



## For Your Information – February 2007

At the State Board of Health (SBOH), we believe information is essential. For several years we have been making SBOH and health-related information available through the distribution of our Board meeting agendas with an attached segment simply called, "FYI". To make this information more accessible we have created this Web page. This page will be updated on a regular basis and should be considered the go-to source for current information on correspondence to and from the Board, a selection of health publications, and health-related conferences.

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### Events and Conferences

#### January 2007

Date	Name and Location
Jan. 24	<b>Seeking Solutions: 2007 Environmental Health Lecture Series - Green Chemistry</b> Town Hall Seattle Seattle, Washington For information: <a href="http://www.iceh.org/CHE-WAlectures.html">http://www.iceh.org/CHE-WAlectures.html</a>

#### February 2007

Date	Name and Location
Feb. 1-2	<b>2007 Employee Health Care Conference: Building a Culture of Health -- Making Change Work</b> Waldorf-Astoria Hotel New York For information: <a href="http://www.conference-board.org/healthcare.htm">www.conference-board.org/healthcare.htm</a>

- Feb. 7      **Seeking Solutions: 2007 Environmental Health Lecture Series - Nanotech & Precaution**  
 Town Hall Seattle  
 Seattle, Washington  
 For information: <http://www.iceh.org/CHE-WAlectures.html>
- Feb. 8-10    **6th Annual New Partners for Smart Growth Conference**  
 Westin Bonaventure Hotel  
 Los Angeles, California  
 For information: <http://www.newpartners.org/>
- Feb. 12-13   **2007 National Health Policy Conference**  
 Washington, DC  
 For information: <http://www.academyhealth.org/nhpc/>
- Feb. 4      **Flu Pandemic: Fact or False Alarm?**  
 The Sheraton Hotel  
 Seattle, Washington  
 For information: <http://www.seattlecityclub.org>

## March 2007

- | <b>Date</b> | <b>Name and Location</b>  |
|-------------|---|
| Mar. 13     | <b>Zoonotic and Vector-Borne Disease Workshop</b><br>Mount Vernon, Washington<br>For information: <a href="http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/ts/zoo.htm">http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/ts/zoo.htm</a>   |
| Mar. 15     | <b>Zoonotic and Vector-Borne Disease Workshop</b><br>Lacey, Washington<br>For information: <a href="http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/ts/zoo.htm">http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/ts/zoo.htm</a>  |
| Mar. 15-16  | <b>2007 Employee Health Care Conference: Building a Culture of Health -- Making Change Work</b><br>Hotel del Coronado<br>San Diego, California<br>For information: <a href="http://www.conference-board.org/healthcare.htm">www.conference-board.org/healthcare.htm</a> |
| Mar. 20     | <b>Zoonotic and Vector-Borne Disease Workshop</b><br>Spokane, Washington<br>For information: <a href="http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/ts/zoo.htm">http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/ts/zoo.htm</a>  |
| Mar. 21     | <b>Seeking Solutions: 2007 Environmental Health Lecture Series - Biofuels</b><br>Town Hall Seattle<br>Seattle, Washington   |

For information: <http://www.iceh.org/CHE-WAlectures.html>

- Mar. 22      **A Northwest Conference on Patient Safety**  
Doubletree Hotel Seattle Airport  
Seattle, Washington  
For information: <https://www.regonline.com/eventinfo.asp?eventid=116556>
- Mar. 22      **Zoonotic and Vector-Borne Disease Workshop**  
Richland, Washington  
For information: <http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/ts/zoo.htm>
- Mar. 22-23    **20th Annual Northwest Regional Rural Health Conference: Balancing the Tensions - Do No Harm**  
Red Lion Hotel at the Park  
Spokane, Washington  
For information: Kaarin Appel, 509-358-7509, [kappel@wsu.edu](mailto:kappel@wsu.edu)
- Mar. 29      **Epi Road Show**  
Big Bend Community College  
Moses Lake, Washington  
For information: <http://www3.doh.wa.gov/waphtn/classlist.asp?id=1085>

## April 2007

- | <b>Date</b> | <b>Name and Location</b>  |
|-------------|---|
| Apr. 5      | <b>Epi Road Show</b><br>Bastyr University<br>Kenmore, Washington<br>For information: <a href="http://www3.doh.wa.gov/waphtn/classlist.asp?id=1086">http://www3.doh.wa.gov/waphtn/classlist.asp?id=1086</a>  |
| Apr. 17     | <b>Working with the Media in High Stress and High Concern Situations Workshop: A Journalist and Risk Communicator's Perspective</b><br>Sheraton National<br>Arlington, Virginia<br>For information: <a href="http://governmenthorizons.org/media-high-stress-concern.htm">http://governmenthorizons.org/media-high-stress-concern.htm</a> |
| Apr. 18     | <b>Seeking Solutions: 2007 Environmental Health Lecture Series - Sustainable Systems</b><br>Town Hall Seattle<br>Seattle, Washington<br>For information: <a href="http://www.iceh.org/CHE-WAlectures.html">http://www.iceh.org/CHE-WAlectures.html</a>  |
| Apr. 18-19  | <b>Medical Aspects of Disaster Management Conference</b><br>Sheraton National<br>Arlington, Virginia<br>For information: <a href="http://governmenthorizons.org/Medical-Aspects-Disaster-">http://governmenthorizons.org/Medical-Aspects-Disaster-</a>  |

## May 2007

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name and Location</b>
May 15-16	<b>2007 Northwest Immunization Conference</b> Portland, Oregon For information: <a href="http://www.regonline.com/Checkin.asp?EventId=105809">http://www.regonline.com/Checkin.asp?EventId=105809</a>

## July 2007

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name and Location</b>
July 26-27	<b>Emergency Preparedness Conference</b> <b>Portland, Oregon</b> For information: Contact Ticey Casey, 503-416-3267

