



For Your Information – June 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

May 2007

Date	Name and Location
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May 10	Hidden Health Hazards: Everyday Exposures to Toxic Chemicals ~ The Oceans to Star Lecture Series: Staying Healthy in a Chemical World Kane 120, UW Seattle campus For information: https://go.washington.edu/uwaa/events/2007earthinit_otos/details.tcl
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May 15-16	2007 Northwest Immunization Conference Portland, Oregon For information: http://www.regonline.com/Checkin.asp?EventId=105809
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May 17	Secondhand Smoke: Low Exposures and High Stakes ~ The Oceans to Star Lecture Series: Staying Healthy in a Chemical World Kane 120, UW Seattle campus
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For information:
https://go.washington.edu/uwaa/events/2007earthinit_otos/details.tcl

- May 18 **Each Student Successful**
Cedarbrook
SeaTac, Washington
For information: <http://www.centerforhealthtraining.org/>
- May 24 **Exxon Valdez: Lingering Effects of Oil on Health ~ The Oceans to Star Lecture Series: Staying Healthy in a Chemical World**
Kane 120, UW Seattle campus
For information:
https://go.washington.edu/uwaa/events/2007earthinit_otos/details.tcl
- May 31 **5th Annual Health Aging Summit ~ Creating Health Aging for All: Strategies to Reduce Health Disparities**
Greater Tacoma Convention & Trade Center
For information: Karen Lewis, CHEF, karenl@chef.org or 206-824-2907 x 1905
- May 31 **A Precautionary Approach to Protect Health ~ ~ The Oceans to Star Lecture Series: Staying Healthy in a Chemical World**
Kane 120, UW Seattle campus
For information:
https://go.washington.edu/uwaa/events/2007earthinit_otos/details.tcl

June 2007

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| Jun. 7-9 | National Conference on Health Promotion & Education ~ Changing the Face of Health Education and Health Promotion
Renaissance Hotel
Seattle, Washington
For information: http://www.team-psa.com/hehpconference/home.asp |
| Jun. 12 | Reclaimed Water: Tapping the New Resource
Hilton Seattle Airport
For information: http://www.pncwa.org/Committees/WaterReuse/index.html |
| Jun. 12-15 | Association of Washington Cities 2007 Annual Conference
Tacoma, Washington |
| Jun. 11-15 | Rural Nurse Conference "Growing Quality"
Red Lion Inn
Richland, Washington
For information: http://nursing.wsu.edu/RNI/Conference.html |

- Jun. 13-15 **Montana Public Health Summer Institute**
Great Falls, Montana
For information: <http://www.nwcphp.org/montana-public-health-summer-institute>
- Jun. 13-15 **2007 Making Media Connections Conference**
Columbia College Chicago Film Row Cinema
Chicago, Illinois
For information: <http://newstips.org/MMC2007/index.html>
- Jun. 18-21 **NEHA 71st Annual Education Conference & Exhibition**
Atlantic City, New Jersey
For information: <http://www.neha.org/AEC/2007/index.html>
- Jun. 20-22 **America's Health Insurance Plans Institute 2007 Annual Meeting**
Wynn Las Vegas
Las Vegas, Nevada
For information: <http://www.ahip.org/links/institute2007/>
- Jun. 24-28 **Eliminating Health Disparities: Data to Action**
Sheraton Hotel and the Convention
Atlantic City, New Jersey
For information: CSTE, 770-458-3811, www.cste.org
- Jun. 25 **Wildfires and Public Health Response**
Ellensburg, Washington

July 2007

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| July 11-13 | NACCHO Annual Conference: Health Equity and Environmental Public Health - From Local to Global
Hyatt Regency Columbus
Columbus, Ohio
For information: http://www.naccho.org/conferences/nacchoannual07/ |
| July 13-14 | Navigating Conflicts When Parents and Providers Disagree about Medical Care
Bell Harbor International Conference Center
Seattle, Washington |
| July 16-18 | The Public Health Congress
Mandarin Oriental
Washington, D.C. |
| July 26-27 | Emergency Preparedness Conference |

