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KITTTITAS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH Minutes

Thursday, March 16, 2006
Commissioners' Auditorium
10:08 a.m.

PRESENT: **Board Members:** Commissioner David Bowen, Chair, Commissioner Perry Huston, and Vice Chair Don Solberg, M.D.; and **Public Health Department Staff:** Financial Manager Lynn Borngrebe, Community Health Services Manager Bonnie Corns, Administrator Nancy Goodloe, Clerk of the Board Susan Merrill, Health Officer Rosalie Miller, M.D., and Environmental Health Specialist Melissa Schumaier.

ABSENT: Carolyn Booth and Commissioner Alan Crankovich.

MINUTES:

Motion 03-01: Commissioner Huston moved that the minutes of the February 16, 2006 Board of Health meeting be approved (while noting that he was not at the meeting); Don Solberg seconded. All approved. Motion 03-01 carried.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Nancy Goodloe introduced Jan Eidson as Director of Royal Vista Care Center and a representative of the Board of Health Advisory Committee (BOHAC).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Nancy Goodloe distributed a handout entitled "*State of Washington Summit: Preparing for Pandemic Flu*," and extended a special invitation from herself and Mary Selecky, Secretary of State for Washington State's Department of Health (DOH) to attend the Pandemic Flu Summit in Tacoma on April 14, 2006, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nancy said the focus of the summit is on government and businesses; and the topics address continuity of government issues and business preparedness. **Nancy will distribute the agenda once it becomes available from the sponsor.**

Ms. Goodloe announced that the regional pandemic flu exercise will be held from April 28th through May 18th. It is "rolling" exercise and every county is figuring out how to deal with the extended time period for activities. In Kittitas County, businesses and schools will be involved. **More information will be provided at the April 20th meeting.**

CONTRACTS:

Early Intervention Services Contract #0663-89277: Nancy Goodloe stated that is a reissued contract due to the system whereby the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) renews contracts every six months. It goes from 1/1/06 through 6/30/06. The contract provides reimbursement for nursing and case management services provided by Elizabeth Whitaker, nurse for the Kittitas County Public Health Department (KCPHD), up to a total of \$3,883.

Commissioner Huston noted that \$3,883 is not a large amount and asked how it correlates with the incredible rise in investigative activity reported by local law enforcement on child abuse and neglect. Commissioner Huston queried if there is a rise in incidents or a rise in referrals. Both Bonnie Corns and Nancy Goodloe answered affirmatively that there is a tremendous rise in incidence of child abuse and neglect cases in the county. **Commissioner Huston requested that numbers be obtained to compare statistics from law enforcement, Child Protective Services, and KCPHD in order to track whether there is a rise in incidents or a rise in referrals. Commissioner Huston would like a general overview (versus a detailed report) to be provided at a subsequent BOH meeting.**

Motion 03-02: Commissioner Huston moved to approve the signature of the KCPHD Administrator on the Early Intervention Services Contract #0663-89277; Dr. Solberg seconded. All approved. Motion 03-02 carried.

Medical Assistance Administration (MAA) Contract #0563-75729(1) Amendment:

Nancy Goodloe mentioned that the MAA contract is a reimbursable contract for referring clients to healthcare services. MAA was a newly implemented coding and billing system in 2005 that matches and reimburses what KCPHD spends on Medicaid-related activities. Nancy stated that for the last two years, the department has budgeted \$15,000 per year for MAA work but actual reimbursement has been \$40,000. This contract amendment increases the ceiling amount that KCPHD will be eligible to receive as reimbursement.

Motion 03-03: Commissioner Huston moved to approve the KCPHD administrator's signature on the MAA Contract #0563-75729 Amendment #1; Dr. Solberg seconded. All were in favor. Motion 03-03 carried.

Coordinated Prevention Grant (CPG) #G0600XXX:

Nancy Goodloe mentioned that Cathy Bambrick has reviewed the grant at last month's BOH meeting. KCPHD got the grant with the Department of Ecology (DOE); and this current request amends the original grant application so that the maximum eligible amount is \$103,744, with a matching requirement amount of 25% of \$103,744. Nancy explained that KCPHD will work with code enforcement staff to figure out how to use the money and how to use the work plan.

Motion 03-04: Dr. Solberg moved to approve the signature of the KCPHD Administrator on the Coordinated Prevention Grant (CPG) #G0600XXX; Commissioner Huston seconded. Dr. Solberg requested that the identifier in the *Recommendation* section of the application be changed from *EIP* to *CPG*; Lynn Borngrebe will correct. There was no additional discussion. All approved. Motion 03-04 carried.