## September 2007

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name and Location</b>
Sept. 18-21	<b>National Association of Local Boards of Health</b> The Hotel Captain Cook Anchorage, Alaska For information: <a href="http://www.nalboh.org">www.nalboh.org</a>

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## Correspondence

### Correspondence from the Board

**To: The Honorable Tom Campbell, Select Committee on Environmental Health Committee Chair, Washington State House of Representatives**

From: Treuman Katz, Chair, February 7, 2007

*Letter expressing concern for HB 1650 which would require cities, towns, and counties outside of marine recovery areas to inventory and assure that on-site wastewater systems are inspected at least every five years to address problems with failing systems. It includes intent for encouraging expansion of sanitary sewage systems to help address these problems.*

**To: The Honorable Tom Campbell, Select Committee on Environmental Health Committee Chair, Washington State House of Representatives**

From: Treuman Katz, Chair, February 5, 2007

*Letter expressing concern for HB 1806 which would regulate pesticide use in schools.*

**To: The Honorable Tom Campbell, Select Committee on Environmental Health Committee Chair, Washington State House of Representatives**

From: Mike Shelton, Acting Board Chair, January 5, 2007

*Letter of support regarding HB 1024 relating to phasing out the use of polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDE).*

**To: Mr. Mark Caverly, Chief, Office of Diversion Control, Liaison and Policy Section**

From: Treuman Katz, Chair, January 30, 2007

*Letter in support of a waiver request being submitted to his office by the Washington State Board of Pharmacy on behalf of a coalition of state and local governmental agencies and private organizations called PH:ARM (Pharmaceuticals from Households: A Return Mechanism).*

**To: The Honorable Eileen Cody, Chair, House Health Care and Wellness Committee**

From: Treuman Katz, Chair, February 12, 2007

*Letter of support regarding HB 2098 which would implement many of the recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Health Care Costs and Access.*

**To: The Honorable Eileen Cody, Chair, House Health Care and Wellness Committee**

From: Treuman Katz, Chair, February 9, 2007

*Letter of support for HB 1460 which would extend the mental health parity legislation passed in 2005 to cover individual and small group plans.*

**To: The Honorable Eileen Cody, Chair, House Health Care and Wellness Committee**

From: Treuman Katz, Chair, February 6, 2007

*Letter supporting the concept behind HB 1825 which would provide dedicated state funding for public health services, and would tie that funding to performance measures.*

**To: The Honorable Eileen Cody, Chair, House Health Care and Wellness Committee**

From: Treuman Katz, Chair, February 6, 2007

*Letter supporting the concept of HB 1802 which would educate parents and guardians of school children in grades 6 and higher about human papillomavirus (HPV) and inform them about the availability of a vaccine that could prevent cervical cancer.*

**To: The Honorable Eileen Cody, Chair, House Health Care and Wellness Committee**

From: Mike Shelton, Acting Board Chair, January 17, 2007

*Letter of support regarding HB 1098 which would clarify the Secretary of Health's authority to suspend, under special circumstances, restrictions against administering vaccines containing non-trace amount of the preservative thimerosal to pregnant women and children under the age of three.*

**To: Mr. Steve Curry**

From: Craig McLaughlin, Executive Director, January 18, 2007

*Response to January 8 letter expressing concerns about SBOH proposing new rules that would require new and remodeled food service establishments with mechanical dishwashers to also install three-compartment sinks for dishwashing.*

**To: The Honorable Ken Jacobsen, Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation Committee Chair, Washington State Senate**

From: Treuman Katz, Chair, February 1, 2007

*Letter of support for SB 5778 and its companion bill HB 1928 regarding cleaning up shellfish growing areas.*

**To: The Honorable Karen Keiser, Health & Long-Term Care Committee Chair, Washington State Senate**

From: Treuman Katz, Chair, February 12, 2007

*Letter of support for SB 5930 which would implement many of the recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Health Care and Access.*

**To: The Honorable Karen Keiser, Health & Long-Term Care Committee Chair, Washington State Senate**

From: Treuman Katz, Chair, February 9, 2007

*Letter of support for SB 5446 which would extend the mental health parity legislation passed in 2005 to cover individual and small group plans.*

**To: The Honorable Karen Keiser, Health & Long-Term Care Committee Chair, Washington State Senate**

From: Treuman Katz, Chair, February 6, 2007

*Letter supporting the concept behind SB 5729 which would provide dedicated state funding for public health services, and would tie that funding to performance measures.*

**To: The Honorable Jeanne Kohl-Welles, Labor, Commerce, Research & Development Committee Chair, Washington State Senate**

From: Treuman Katz, Chair, January 29, 2007

*Letter of concern about Senate Bill 5484 which would allow owners of food establishments with liquor licenses to admin "well-behaved" dogs on leashes.*

**To: Stephen Luber, MD FAAP, Rockwood Clinic**

From: Mike Shelton, Acting Board Chair, January 17, 2007

*Response to his request that the Board require proof of pneumococcal immunization for children entering school and child care.*

**To: Mr. Jay Manning, Director, Washington State Department of Ecology**

From: Treuman Katz, Chair, January 31, 2007

*Letter conveying support for the Department of Ecology's proposals to reduce toxic chemicals entering Puget Sound, identify sources of toxic chemicals entering waters in urban areas, and give people the information they need to make safer choices when picking the chemicals they use.*

**To: Mr. Drew Noble**

From: Treuman Katz, Chair, February 9, 2007

*Letter responding to December 13, 2006 testimony requesting a revision of Board rules for public drinking water supply systems to require a certified water system operator be present whenever a plumber or electrician works on a public drinking water system.*

**To: The Honorable Erik Poulsen, Water, Energy & Telecommunications Committee Chair, Washington State Senate**

From: Mike Shelton, Acting Board Chair, January 5, 2007

*Letter of support regarding SB 5034 relating to phasing out the use of polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDE).*

**To: The Honorable Dave Upthegrove, Chair, Select Committee on Puget Sound, Washington State House of Representatives**

From: Treuman Katz, Chair, February 12, 2007

*Letter expressing support for HB 1928 which would help clean up shellfish growing areas.*

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## General Interest

### **Pandemic Flu Public Awareness Campaign**

The Department of Health's pandemic flu public awareness campaign kicks into high gear next week. We will begin running new ads aimed at educating the public about pandemics and avian flu, and encouraging them to take steps to prepare (stay home when sick, covering your cough, and having an emergency plan). The campaign includes TV, radio, print, Web and an insert in the CHILD Profile mailings. Much of the video in the new TV ad comes from the popular Germ Trail spots that were developed and aired during the first phase. Please visit Website at <http://www.doh.wa.gov/panflu/>.