Portland, Oregon
For information: Contact Ticey Casey, 503-416-3267

August 2007

- | Date | Name and Location |
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| Aug. 5-9 | National Conference of State Legislators 2007 Annual Meeting
Boston, Massachusetts
For information: http://www.ncsl.org/annualmeeting/ |
| Aug. 9-10 | NPAIHB Emergency Preparedness Conference
Red Lion Hotel on the River Jantzen Beach
Portland, Oregon
For information: http://www.nwcphp.org/copy_of_emergency-preparedness-conference |
| Aug. 13-16 | 2007 CDC Cancer Conference on Meeting Future Challenges
Atlanta Hyatt Regency
Atlanta, Georgia
For information: www.cdccancerconference.net |
| Aug. 13-17 | UW Summer Institute for Public Health Practice: Keeping People Healthy: Renew your skills. Rethink your world.
University of Washington
Seattle, Washington
For information: http://www.nwcphp.org/training/summer-institute/index_html |
| Aug. 19-22 | The 2007 Quality Colloquium
Harvard University
Cambridge, Massachusetts
For information: http://www.qualitycolloquium.com/ |
| Aug. 28-29 | Partnerships for Health Youth
Marriott Seattle-Tacoma Airport
SeaTac, Washington
For information: http://www.regonline.com/Checkin.asp?EventId=133967 |

September 2007

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| Sept. 18-21 | Prevent, Promote, and Protect: Building Board of Health Capacity ~ National Association of Local Boards of Health 15th Annual Conference
The Hotel Captain Cook
Anchorage, Alaska
For information: www.nalboh.org |

October 2007

Date	Name and Location
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| Oct. 2-5 | ASTHO 2007 Annual Meeting
St. Louis, Missouri
For information: http://www.astho.org/ |
| Oct. 5-7 | Washington State Medical Association Annual Meeting "Call to Professionalism"
Tacoma Sheraton Hotel
Tacoma, Washington
For information: http://www.wsma.org/memresources/calendar.html |
| Oct. 8-10 | Washington State Joint Conference on Health
Yakima Convention Center
Yakima, Washington
For information: http://www.wspha.org/JCH1.html |
| Oct. 14-16 | NASHP's 20th Annual State Health Policy Conference
Marriott Denver City Center
Denver, Colorado
For information: http://www.nashp.org/_conferences.cfm?LID=CON |
| Oct. 24-27 | 2007 National Conference on Tobacco or Health
Minneapolis, Minnesota
For information: http://www.tobaccocontrolconference.org/2007/conference/index.cfm |

November 2007

Date	Name and Location
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| Nov. 3-7 | Politics Policy & Public Health: APHA 2007 Annual Meeting
Washington D.C.
For information: http://www.apha.org/meetings/ |
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April 2008

Date	Name and Location
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| Apr. 4 | Institute of Medicine's Future of Public Health 20 Years Later ~ NALBOH's 9th Annual Lecture in Public Health
For information: http://www.nalboh.org/lecture/lecture.htm |
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September 2008

Date **Name and Location**
Sep. 9-12 **ASTHO-NACCHO 2008 Joint Conference**
Sacramento, CA
For information: http://www.naccho.org/conferences/NACCHOannual06/documents/NA_Conf_Guide_Back_Page.pdf

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Correspondence

Correspondence from the Board

To: Ms. Marilyn Portteus

From: Treuman Katz, Chair, Washington State Board of Health, June 5, 2007

Letter responding to Ms. Portteus' request for the Board to adopt a rule requiring hotels to handle bedding in a manner that prevents the customer-contact side of clean sheets and pillow cases from touching bedding that has not been laundered between customers.

To: Dr. Roger Scholten

From: Treuman Katz, Chair, Washington State Board of Health, May 1, 2007

Letter responding to Dr. Scholten's request for the Board to adopt a rule requiring the use of proper footwear upon entering any public locker room or shower.

To: Mr. Reed Tacia

From: Treuman Katz, Chair, Washington State Board of Health, May 1, 2007

Letter responding to Mr. Tacia's complaint against Island County health Department's on-site sewage program.

Correspondence from the Board

To: Mr. Craig McLaughlin, Washington State Board of Health

From: Lally Samuel, R. Ph., M.S. and J. David Haddox, D.D.S., M.D., May 9, 2007

Letter in response to the Agency Medical Director's Group's published Interagency Guideline on Opioid Dosing for Chronic Non-Cancer Pain.