BUSINESS:

Resolution to support the Department of Ecology on the Wilson Creek Sub-Basin TMDL clean-up – Perry Huston: Commissioner Huston stated that he had some changes in the resolution's language to recommend.

Motion 03-05: Commissioner Huston moved to introduce Resolution No. 2006-01, *A Resolution Supporting the Washington State Department of Ecology's Water Clean-Up Plan for the Wilson Creek Sub-Basin*; Commission Bowen seconded. Discussion and additional motions followed.

Motion 03-06: Commissioner Huston moved to amend Resolution No. 2006-01 by changing language in the second "WHEREAS" paragraph from "a necessary requirement" to "an important asset." Commissioner Bowen seconded. All approved. Motion 03-06 carried.

Motion 03-07: Commissioner Huston moved to amend Resolution No. 2006-01 by adding language in the fifth “WHEREAS” paragraph and inserting “potential” before “health issues.” Dr. Solberg seconded. All approved. Motion 03-07 carried.

Motion 03-08: Commissioner Huston moved to amend Resolution No. 2006-01 by changing language in the “BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED” paragraph from “clean-up” to “reduce fecal coliform levels in.” Dr. Solberg seconded. All approved. Motion 03-08 carried.

Motion 03-05 on Resolution No. 2006-01 as amended was reintroduced. There was no further discussion. All approved. Motion 03-05 carried.

Dr. Solberg asked about KCPHD’s plan to provide education to county residents and how to measure the provision of public education. Nancy Goodloe replied that she has talked to Jane Creech at DOE about educating residents; the CPG will increase the department’s ability to work on failed and/or old septic systems that drain into affected waterways; and department staff are in place to attend to this work.

Interlocal agreement for On-site Sewage Systems (OSS) with Yakima Health District: Nancy Goodloe said that this issue needs to be postponed as copy of the agreement has not been received back from the Yakima Health District.

Motion 03-09: Commissioner Huston made a motion to postpone consideration of this agreement; and Dr. Solberg seconded. All approved. Motion 03-09 carried.

DISCUSSION/UPDATES:

Recent foodborne illness investigation (Communicable Disease and Environmental Health teamwork) – Bonnie Corns and Melissa Schumaier: Nancy Goodloe said that the Commissioners were aware of this foodborne illness investigation and wanted to update the rest of the Board of Health (BOH) members too. Nancy turned to Bonnie Corns for the update.

Bonnie Corns provided an overview of the incident and stated that KCPHD received a call on March 1st from a patron who had eaten at the Mountaineer’s Club’s Meany Lodge and who reported that he, his family, and nine others were ill. On March 2nd, Anna Canterbury (KCPHD nurse) began contact investigations; and Bonnie notified the Department of Health (DOH) and received advice on how to go about collecting additional information as well as collecting stool samples from individuals who were currently ill. Dr. Miller was advised of and participated in the investigation.

Bonnie also notified Cathy Bambrick and Melissa Schumaier of the event and they began their portion of the investigation. Bonnie notified the lodge director that lodge personnel could not cook, store, or otherwise prepare any foods until the investigation had been completed. A health order was issued for closure of the Meany Lodge kitchen as it lacked a food permit.

On March 3rd, lab test results by the DOH lab of three stool samples from patrons were positive for norovirus. The KCPHD team was unable to locate a point of origin and thus was unable to determine if the spread was foodborne or person-to-person.

Melissa Schumaier provided an overview of her investigation. Melissa said she contacted the Director of the Mountaineer’s Club and she and Cathy Bambrick went to the lodge. Melissa contacted all three cooks, reviewed all food preparation steps, and examined the commercial kitchen’s equipment and cleaning procedures. Melissa said all indications pointed to proper food preparation and cold storage.

Some discussion occurred amongst BOH members and Dr. Miller over the possibility that the source of the outbreak was from someone who came to the lodge with the virus and it was spread contact-to-contact.

Commissioner Huston observed that based on the end result, it appears that an appropriate level of investigation was done and he wanted to compliment staff on their professionalism and efficient foodborne illness investigation. Mr. Huston reiterated that it was job very well done!

Motion 03-10: Commissioner Bowen made a motion to adjourn the meeting; and Commissioner Huston seconded. All agreed. Motion 03-10 carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Next Meeting: The next Board of Health meeting will be on April 20 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Auditorium.

David Bowen, Chair of the Board of Health

Nancy Goodloe, Administrator
Kittitas County Public Health Department

Susan Merrill, Clerk to the Board of Health