### **WHF Announces its 2007 Healthiest State Grants**

The Washington Health Foundation 2007 grant program information and guidelines are now on our website at <http://www.whf.org/Grants/HSINGrants.aspx>. The 2007 Healthiest State Grants, both Major Grants (requests of \$15,000 - \$50,000, restricted to rural communities) and Mini Grants (requests of \$1,000-\$15,000) are designed to help advance Washington in state health rankings.

Copied in the message below is a fact sheet on the grants. Here are a few items of note:

- Deadline for Major Grant applications is March 15th.
- Deadlines for Mini Grant applications are February 15th, June 15th and September 15th. The earlier you apply for Mini Grant funds, the more funds are likely to be available.
- We encourage anyone considering applying for a grant to contact us and discuss your idea. We will let you know if the idea fits our guidelines and talk with you about how an application might be shaped to help your group meet its goals as well as ours. Contact info: Katharine Sanders, Director of Grantmaking [KatharineS@whf.org](mailto:KatharineS@whf.org), 206-216-2509.

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## Local Boards of Health: Agendas and Meeting Minutes

### **Benton County Board of Health Agenda**

*January 25, 2007*

Call to order

Roll call

Introduction of visitors

Approval of agenda

Constitution of Board of Health for 2007

Election of officers

Committee appointments

Board of Health meeting schedule/location

Approval of minutes

Resolution no. 07-01 - Travel Authorization

Resolution no. 07-02 - Interim health officer  
Building updates  
Health district program overview  
Public health funding  
Announcements  
Approval of vouchers  
Date of next meeting  
Adjournment

### **Chelan-Douglas County Board of Health Agenda**

*January 22, 2007*

General business

- a. call meeting to order
- b. election of officers

Consent agenda

- a. approval of the December 18, 2006 minutes
- b. approval of December payroll and benefits
- c. approval of payment vouchers no. 20060986 to 20061047 and 20070001 to 20070001
- d. contracts

Program update - human papillomavirus (HPV)

Board discussion

Public comment

New business

Unfinished business

Reports

- a. administrator
- b. support services
- c. personal health services
- d. environmental health services

Executive session

Adjournments

### **Chelan-Douglas Health District Board of Health Minutes**

*December 18, 2006*

General business - call to order

Consent agenda

- a. approval of November 20, 2006 minutes
- b. approval of November payroll and benefits
- c. approval of payment vouchers 20060907 to 20060985
- d. consolidated contracts

Program update - T.O.E. (Threats, Outbreaks, and Exposures)

Board discussion

- a. septic system maintenance

Public comments

New business - none

Unfinished business - 2007 budget

Reports

- a. environmental health director

Adjournment

## **Grant County Board of Health Agenda**

*February 14, 2007*

Approval of January 10, 2007 minutes

Public forum for citizen's comments and applications

Environmental health report ~ septic system installation ordinance - review of changes

Personal health/Administrator report

a. legislative visits - update on public health funding bill

b. budget update

Health officer's report

a. funding update

b. pandemic flu update

c. tuberculosis update

d. foodborne illness cases

Approval of vouchers for January 31, 2007

Other business

Adjournment

## **Grant County Board of Health Minutes**

*January 10, 2007*

Approval of December 13, 2006 minutes

Public forum for citizen's comments and applications - none.

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman for 2007

Environmental health report

a. quarterly report

b. food inspections

Personal health/administrator report

a. draft assessment report

b. quarterly and 2006 personal health report

c. 2006 draft agency report

Health officer's report

a. avian flu

b. pertussis

c. listeria

d. funding

Approval of vouchers for December 31, 2006

Other business

a. legal notices

b. senior public officials workshop

c. agreements

d. antivirals

e. conflict of interest

Adjournment

## **Grant County Board of Health Minutes**

*December 13, 2006*

Approval of November 8, 2006 minutes

Public forum for citizen's comments and applications - None.

Environmental health report

a. monthly report

Personal health/administrator report  
a. revised 2006 budget - adopted  
b. adoption of 2007 budget - adopted  
c. resolution 2006-3 - adopted  
d. program priorities  
e. contracts for 2006 and 2007 city/county contributions  
Health officer's report  
a. chicken pox/shingles  
b. pan flu planning  
c. funding  
Approval of vouchers for November 30, 2006  
Other business  
Adjournment

### **Grays Harbor County Board of Health Minutes**

*October 19, 2006*

Call to order  
Approval of minutes  
Health officer report  
a. pandemic flu  
b. TB  
Public health and social services director report - none  
Adopt public health emergency preparedness plan  
Temporary food permits for events  
Flu season  
Logic model  
Vital statistics  
Mental health recovery and wellness  
Public comment - none  
Adjournment

### **Jefferson County Board of Health Agenda**

*February 15, 2007*

Approval of agenda  
Approval of January 18, 2007 minutes  
Public comments  
Old business and informational items  
a. seasonal influenza update  
b. immunization update for physician's offices  
c. 2006 BOH action items thumbnail - final copy  
New business  
a. HB 1825 / SB 5729 introduced  
b. other legislative issues  
c. leadership development at JCPH  
d. on-site sewage operation and maintenance privatization discussion  
Activity update  
Agenda planning  
Next meeting scheduled for March 15, 2007

## **Jefferson County Board of Health Minutes**

*January 18, 2007*

Election of board of health chair and vice chair for 2007

Approval of agenda

Approval of December 14, 2006 minutes

Public comments - none.