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General Interest

USC Student, Amanda Price, publishes project on mold in schools

The following link shows USC student, Amanda Price's, project on mold and health and mold in schools. It has been published on the University of Southern CA Web site and includes interviews by Dr. Kaye Kilburn and Susan Brinchman. <http://www-scf.usc.edu/~amandapr/>

Local Boards of Health: Agendas and Meeting Minutes

Chelan-Douglas Board of Health Agenda

May 21, 2007

General business ~ call to order

Consent agenda:

- a. approval of April 16, 2007 minutes
- b. approval of April payroll in the amount of \$214,708.37 and April benefits in the amount of \$59,988.50
- c. approval of payment of vouchers no. 20070223 to 20070331 in the amount of \$90,398.65
- d. consolidated contract amendment #2

Program update ~ digitization plan

Board discussion

Public comment

New business ~ res. no. 2007-001 surplus property

Unfinished business

Reports

- a. administrator
- b. support services
- c. personal health services
- d. community health & preparedness
- e. environmental health services

Adjournment

Chelan-Douglas Board of Health Minutes

April 16, 2007

General business:

- a. call to order

Consent agenda:

- a. approval of March 19, 2007 minutes
- b. approval of March payroll in the amount of \$220,007.26 and March benefits in the amount of \$60,506.87
- c. approval of payment of vouchers no. 20070138 to 20070222 in the amount of \$59,581.44

Program update: EH highlights from annual report to Board 2006

Board discussion ~ none

Public comment ~ Waste Management

New business ~ none

Unfinished business:

- a. deficit reduction/revised 2007 budget

Reports:

- a. environmental health services

Adjournment

Columbia County Board of Health Agenda

June 4, 2007

Approval of May 21, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Columbia County Public Health

- a. Introduction of Penny Meissner.
- b. Review of Personal Health Update
- c. Environmental Health Update
- d. Fiscal Update and Contract Report: Martha Brooks
- e. Letter to auditor re: negative cash balance
- f. Administrator's Report
- Staffing
- Amend the fee schedule for 2007
- State Board of Health Meeting Pullman's Gladish Center
- g. Miscellaneous
- h. Executive Session (if needed)

Miscellaneous:

- a. WSAC Conference - June 19-22
- b. WSAC Courthouse Visit – June 6, 2007 @ 4:00 pm, Skye Book and Brew
- c. WA State Board of Health Meeting – June 13, 2007 @ 9:45 am, Pullman, WA
- d. Letter: Wind Turbine Values
- e. Resolution – 2007-13 Forest Payments
- f. Wildfire Protection Plan Survey

Columbia County Board of Health Agenda

May 21, 2007

Department Head Meeting

Approval of May 7, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Columbia County Public Works/ Parks and Recreation

- a. Community Prevention Grant (CPG)
- b. Franchise Agreement for Blue Sky Wind – Schedule Public Hearing Date
- c. West End Ditch Water
- d. Miscellaneous

Walla Walla Watershed Planning

- a. Agenda
- b. Columbia River Water Mgt Program staff report dated April 30, 2007
- c. Instream flow Rule Update dated May 16, 2007
- d. 2007-2008 Work Plan for Watershed Planning dated May 15, 2007
- e. Dept of Ecology Watershed Plan Implementation Applications memo dated May 14, 2007

Associate Development Organization ~ CTED Grant

Columbia County Planner ~ Windmill Permitting

Miscellaneous:

- a. First Aid Kits
- b. May 28, 2007 Meeting
- c. County Website
- d. Warrants: April 2007 - #071552 – 072093, \$842,227.59

Columbia County Board of Health Agenda

May 7, 2007

Personal Health Update

Environmental Health Update

Fiscal Update and Contract Report

Administrative Report:

a. Staffing

b. Incident Command Plan for Health Department

Miscellaneous

Columbia County Board of Health Agenda

April 23, 2007

Approval of April 16, 2007 minutes

Public hearing: budget amendments

Miscellaneous

Auditor report

Adjournment

Grant County Board of Health Agenda

May 9, 2007

Approval of April 11, 2007 minutes

Public forum for citizen's comments and applications

Environmental health report ~ quarterly report

Personal health/administrator report

Health officer's report

a. Hepatitis A

b. Salmonella

c. Safe Kids

d. Funding

Approval of vouchers for April 30, 2007

Other business

Adjournment

Grant County Board of Health Minutes

April 11, 2007

Approval of March 14, 2007 minutes

Public forum for citizen's comments and applications ~ none

Environmental health report

a. food inspections

b. well delegation

Personal health report

a. quarterly report

b. children's health study

Health officer's report

a. pandemic flu planning

b. pertussis

c. food borne illness

d. public health funding

Approval of vouchers

Other business

- a. public health partnership awards

Jefferson County Board of Health Agenda

May 17, 2007

Approval of agenda

Approval of April 19, 2007 minutes

Public comments

Old business and informational items:

- a. Jefferson County WIC facts 2006
- b. Adenovirus 14 alert

New business:

- a. substance abuse advisory board report
- b. Jefferson County septic code revision - update (action item: recommend cancellation of June 21, 2007 public hearing and new call for public hearing on July 19, 2007)
- c. Jefferson County 6 year substance abuse prevention plan
- d. Utilization of public health services - Port Townsend/Jefferson County Comparisons
- e. HIV/AIDS policy - national, state, and local challenges
- f. 4th Annual Cross Borders Emergency Preparedness Conference Report

Activity update ~ data steering committee

Agenda planning ~ June Board of Health retreat topics

Next meeting: June 14, 2007

Jefferson County Board of Health Minutes

April 19, 2007

Approval of agenda

Approval of February 12, 2007 minutes

Public comment/awards ~ none

Old business and information items

- a. board correspondence
- b. on-site sewage operation and maintenance update
- c. region 2 public health newsletter
- d. Jefferson County medical reserve corps
- e. public health funding - HB 1825/SB 5729

New business

- a. Jefferson County septic code revision - pre-adoption briefing
- b. 2006 performance measures
- c. legislative update - public health funding
- d. public health heroes awards

Activity update

- a. Jefferson County pandemic influenza tabletop exercise

Agenda planning

King County Board of Health Agenda

June 21, 2007

Call to Order

Roll Call

Announcement of Any Alternates Serving in Place of Regular Members

Approval of April 19, 2007 and May 10, 2007 Minutes

Public Comments
Chair's Report
Board Member Updates
Director's Report
Administrator's Report
a. Recognition ~ Presentation of a Recognition to Operation Storefront Students
Discussion and Possible Action
Resolution No. 07-04 ~ A RESOLUTION directing preparation of an emergency preparedness and response plan for the King County Board of Health.
Briefings
a. BOH Briefing No. 07-B20 ~ Nutritional Options in Restaurants
b. BOH Briefing No. 07-B21 ~ Public Health Operational Master Plan Update - Phase II Draft
Recommendations
Other Business
Adjournment

King County Board of Health Agenda - Revised

May 10, 2007

Call to Order
Roll Call
Announcement of Any Alternates Serving in Place of Regular Members
Approval of April 19, 2007 minutes
Public Comments
Chair's Report
Board Member Updates
Director's Report
Administrator's Report
Briefings
a. BOH Briefing No. 07-B17 ~ Washington State Legislative Wrap Up
b. BOH Briefing No. 07-B19 ~ Report on Diabetes in King County
c. BOH Briefing No. 07-B18 ~ Nutritional Options in Restaurants
d. BOH Briefing No. 07-B16 ~ Public Health Operational Master Plan Update
Other Business
Adjournment

Kittitas County Board of Health Agenda

May 17, 2007

Approval of April 26, 2007 minutes
Introductions and Announcements ~ BOHAC representative(s)
Contracts and Amendments:
a. MOU for Kittitas County Head Start
b. Consolidated Contract No. C14952 Amendment #2
c. CMA Child Care Infant Nurse Consultant Contract
d. Busy Buddies Child Care Infant Nurse Consultant Contract
e. Amendment to the Medical Services Agreement between Group Health Cooperative and Kittitas County Board of Health
Department Updates/Issues:
a. Health Officer update
b. Staffing replacements progress report

- c. Public Health funding update
 - d. Washington State Department of Health Site Specific Consultation Grant Award
 - e. 1st Quarter 2007, Quarterly Report
 - f. BOH requirement update
 - g. May 10th Emergency Preparedness Table Top Exercise & Regional PIO Functional Exercise
 - h. Archiving update
 - i. Sorensen building construction and move update
- Next regular Board of Health Meeting: June 21, 2007, 10 a.m., Commissioners' Auditorium

Kittitas County Board of Health Minutes

April 26, 2007

Approval of the March 22, 2007 minutes

Introductions ~ BOHAC member Leslie Berry was introduced.

