KITTITAS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
Minutes

Thursday, March 17, 2011
Commissioners’ Auditorium
10:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Alan Crankovich, Rich Elliott, Paul Jewell (partial meeting by telephone), Obie O’Brien

Kittitas County Public Health Department Staff (KCPHD): Amy Diaz, Dr. Mark Larson, James Rivard

Other Attendees: Suzanne Becker (Kittitas County Prosecuting Attorney)

Alan Crankovich called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

Minutes:
Approval of the January 20, 2011 minutes

| Motion 03-01: Motion to approve the January 20, 2011 meeting minutes as presented. Rich Elliott moved to approve the January 20, 2011 meeting minutes as presented. Obie O’Brien seconded. All approved. Motion 03-01 carried to approve the January 20, 2011 meeting minutes as presented. |

Introductions and Announcements: Hartwig Watheuer introduced himself as a member of the Board of Health Advisory Committee.

Contracts and Amendments:

MOU between Kittitas County Head Start/Early Head Start/ECEAP and Kittitas County Public Health Department: James Rivard reviewed that this memorandum of understanding is to focus on preventive and restorative dental care for Medicaid eligible children from birth to age six, with emphasis on enrollment by age one. Kittitas County Public Health Department will help the students from the Kittitas County Head Start and ECEAP enroll with ABCD providers.

| Motion 03-02: Motion to approve the MOU between Kittitas County Head Start/Early Head Start/ECEAP and Kittitas County Public Health Department. Rich Elliott moved to approve MOU between Kittitas County Head Start/Early Head Start/ECEAP and Kittitas County Public Health Department. Obie O’Brien seconded. All approved. Motion 03-02 carried to approve the MOU between Kittitas County Head Start/Early Head Start/ECEAP and Kittitas County Public Health Department. |

Information Sharing Agreement for Confidential Information or Limited Dataset between the State of Washington Department of Health and Kittitas County Public Health Department: James Rivard reviewed that this agreement documents the conditions under which the Washington State Department of
Health shares confidential information of limited datasets with other entities. Amy Diaz clarified that this agreement was for KCPHD to receive local Healthy Youth Survey data.

Motion 03-03: Motion to approve the Information Sharing Agreement for Confidential Information or Limited Dataset between the State of Washington Department of Health and Kittitas County Public Health Department. Rich Elliott moved to approve the Information Sharing Agreement for Confidential Information or Limited Dataset between the State of Washington Department of Health and Kittitas County Public Health Department. Obie O’Brien seconded. All approved. Motion 03-03 carried to approve the Information Sharing Agreement for Confidential Information or Limited Dataset between the State of Washington Department of Health and Kittitas County Public Health Department.

Consolidated Contract Amendment #29: James Rivard reported that this contract amends the following work/funds: Adds statements of work for the following program:
- Maternal and Child Health – Effective January 1, 2011
Amends statements of work for the following program:
- Tobacco Prevention and Control Program – Effective January 1, 2009
Exhibit B-29 allocations amends and replaces Exhibit B-28 allocations as follows:
- Increase of $33,742 for a revised maximum consideration of $2,375,740.

Consolidated Contract Amendment #30: James Rivard reported that this contract amends the following work/funds: Adds statements of work for the following programs:
- ARRA Immunization Reaching More Children Project – Effective March 1, 2010
- ARRA Nutrition and Physical Activity – Effective March 1, 2010

Motion 03-04: Motion to approve Consolidated Contract Amendments #29 and #30. Rich Elliott moved to approve Consolidated Contract Amendments #29 and #30. Obie O’Brien seconded. All approved. Motion 03-04 carried to approve Consolidated Contract Amendments #29 and #30.

Department Updates/Issues:

Health Officer Update: Dr. Larson reported that influenza is running its course and beginning to decrease, but case numbers are still rather high. He discussed internal policy at Kittitas Valley Community Hospital (KVCH) regarding staff vaccination for influenza. He also updated BOH members that a pregnant woman from Kittitas County had recently been hospitalized with H1N1 influenza in King County.

Dr. Larson discussed a recent case of giardia in an infant that attends child care. The investigation is ongoing, but he noted that it is unusual to see giardia in a breastfed baby during winter.

Dr. Larson noted that the department is working through funding issues with the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) program. The department is working with the Law and Justice Council in an attempt to determine how the program should be funded. He also noted that the rate of sexual assault exams conducted by the SANE program is increasing in the county.

Dr. Larson discussed the impact of the Japan earthquake and resulting damage to a nuclear power plant. Washington State health officials have released information that there is no predicted risk of radiation health problems in Washington State due to this incident. Dr. Larson noted that the worst case scenario for the Japan incident would result in less released radiation than the Chernobyl incident, which did not require medical intervention in Washington State. He noted that there have been a few inquiries at the health department and in the community about potassium iodide, but has not had any questions from patients or other health care providers.
Dr. Larson also discussed a possible recent trend in the increase in suicides in the 40-60 year old age range among Kittitas County residents. Rich Elliott confirmed that KVFR is transporting more suicide attempts and successful suicide cases.

**Administrator’s Report:** James Rivard noted that Linda Navarre has been working with Dr. Larson, the Sheriff’s office, and KVCH on the funding issues for the SANE program. He also noted that an employee has elected to reduce her work hours to 24 hours per week. This will require an adjustment in work responsibilities and the transfer of some work responsibilities to other staff. This work may be shifted to staff in programs that have recently been impacted by funding cuts.