Old business and information items

- a. seasonal influenza update
- b. solid waste regulations ordinance 09-1020-05
- c. environmental health - records accessible on the Web
- d. BOH action highlights: September 2005 and December 2006

New business

- a. 2007 legislative briefing, WSAC budget
- b. Governor's budget
- c. Blue Ribbon Commission for Health Care Cost and Access Report
- d. workshop: policy discussion on performance measures
- e. nurse family partnership update and new division of early learning

Activity update

Agenda planning

Next meeting: February 15, 2007

## **Jefferson County Board of Health Minutes**

*December 14, 2006*

Approval of agenda

Approval of November 16, 2006 minutes

Public comments - none

Old business and informational items:

- a. west Nile virus newsletter - 2006 wrap-up
- b. seasonal influenza update
- c. 2007 assessment project update
- d. new water quality division manager
- e. fall 2006 region 2 public health newsletter
- f. emergency preparedness - HAM radio certifications

New business

- a. appointment to substance abuse advisory board
- b. Jefferson County public health heroes - follow-up report
- c. Jefferson County sexually transmitted disease report 2005-2006
- d. communicable disease control priority setting

Service recognition letter

Next meeting: January 18, 2007

Adjournment

## **King County Board of Health Agenda**

*February 15, 2007*

Call to order

Roll call

## **Kittitas County Board of Health Agenda**

*February 15, 2007*

*Approval of January 18, 2007 minutes*

Introductions and Announcements ~ BOHAC representative(s)

Contracts and Amendments ~ DSHS Medicaid Administrative Match Contract #0563-75729

Amendment #3

Department Updates/Issues:

- a. Staffing replacements progress report
- b. Prospective new office space configuration (to improve safety, security, HIPAA compliance)

Business:

- a. Department overview: Shape Up presentation –Dr. Solberg (PowerPoint presentation)
- b. Consideration of possible schedule change for Board of Health meetings
- c. Recruitment of new Board of Health member as Carolyn Booth's replacement

Next regular Board of Health Meeting: March 15, 2007

## **Kittitas County Board of Health**

*January 18, 2007*

Approval of December 19, 2006 minutes from continued special BOH meeting-BOCC public hearing re: EH fees and 2007 Public Health Fee Schedule

Approval of December 21, 2006 minutes

Introductions and Announcements:

- a. BOHAC representative(s)
- b. Invitation to Tobacco Free Coalition dinner

Contracts and Amendments:

- a. DSHS Early Intervention Program Contract #0663-98561 Amendment #1 (in 2007)

Department Updates/Issues:

- a. Staffing replacements progress report

Business:

- a. Antiviral purchase – Dr. Mark Larson, Health Officer
- b. Presentation of Board of Health Advisory Health Committee's Annual Report
- c. Washington State local public health standards; quarterly report templates – Sara Burnet
- d. Washington State Department of Health Joint Plan of Operation
- e. Washington State Department of Health Audit Results

Next Board of Health Meeting: February 15, 2007, 10 a.m., Commissioners' Auditorium

## **Lewis County Board of Health Agenda**

*February 12, 2007*

Call to order

Approval of November 13, 2006 minutes

Agenda additions and changes

Consent items

- a. H. Res. #021207.1 Election of chairman of the board
- b. H. Res. #021207.2 Approving affiliation agreement with Lewis County Health Department and Lower Columbia College RN Program

Public health issues

- a. conditions for waiver of bacterial test lab fee to prevent exposure to communicable diseases
- b. emerging public health crisis in Lewis County

Health officer/administrator update

Adjournment

## **Lewis County Board of Health Agenda**

*January 8, 2007*

Meeting canceled.

Next meeting: February 12, 2007

## **Lewis County Board of Health Agenda**

*November 13, 2006*

Changes in agenda - none

Consent items - none

Public health issues

a. Lewis County substance abuse treatment and prevention

Health officer/administrator update - none

Adjournment

## **Spokane County Board of Health Agenda**

*January 18, 2007*

Call to order

Roll call

Citizen input

Chair report

Health officer/administrator report

Approval of November 27, November 30, and December 21 minutes

Approval of vouchers

Action items

a. election of vice chair

b. adoption of 2007 meeting schedule

Reports

a. health district structure

b. Spokane Regional health District overview

Board member concerns

Next meeting: February 22, 2007

Adjournment

## **Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health Agenda**

*February 7, 2007*

Election of Board of Health officers

Comments by the public

Consent agenda

a. approval of the January 3 and January 24, 2007 minutes

b. resolution no. 2007-3959

Regular agenda

a. resolutions 2007-3960 through 2007-3964

Director of health comments

a. add one a day - Basic Food Nutrition Education Program and Radio Disney Rockin' Recess assembly

b. legislative update

Comments by Board of Health members

Executive session to discuss pending legal and personnel issues)

Adjournment

## **Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health Minutes**

*January 24, 2007*

Health Department space needs

Emergency medical services (EMS) and the Health Department's role

Adjournment

## **Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health Minutes**

*January 3, 2007*

Comments by the public - none.

Consent agenda

a. approval of December 6, 2006 minutes

b. approval of resolutions 2007-3933 through 2007-3937

Regular agenda

a. approval of resolutions 2007-3938 through 2007-3958

Director of health report

a. comments regarding BOH discussion today - dental

b. tobacco

c. Pierce County Medical Society (PCMS) retreat

d. client outreach

e. public health financing

Comments by BOH members

Executive session - none.