Contracts:

- a. Standard Agreement between KCPHD and Central Washington University (Contract #671) to provide quarterly food inspections
- b. DSHS Contract #0563-83289 Amendment #2 for Interpreter FFP Administrative Match
- c. Consolidated Contract #C14952 Amendment #1
- d. DSHS Contract #0563-75729 Amendment #4 for Medicaid Administrative Match
- e. Contract Amendment No. KCHD-04-07 with Yakima Health District
- f. Memorandum of Understanding

Department updates:

- a. Staffing replacement progress report
- b. Environmental Health 2007 School Inspections
- c. Summary of the April 14 Free Children's Immunization and Fluoride Varnish Clinic
- d. Update on the Joint Plan of Operations with Washington State Department of Health, Office of Drinking Water
- e. Public Health Funding Update
- f. Washington State Department of Health, Maternal Child Health, First Steps Site Visit Business ~ West Nile Virus Dead Bird Collection Policy and Procedures

Adjournment

Lewis County Board of Health Agenda

May 14, 2007

Call to order

Determination of quorum

Approval of April 9, 2007 minutes

Consent agenda

- a. H. Res. #051407.1 Approve amendment #2 - 2007 consolidated contract between Washington Department of Health and Lewis County effective 2007-2011
 - b. H Res. #051407.2 Approve resolution for contract with Lower Columbia College
- Hearing ~ Lewis County Code 8.40

Public health issues

- a. memo - authorization to inspect and authorize disposal of abandoned and junk vehicles
- b. letter from SBOH re: attending County Board of Health meeting

Health officer/administrator update

- a. communicable disease report for 2006

Adjournment

Lewis County Board of Health Minutes

April 9, 2007

Call to order

Approval of March 12, 2007 minutes

Agenda additions and changes

Notice items:

- a. notice of hearing: adopt on-site ordinances
- b. proclamation: declaring April 2007 Public Health Month

Consent items:

- a. H.Res. #040907.2 ~ approve amendment #1 - 2007 Consolidated Contract between Washington Department of Health & Lewis County effective 2007-2011

Other business:

- a. letters ~ low-income dental care HPSA and low-income mental health HPSA

Public health issues:

- a. new focus of public health in Washington State assessment
 - What is public health assessment and why do we need it?
 - Where the Department has been since 1997 (see Assessment Book published 1997)
 - Where we are: assessment team; involved in community partnerships; several members of the community will talk about the impact of assessment
 - Where the Department is going: health status indicators - what are they and why do we need them?

Snohomish County Board of Health Agenda

June 5, 2007

Call to order and roll call

Chair's report ~ welcome to new Board member, City of Monroe Donnetta Walser

Health officer's report

- a. monthly report
- b. recognition of the Food & Living Environment Health Educators and Health Education Delivery Specialists as the Health District's Team of the Quarter

Approval of May 15, 2007 minutes

Public comment period

Committee reports and standing reports

- a. administration committee
- b. program policy committee
- c. standing reports and comments
 - communicable disease report
 - community health division report
 - environmental health division report
 - vital statistics report

Consent agenda

- a. approval of vouchers for May 2007
- b. approval of resolution 07-12, authorizing May 2007 expenditures for Health District, AIDS, and PHEPR funds

Action items ~ approval of resolution 07-13, approving Snohomish Health District Onsite Sewage System Management Plan

Discussion items ~ none

Information items ~ see attached calendar for scheduled meetings

Executive session ~ as needed

Other business
Adjournment

Snohomish Health District Board of Health Agenda

May 15, 2007

Call to order and roll call

Chair's report

Health officer's report

a. monthly report

b. recognition of the food and living environment health educators and health education delivery specialists as the health district's team of the quarter

c. report on obesity epidemic

Approval of April 10, 2007 minutes

Public comment period

Committee reports and standing reports

a. administration committee

b. program policy committee

c. standing reports and comments

-- communicable disease report

-- community health division report

-- environmental health division report

-- vital statistics report

-- finance report: December 31, 2006; March 31, 2007; future finances

Consent agenda

a. approval of resolution 07-10, authorizing April 2007 expenditures for health district, AIDS and PHEPR funds

b. approval of continuation of Medical Reserve Corps position

c. approval of increased budget for SLR contract

Action items ~ approval of resolution 07-11, authorizing change in revolving fund account from Wells Fargo to Bank of America

Discussion items ~ no discussion items

Information items

a. see attached calendar for scheduled meetings

b. the June 4, 2007 administration committee meeting is cancelled

Executive session ~ as needed

Other business

Adjournment

Snohomish County Board of Health Minutes

April 10, 2007

Call to order

Chair's report ~ wellness initiative

Health officer's report

monthly report

a. seasonal influenza

b. H5N1 avian influenza

Community wellness ~ obesity

Community relations

Approval of March 22, 2007 minutes

Public comment ~ none

Committee reports

Consent agenda ~ resolution 07-09 authorizing March 2007 expenditures for Health District, AIDS, PHEPR, and WIC funds

Action items ~ review and approval of restoration of .5 FTE health educator for tobacco prevention and control program

Discussion items

a. report on SHB 1825, providing public health funding

b. 2007 Board of Health meeting dates

c. June 12 meeting has been changed to June 5 due to an AWC Conference in Tacoma

d. July 10 meeting will stay the same.