James noted that KCPHD has decided to decline the Wilson Creek Septic Replacement Grant that was offered through the Department of Ecology. Legal review has suggested that KCPHD implementation of the proposed program may violate the state constitution by loaning funds directly to citizens.

James informed BOH members of an upcoming appeal hearing with ChemSafe. ChemSafe has been ordered to cease operations until an appropriate solid waste permit is obtained. The company has appealed the decision.

James noted that Amy Diaz finished compiling documentation for a state standards review and has submitted all required information to Department of Health. The department will receive feedback on the results of the review in May. James also informed BOH members that KCPHD had an all-staff training day in March that allowed staff to be trained in areas required by the state standards for public health.

There was general discussion regarding the background of the ChemSafe enforcement action.

**Business:**

**Updates by KCPHD staff, Robin Read:** This item was postponed until the April meeting.

**Updates by KCPHD staff, James Rivard (Water Recreation):** James Rivard discussed the water recreation program at KCPHD. Melissa Schumaier, a part-time employee who works 20 hours per week, permits and inspects public pools and spas. James noted that there are 31 permitted facilities in Kittitas County. Some of the permitted facilities have more than one pool or spa, and there are 60 total public pools or spas in the county.

In general, pool operators are positive about correcting violations so the public has a good experience at the facility, though there have been some problems with barrier violations. Barriers are required to prevent young children from accessing pools and drowning in the absence of supervision. The most common violation observed is lack of proper sanitizer levels. Usually levels are too low, but they are occasionally too high.

James discussed recent federal legislation that requires a device to be installed on pumps that will automatically shut off the pump if the pressure changes. This requirement, part of the Virginia Graham Baker Act, was instituted after the death of a young girl who hair became caught in a pump. He estimated that the device costs a few thousand dollars to install.

**Group B water system application expiration timeframe:** James Rivard noted that this agenda item was a follow-up item regarding 26 pending Group B applications that have been inactive for some time. With the previous approval of BOH, staff wrote letters to applicants informing them that their applications were incomplete, and which items needed to be completed. A response was requested within 6 months. James stated that if there was no response, the file would be considered permanently inactive and a new application fee would be required for future consideration. Most applications had been submitted 3-4 years ago.

James would like to establish an expiration date on new Group B applications of one year. He would also like to require that a Group B workbook be completed before submission, with the exception of a Satellite
Management Agency (SMA) contract. Water Facilities Inventory form and water test (usually submitted by the SMA), water rights mitigation (if required), and final inspection.

After group discussion, the recommendation of the board is to bring the proposal to home builders, Community Development Services, and SMAs to request feedback before proceeding with institution of timeframes on applications.

**Draft cistern code:** Paul Jewell joined the conversation by phone. James discussed the current version of the draft cistern code. This includes storage requirements for low flow wells, cistern water requirements where the water would be supplied by a Group A system, requirements for commercial water haulers to be permitted and inspected by the health department, guidelines for how the water hauler should disinfect/handle water, and a requirement of 0.25-0.6ppm chlorine residual in delivered water. The code also addresses allowance of supplemental rainwater catchment (not allowed for primary water source, but supplemental is allowable). By allowing rainwater catchment only as a supplement, the availability of adequate water is met in the absence of precipitation would be assured. If supplemental rainwater catchment is used, engineering would be required.

The group discussed the proposed signage inside the residence warning that water is provided by an alternative water source, requirement of a statement on the plat of an alternative water source, requirement of an as-built to be submitted during final inspection. Setback requirements had not yet been considered.

Commissioner Jewell requested an addition to the code that would allow cisterns in areas where mitigation is feasible if an extended period of time has elapsed since the initial application for purchase of water rights. He agrees that water budget neutrality would be preferred, but believes that after a reasonable attempt to purchase water rights has been denied or delayed for an extended period of time, a cistern should become an alternative option. There was discussion as to what an extended period of time would be defined as. Suggestions ranged from 45 to 60 days to 180 days. At this point, Paul Jewell exited the conversation.

James Rivard continued to review the current version of the code, including that a cistern option would be allowed for residential use only (precluding transient populations). In addition, for adequate water supply determination, a well must be drilled and a water sample provided before the building permit is issued.

Commissioner Crankovich noted that this differs from the current process. Suzanne Becker noted that in her opinion, this should legally be required before issuing the building permit. James Rivard noted that approximately 20-30% of submitted water availability applications note that development of the well does not allow testing to be completed.

Suzanne Becker recommended requesting feedback from Department of Health and Department of Ecology for a second time.

**Enforcement action appeal hearing:** This item was discussed during the Administrator’s Report. The appeal will be held on Thursday, March 24.

**Other:** Hartwig Vatheuer noted that a well driller normally tests the well for production, and could also test for quality at that time. He also discussed lower participation at recent BOHAC meetings, the loss of some members, and ongoing recruitment. He noted that members would be surveyed in regards to possibly changing the day or time of BOHAC meetings. Finally, Hartwig updated BOH that BOHAC recommended the formation of a new group to create action plans for the Community Health Improvement Plan. This group might involve different people at different times, depending on the area of expertise.

Meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

**Next Board of Health Meeting April 21, 2011 at 10:00 a.m., Commissioners’ Auditorium**
Paul Jewell, Chair of the Board of Health

Candi Blackford, Clerk of the Board of Health

Kittitas County Public Health Department