Adjournment

## **Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health Minutes**

*December 6, 2006*

Comments by the public - None.

Consent agenda

a. approval of November 1, 2006 minutes

b. approval of resolutions 2006-3905 through 2006-3910

Regular Agenda

a. approval of resolutions 2006-3911 through 2006-3932

Director of health comments

a. OASIS Program

b. Pierce County medical Society (PCMS) Retreat

c. BOH Study Session

d. needle exchange update

e. Quality Improvement Council

f. public service announcements

d. walk-to-school day

Comments by board of health members

Executive session - None.

Adjournment

## **Thurston County Board of Health Agenda**

*February 5, 2007*

Call meeting to order

Approval of agenda

Approval of January 8, 2007 minutes  
Update on citizen issues  
Opportunity for the public to address the board  
Consent items  
a. Partners for Children, Youth, and Families Advisory Board Member Appointments  
b. STEPS Program 2007 Subcontract – WSU Thurston County Extension  
c. Approve Addendum 2 to the Long Lake Management Plan—IPM Prescription for Control of Nuisance Aquatic Plants for Long Lake  
Appeal of an administrative hearing officer’s decision  
Director’s report  
Health officer’s report  
Adjournment

### **Thurston County Board of Health Agenda**

*January 30, 2007*

Approval of December 19, 2006 minutes from continued special BOH meeting-BOCC public hearing re: EH fees and 2007 Public Health Fee Schedule

Approval of December 21, 2006 minutes

Introductions and Announcements:

- a. BOHAC representative(s)
- b. Invitation to Tobacco Free Coalition dinner

Contracts and Amendments:

- a. DSHS Early Intervention Program Contract #0663-98561 Amendment #1 (in 2007)

Department Updates/Issues:

- a. Staffing replacements progress report

Business:

- a. Antiviral purchase
- b Presentation of Board of Health Advisory Health Committee’s Annual Report
- c. Washington State local public health standards; quarterly report template
- d. Washington State Department of Health Joint Plan of Operation
- e. Washington State Department of Health Audit Results

Next Board of Health Meeting: February 15, 2007, 10 a.m., Commissioners’ Auditorium

### **Thurston County Board of Health Minutes**

*January 8, 2007*

Call meeting to order

Purpose of this hearing ~ Thurston County Board of Health to take testimony on proposed amendments to Article IV of the Thurston County Sanitary Code.

Public testimony

Adjournment

### **Thurston County Board of Health Minutes**

*December 12, 2006*

Call meeting to order

Approval of Agenda

Approval of October 2, 2006 Minutes

Correspondence

a. Letter and background information from Pat Sonnenstuhl, Chair of the Family Planning Advisory Committee requesting Public Health and Social Services Department to formally support the Healthy Youth Act 2007 and allow the Department name to be listed on a Public Relations flyer.

Update on citizen issues - None, items are current.

Opportunity for the public to address the board – None

Consent items

a. Family Planning Advisory Committee Board Member Appointment

b. Partners for Children, Youth, and Families Advisory Board Member Appointment

c. Set Public Hearing to Amend Article IV sections 10.3, 12.2.3.1 and 21.4.5 & related definitions

Director's report – none

Health officer's report – none

Adjournment

### **Thurston County Board of Health Minutes**

*October 2, 2006*

Call meeting to order

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Update on citizen issues – none, items are current.

Opportunity for the public to address the board

Consent items - none

HIV counseling, referral and testing at the accountability & restitution center

Director's report

a. Joint Select Committee on Public Health Finance

b. Meeting of the Project Access group this Thursday, October 5, 2006 at 5:30 P.M. to review the sustainability of the program.

Health officer's report

a. Increase in legally prescribed prescription drug misuse and abuse by the young and old.

b. Pandemic Influenza planning is in full swing.

c. County Continuity of Operations plans

d. 4-Part series radio show to educate the public about Pandemic Influenza.

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## **Public Health Leadership Positions Available**

### **Public Health Nurse II - Communicable Disease Prevention**

Kittitas County Health Department

Closes: January 4, 2007

For information:

<http://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/hr/jobs.asp?jobID=347>

### **Public Health Nurse II - First Steps Program**

Kittitas County Health Department

Closes: When Filled

For information:

<http://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/hr/jobs.asp?jobID=348>

## **Senior Analyst - Operational Definition and Exploring Accreditation**

National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO)

Closes: When Filled

For information:

<http://www.naccho.org/careers/headquarters/HQ45.cfm>

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## **Publications - General Media**

### **Bill opens bars to dogs - but some pooh-pooh the lawmaker's idea**

*Seattle Post-Intelligencer, January 29, 2007*

Having man's best friend join you for a drink may no longer be a health violation if one canine-loving legislator has anything to do with it. Sen. Ken Jacobsen, D-Seattle, has introduced a bill that would allow dogs in bars. The dogs would have to be well-behaved and on a leash, but the bill places no other restrictions on them appearing at local watering holes. Jacobsen said many people already bring their dogs to bars, and it makes for a more pleasant social environment.

### **Cervical cancer vaccine could be free here**

*Seattle Post-Intelligencer, February 7, 2007*

A vaccine against the virus cited as the cause of most cases of cervical cancer could be offered free to girls in Washington, but there are no plans to make vaccination mandatory, as in Texas, authorities said. About 143,000 doses of Gardasil, made by Merck & Co. for protection against human papillomavirus, could be purchased by late spring if the money set aside for it in the governor's budget proposal is approved by the Legislature, state Health Secretary Mary Selecky said Monday. An estimated 20 million Americans are infected with the HPV, making it the nation's most common sexually transmitted disease. Most cases of cervical cancer are linked to certain strains of the virus.

