contribution from our reserve by \$16,000. This reduces our fund balance to about 2-3 months of operating expenses.

Discussion – Third Quarter 2004 report:

The active TB client has moved to Walla Walla for in-patient treatment and may not be back to Kittitas County, but he seems to be doing well.

John informed the Board of Health that there were no West Nile Virus cases reported in Washington State. This leaves Washington as the only state in the lower 48 that have not reported any cases of West Nile Virus in humans or animals.

John pointed out the On-Site Sewage permit requests are increasing each year. Companies continue to make and update technologies to allow sewage systems to be shallower and they are becoming more expensive and innovative. The regulations on soils are changing also. The standards for commercial spaces are stricter than the regulations for private dwellings. John informed the Board of Health that the new On-Site Sewage regulations appear to be 18 months out before start.

The State regulations for food, schools and pools are changing within the next year.

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

Next Meeting: The next Board of Health meeting will be January 20, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Perry Huston, Chair of the Board of Health

Nancy Goodloe, Administrator

Nora Ludlow, Secretary to the Board