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KITTITAS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Minutes

Thursday, March 17, 2005
10:00 a.m.

Present: Chairman Perry Huston, Board Members David Bowen and Carolyn Booth, Administrator Nancy Goodloe, Environmental Health Director John Wolpers, Health Promotion Manager Ann Riley, Sarah Bedsaul, Jane Wright, Kay Kenison and Board of Health Advisory Committee representative, Sheriff Gene Dana.

Minutes: Carolyn Booth moved that the minutes of January 2005 Board of Health meeting be approved as presented. David Bowen seconded. Motion carried.

Contracts and Amendments:

Consolidated Contract # C13037(1). This is the first amendment to the Consolidated Contract and includes funds for Public Health Emergency Response and grant money for the Physical Activity grant. (The Public Health Emergency funds were previously funneled through Chelan-Douglas.)

David Bowen made a motion recommending the Board of Health approve the signature of the Administrator for the Consolidated Contract. Carolyn Booth seconded. Motion carried.

Updates/Reports:

Fourth Quarter Report 2004 [click on link to access report (CTRL + click on link): [☺](#)]. The Fourth Quarter Report was presented to the Board of Health. Nancy Goodloe highlighted the past quarter. There was a question regarding the tobacco compliance and the number being so small in comparison to the other quarters. Ann Riley indicated that the problem was getting teens to volunteer to do the compliance checks during that quarter. Starting in 2005 the compliance checks will be performed by an outside agency. Another question arose about the indoor air quality issue at the courthouse and whether it had been resolved. John Wolpers explained that Holly was involved in the inspection of the courthouse and she was accompanied by Rich Prill who helped with an informal training during this inspection. Perry Huston said that the county is looking into the problem of the courthouse roof and have taken temporary measures to fix the problems, but additional funding will be required to resolve the situation.

Staffing changes: Susan Merrill has been hired as the Administrative Assistant and starts on Monday, March 21. Melissa Raap has resigned her position as a Public Health Nurse for the First Steps program and the job is currently posted.

Public Health Week – April 4-10: Nancy shared the list of activities. They include a presentation on April 7 outlining the new food regulations; and a workshop on April 6 - Planning for a Healthier Community. A children’s immunization clinic is scheduled for April 16 to accommodate the public school early registration. Magnets and mouse pads have been ordered with the Public Health emergency response phone numbers.

Weekly radio programs are being used to educate the public on Public Health. Every week a different program is being highlighted. This will give the public a better understanding of what Public Health does.

Discussion:

Sarah Bedsaul gave a presentation on the Fourth Annual New Partners for Small Growth, Building Safe, Healthy and Livable Communities conference that she and Emily McLaughlin attended in January. She shared a trip report giving daily details of the sessions they attended. Sarah and Emily are working with community partners to help them understand the public health concepts involved in planning for safer, healthier communities.

Kittitas County Health Indicators: Jane Wright gave a presentation on the health indicators that the Public Health Department currently tracks. The Department is looking for official approval of the health indicators by the Board of Health. After the presentation and discussion of the indicators, Perry Huston suggested a resolution on adoption of the health indicators be created and brought back to the Board of Health at the April meeting for approval and signatures.

NALBOH: Nancy brought certificates of membership to the members of the Board of Health. This organization provides information to local boards of health.

Emergency Response Preparedness: Jerry Harris and Colleen Riley are working very hard on emergency planning. They are currently talking with pharmacists and will be meeting with them on what their role would be in an emergency where medications would be provide to the general public. Jerry and Colleen will also be training the staff on internal incident command and they did a walk-through the department looking at hazard mitigation and have identified areas of concern.

David Bowen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Carolyn Booth seconded. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: The next Board of Health meeting will be April 21 at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Perry Huston, Chair of the Board of Health

Nancy Goodloe, Administrator

Nancy Goodloe

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