### **Cruise Ship Waster: All Ashore?**

*Seattle Post-Intelligencer, February 9, 2007*

The cruise ships that come to Seattle each summer bring something you don't find advertised in glossy brochures -- millions of gallons of human waste. All that waste can fuel blooms of algae, the decomposition of which strips oxygen from the water and, if certain species grow, can make shellfish poisonous to people. There are many ways to handle that waste, but officials at the Department of Ecology would like the Port of Seattle to consider taking environmental protection one step further as they prepare to spend \$60 million on a new facility for the ships near Magnolia.

### **Deadly prescriptions**

*Spokesman Review, February 4, 2007*

Deaths from prescription painkillers have soared in Spokane and across Washington during the past decade, according to new research that warns of danger as close as the bathroom medicine cabinet. Popular drugs such as hydrocodone and methadone fueled an 800 percent increase in statewide deaths linked to prescription opiates, which jumped from 45 in 1995 to 411 in 2004, state health researchers found.

### **Evergreen's food provider cuts trans fats from the menu**

*The Olympian, February 11, 2007*

Maddison McCauley, 19, eats french fries almost every time she visits The Evergreen State College's cafeteria. Starting this month, the freshman doesn't have to feel as guilty about it. Aramark, the college's food-service provider, has eliminated cooking oils with trans-fatty acids that previously were used to cook french fries, tater tots and other fried foods. Trans fats, a type of unsaturated fat, are not beneficial for human health, and consuming them increases the risk of coronary heart disease, according to the American Heart Association.

### **Exercised Legislators defend recess**

*Seattle Post-Intelligencer, February 9, 2007*

Legislators have a new message for children struggling to pass the Washington Assessment of Student Learning: Go outside and play. A bill introduced by Rep. John McCoy, D-Tulalip, would require that all public schools in the state provide K-12 students with an hour a day of physical activity. Participation in after-school athletics programs would not count toward the requirement.

### **Families weigh cervical cancer vaccine**

*Seattle Times, January 29, 2007*

Stephanie Shine persisted, despite her 13-year-old daughter's resistance to getting the new vaccine against a sexually transmitted disease that can cause cervical cancer. "For your safety? Your health? Your future?" Then Shine got creative: "What if you don't have to pay back the \$20 you owe me?"

### **Free is good; now, how about mandatory?**

*The News Tribune, February 8th*

The human papilloma virus is a cunning microorganism. It spreads easily, is difficult to detect and kills thousands of American women each year. But the virus' most dastardly characteristic is perhaps the way it is transmitted — by sexual contact. That trait alone could help it keep claiming victims long after science has found ways to prevent new infections. Witness the debate over Gardasil. The new vaccine promises to wipe out 70 percent of cervical cancer cases in this country — if it is widely used.

### **Governor won't force HPV vaccine**

*The Olympian, February 6, 2007*

Gov. Chris Gregoire told the state's association of medical doctors Monday that she prefers a voluntary, state-paid program for vaccinating pre-teen girls against a sexually transmitted virus linked to cervical cancer. The governor of Texas, Rick Perry, on Friday issued an executive order making that state the first to require all 11- and 12-year-olds to get the vaccine against the human papillomavirus, or HPV, as they enter the sixth grade. But Gregoire made clear - in comments she repeated in her weekly meeting with reporters at the Capitol - she won't go that route.

### **Gregoire proposes statewide health care**

*The Olympian, February 7, 2007*

Gov. Chris Gregoire unveiled Tuesday a sprawling plan to rein in health care costs and provide insurance coverage to everyone in the state in five years.

Among the many pieces of the \$142 million proposal, it would:

--Require insurance companies to offer coverage for clients' unmarried children under 25, allowing either the parent or the parent's employer to pay for coverage. Young adults ages 19 to 25 make up 30 percent of the 600,000 uninsured in the state.

--Directs the state to create a "connector," a system through which workers could pick insurance plans from a pool, and keep their plans as they move to different companies, which also would pay into the system for each worker.

--Creates a demonstration program to give cash to community clinics that successfully work with local hospitals to prevent unnecessary emergency room visits.

--Directs state agencies to pay for results in medical care, not procedures.

### **Gregoire's health plan gains supporters**

*The Olympian, February 13, 2007*

The critics were reconsidering, and the supporters were rolling in Monday, as Gov. Chris Gregoire told legislators about her plan to offer health insurance to all Washingtonians in five years. A new state report reaffirmed the concerns of the plan's backers, showing that the number of small- and medium-size Washington businesses offering health insurance to their employees dropped last year.

### **Healing hands cross cultures at Harborview's International Medical Clinic: In a small clinic, doctors and immigrants learn from one another**

*Seattle Post-Intelligencer, February 13, 2007*

When Phung Bui arrived in Seattle from Vietnam more than a decade ago, her husband's health had been failing for a while. Cough medicine was the treatment in their old country. She said there was no real diagnosis. The family didn't speak English and had no idea where to go for medical care.

### **Health care for all: Gregoire's plan**

*Seattle PI, February 7, 2007*

Universal health care coverage for Washington residents within five years is the expensive and complicated goal Gov. Chris Gregoire and Democratic legislative leaders committed state government to on Tuesday. Strategies include covering all children by 2010 and adding young adults through age 25, covering foster care youths past their 18th birthdays, and cracking down on emergency room overuse. The package also proposes better use of technology, aiding businesses, finding ways to drive down costs, and expanding the state-subsidized health plan for the working poor.

### **Health care plan to cover immigrant children finds support**

*Yakima Herald, January 11, 2007*

Local health care providers welcome Gov. Chris Gregoire's proposal to expand health care to immigrant children regardless of their legal status, saying uninsured, sick kids end up raising the cost of care for everyone else. "There's no question we've got more coming in who aren't insured," John Vornbrock, senior vice president and chief financial officer of Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital, said in a Wednesday telephone interview.

### **Health plan for children of illegal immigrants draws ire of GOP**

*Seattle Times, January 10, 2007*

Republican lawmakers are protesting a proposal by Gov. Christine Gregoire and Democratic lawmakers to expand state-funded health coverage for children of illegal immigrants. "They're not even citizens," said Rep. Bill Hinkle of Cle Elum, the ranking Republican on the House Health Care and Wellness Committee. Hinkle said it doesn't make sense to cover illegal immigrants when there are so many other shortcomings in the state's health-care system. "This just drives folks back home nuts," he said.

### **How state's health care debate could affect you**

*The Olympian, February 11, 2007*

State lawmakers have started rolling up their sleeves to do surgery on Washington state's health care insurance system. House Democrats moved one major piece of their health care proposal over its first committee hurdle Thursday. They approved a bill that would set up a way for individuals and small-

business employees to buy their private-company insurance through a brokerage or "connector" set up through the state Health Care Authority - perhaps as soon as 2009.

### **HPV Vaccine**

*Washington Post, January 17, 2007*

Dr. Richard Schlegel's research helped lead to the development of Gardasil, a vaccine for human papillomavirus (HPV), a sexually transmitted virus that can cause genital warts and cervical cancer. The D.C. Council is currently considering a bill that would require girls to receive the HPV vaccine before the start of sixth grade. Schlegel was online Wednesday, Jan. 17 to discuss the vaccine and the virus. A transcript follows.

### **HPV vaccine mandated for girls in Texas**

*The Olympian, February 3, 2007*

AUSTIN, Texas - Bypassing the Legislature altogether, Republican Gov. Rick Perry issued an order Friday making Texas the first state to require that schoolgirls get vaccinated against the sexually transmitted virus that causes cervical cancer. By employing an executive order, Perry sidestepped opposition in the Legislature from conservatives and parents' rights groups who fear such a requirement would condone premarital sex and interfere with the way Texans raise their children.

### **Indian Clinics in Jeopardy**

*Spokesman Review, February 9, 2007*

For the second year in a row, the Bush administration has proposed eliminating the program that helps fund health care for urban Indians living in Spokane and 33 other cities across the nation. The threatened cut comes amid construction of a new \$3.9 million clinic in the West Central Neighborhood, which has the highest concentration of Spokane's nearly 13,000 urban Indians. "We are obviously invested in the community," said Toni Lodge, director of NATIVE Project/NATIVE Health of Spokane. "If the goal is quality health care for every citizen, part of that system is urban Indian health."

### **Indians, Native Alaskans suffering more from diabetes**

*Spokesman Review, February 9, 2007*

American Indians and Alaska Natives suffer from diabetes more than any ethnic group and the disease is increasingly affecting young Indians, government health experts told Congress on Thursday. "In some communities, the prevalence rate is as high as 60 percent among adults," Charles Grim, the head of the Indian Health Service, told the Senate Indian Affairs Committee. Grim said that agency statistics show that diabetes increased 128 percent among teens ages 15 to 19 between 1990 and 2004. The disease increased 77 percent among young people younger than 15 during the same time frame, he said.

### **King County health board considers ban on trans fats**

*Seattle Post Intelligencer, January 19*

The King County Board of Health inched closer Thursday to doing something to reduce the consumption of trans fats in King County. After being told they had the authority to make and enforce rules about trans fats, board members said they expect to have a proposal ready by April or May. Jane McKenzie, senior deputy prosecuting attorney for the county, told the board that the authority comes with qualifications and could be challenged.

### **Lack of dental care leaves poor in agony**

*Seattle Times, January 30, 2007*

Leslie Storer gets free dental coverage through Medicaid, the government health plan for the poor. In reality, the Tumwater resident has paid for it with her teeth. When Storer, a former special-education

teacher, had three decayed molars, root canals likely would have saved them. But Medicaid quit paying for such procedures for adults after budget cuts in 2003. So for Storer, who survived polio and lives on \$625 a month in disability payments, the only alternative was to have the teeth extracted.

### **Lawmakers seek ban on products containing toxins**

*The Olympian, February 9, 2007*

Many common household items, such as furniture, toys and electronics, contain dangerous chemicals. The chemicals are used because of their fire-retardant qualities, but they also can cause health problems, especially in children. Therefore, bills are being introduced in both the state House and Senate to ban products containing the chemicals statewide. The legislation would make Washington the first state to regulate PBDE (polybrominated diphenyl ethers) sales, although other states have proposed similar bills.

### **Legislature has a full plate of issues**

*Seattle Times, January 10, 2007*

Starting this week, the state Legislature has begun pondering topics we've been discussing for months now: the price of wine, if an onion is the best candidate for official state vegetable and whether restaurants should keep cooking with artificial trans fats.

### **Mason septic systems on notice**

*The Olympian, January 10, 2007*

Faced with conclusive evidence that human sewage is entering Oakland Bay at two locations, the Mason County commissioners said Tuesday that they would take enforcement action against property owners who refuse to work with the county to repair failing septic systems.

### **More students shun cafeteria junk food**

*Seattle Times, January 22, 2007*

The cafeteria lunch line at Columbus Elementary School moves quickly as students grab portions of carrots, celery, apples and oranges. French fries and hamburgers, once cafeteria staples, aren't even offered. "I eat carrots or apples every day," said 10-year-old Alan Espino. He said he didn't notice that the bun holding his all-beef hot dog was whole wheat. Even the pizza available in the cafeteria has whole wheat crust.

### **Neurocysticercosis plagues states along Mexico border**

*Washington Times, February 8, 2007*

Federal researchers say neurocysticercosis, a brain infection caused by a pork tapeworm, is a "growing public health problem in the United States," especially in states bordering Mexico, where the disease is endemic. Neurocysticercosis is the "most common parasitic disease of the central nervous system," according to a study jointly conducted by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and California public health officials, who reported that "international travel and immigration are bringing the disorder to areas where it is not endemic," such as this country.

### **One Puff Above the Limit**

*US News & World Report, February 4, 2007*

Rest easier, robbers. The cops have some new villains to track down. They're called smokers. Recently, police in Bangor, Maine, took on the job of ticketing people spotted puffing on cigarettes in their cars if children under 18 are onboard. Last year, Arkansas and Louisiana enacted similar bans, and many other states, including New Jersey, New York, California, Kansas, and Utah, are considering them. Some propose fines as high as \$500-and jail time.

### **Poor are priced out of healthful eating**

*Seattle Post-Intelligencer, January 29, 2007*

In a food-conscious city such as Seattle, where consumers are willing to pay a premium for all things wild, organic and locally grown, chances are pretty good that you can find and buy healthful food wherever you live. But can you afford to buy and eat healthfully if you're poor? A researcher compared food prices in Seattle's Rainier Valley and Queen Anne neighborhoods and found that a family of four living on the maximum allowable amount of food stamps can barely afford the basics here.

### **Public health agencies need ample funding to protect us**

*The Everett Herald, January 24, 2007*

"What you don't see is what you get." That's a good motto for public health. When you drink tap water, go out to a restaurant or drop off your kids at school, you are assuming a level of safety and health that doesn't just happen. It is the result of public funding for public health. When we talk about communicable diseases, bioterrorism, West Nile virus, immunizations, safe water and disease prevention, we are talking about public health. It enables each of us individually to assume a certain level of public well-being. It is no panacea - it doesn't prevent illnesses and accidents. But without it, we can be sure that we would all be much more vulnerable to biological and environmental forces over which we as individuals have no control, such as airborne diseases, epidemics and floods.

### **Push for a walkable community**

*The Olympian, January 29, 2007*

Getting regular physical activity can make you feel better and help prevent chronic health conditions such as diabetes and obesity. Making 30 minutes of moderate physical activity part of your daily life - by walking and bicycling, for example - is doable. These forms of physical activity already are a regular part of the day for many people: going to work or on errands, visiting a friend or simply going for a walk.

### **Sponsor to Pull Measure Mandating HPV Vaccine**

*Washington Post, January 31, 2007*

A bill that would have required middle school girls in Maryland to be vaccinated against the virus that can cause cervical cancer is being shelved by its lead sponsor. Sen. Delores G. Kelley (D-Baltimore County) said yesterday that she plans today to withdraw legislation that would have mandated that young girls be vaccinated against human papillomavirus, or HPV, a sexually transmitted virus. "It's a timing problem," Kelley said, without providing more details about her decision to pull the bill.

### **State to offer HPV shots - Free vaccine will help prevent cervical cancer**

*February 6, Spokesman Review*

State officials are planning to spend millions of dollars on more than 100,000 doses of a new vaccine that helps prevent cervical cancer, Washington state Secretary of Health Mary Selecky said Monday. The state hopes to distribute enough of the free human papillomavirus vaccine to treat every girl in the state. The state will not, however, follow Texas' lead and make the HPV shots mandatory for young girls, Gov. Chris Gregoire said. At least not now.

### **States urged to require cancer vaccine**

*The Olympian, January 31, 2007*

Merck & Co. is helping bankroll efforts to pass state laws requiring girls as young as 11 or 12 to receive the drugmaker's new vaccine against the sexually transmitted cervical-cancer virus. Some conservatives and parents' rights groups say such a requirement would encourage premarital sex and interfere with the way they raise their children, and they say Merck's push for such laws is underhanded. But the company

said its lobbying efforts have been above-board. With at least 18 states debating whether to require Merck's Gardasil vaccine for schoolgirls, Merck has funneled money through Women in Government, an advocacy group made up of female state legislators around the country.

### **Successful Vaccination Breeds Complacency**

*Wall Street Journal, February 9, 2007*

In regard to Henry Miller's review of Arthur Allen's book "Vaccine" ("Taking Their Best Shot," Bookshelf, Leisure & Arts, Feb. 1): Dr. Miller provides an incisive rear-view-mirror account of how vaccines and immunization have freed and protected us from many deadly and debilitating diseases. In the U.S., smallpox, polio, measles, mumps, whooping cough and other threats have largely been consigned by vaccines to the ash heap of history. He rightly points out that immunization has been so successful it has spawned an unintended -- and dangerous -- consequence: complacency.

### **Texas Is First to Require Cancer Shots for Schoolgirls**

*New York Times, February 3, 2007*

HOUSTON, Feb. 2 — Texas on Friday became the first state to require all 11- and 12-year-old girls entering the sixth grade to be vaccinated against a sexually transmitted virus that causes cervical cancer. Averting a potentially divisive debate in the Legislature, Gov. Rick Perry, a Republican, signed an executive order mandating shots of the Merck vaccine Gardasil as protection against the human papillomavirus, or HPV, starting in September 2008.

### **Twist in effort to ban fire retardant**

As Washington moves to become the first state in the nation to ban a fire retardant found in mattresses, computers and furniture, lawmakers on Thursday accused the industry of putting up a smokescreen to stop the ban. With concerns about finding toxic chemicals from the retardants -- known as PBDEs -- in everything from breast milk to brown bears, the proposed ban passed out of a House committee and appeared headed for passage in both chambers.

### **Vaccines: Mandate or choice? That's the question after Texas governor issues order requiring HPV immunization**

*USA Today, February 8, 2007*

Ask nearly anyone whether vaccinating girls against cervical cancer is a good idea, and you're likely to get an affirmative reply. Ask whether states should require girls to get vaccinated, though, and you're likely to get more varied answers. But you might be surprised about who falls on which side. The debate over mandating vaccination against human papillomavirus, or HPV, which causes cervical cancer, has heightened since Republican Texas Gov. Rick Perry issued an executive order Friday requiring girls to be immunized before entering sixth grade, as of September 2008. Parents can opt out for reasons of conscience.

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