Information items ~ meeting schedules

Other

Adjournment

Spokane Regional Health District Board of Health Agenda

May 24, 2007

Call to order

Roll call

Citizen input

Chair report

Health officer report

Approval of April 26, 2007 and May 9, 2007 minutes

Approval of vouchers: April 1-31, 2007

Action items:

a. resolution 07-01 authorizing a 2007 budget amendment

b. hearing on updated on-site sewage regulations

c. resolution 07-02 adoption of on-site sewage regulations

d. health officer job description

e. health officer salary range

f. health officer advertising budget

g. backup system purchase approval

Reports:

a. environmental health assessment

b. strategic planning update

c. smoking in cars with children present

d. health promotion division report

Board member concerns

Next meeting: June 28, 2007

Adjournment

Spokane Regional Health District Board of Health Agenda

May 9, 2007

Call to order

Roll call

Ad hoc committee report on agency structure

Action items:

a. decision on agency structure

b. appointing a search committee

c. discussion and potential action on job description

Next meeting: May 24, 2007

Adjournment

Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health Agenda

June 6, 2007

Emergency medical services program update

Comments by the public

Consent agenda

a. approval of May 2, 2007 and May 23, 2007 minutes

Regular agenda

a. approval of resolutions 2007-3978 through 2007-3981

Director of Health comments ~ none

Comments by Board of Health members

Executive session (to discuss pending legal & personnel issues)

Adjournment

Tacoma Pierce County Board of Health Agenda

May 23, 2007

Public health emergency preparedness & response (PHEPR)

Adjournment

Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health Minutes

April 18, 2007

Strategic direction

Septic systems in Pierce County

Direction from the BOH members

Next meeting: May 16, 2007

Adjournment

Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health Minutes

April 4, 2007

Call to order

Comments by the public ~ none

Consent agenda:

a. approval of March 7, 2007 and March 21, 2007 minutes

b. approval of resolution nos. 2007-3968 through 2007-3971

Regular agenda:

a. approval of resolution nos. 2007-3972 through 2007-3977

Director of health report

a. legislative update

b. 2006 accomplishments

-- communicable disease control

-- population-based and prevention programs

-- environmental health programs

-- strengthening families

-- improve access to care

Comments by BOH members

Executive session ~ personnel issues

Adjournment

Thurston County Board of Health Agenda

June 4, 2007

Call Meeting to Order

Approval of agenda

Approval of February 5, 2007 minutes

Correspondence: Lewis County Board of Health Thank you letter

Update on Citizen Issues

Opportunity for the Public to Address the Board

Consent Items

a. STEPS Program Subcontract

b) Family Planning Advisory Committee Member Appointment

Oral Health Program Update (Community School Sealant Program and ABCD Program) ~ No motion – information only

Women's Health Program Update ~ No motion – information only

Schedule Hearing to Amend Article IV of the Thurston County Sanitary Code

Call a Special Board of Health Meeting for June 18, 2007

Director's Report

Health Officer's Report

Adjournment

Thurston County Board of Health Minutes

May 7, 2007

Call Meeting to Order

a. Approval of Agenda

b. Approval of February 5, 2007 Minutes

c. Correspondence

-- Letter from the Washington State Board of Health (WSBOH) which reiterated their desire to continue corresponding and communicating with local boards of health.

-- Thank you note given to the WIC staff from a "Grateful Client"

Walt Cox Appeal - Request for Clarification

a. Commissioner Macleod moved to deny the request for clarification.

Update on Citizen Issues

a. Update on a citizen's concerns regarding septic issues at a residence in South County.

Opportunity For The Public To Address The Board - none

Consent Items

a. Steps to a Healthier WA Thurston County Project, North Thurston Public Schools Subcontract

b. Steps to a Healthier WA Thurston County Project, Thurston Regional Planning Council Subcontract

c. Washington State Department of Health 2007–2011 Consolidated Contract #C14967 Amendment No.

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d. Room Rate Extension for Mary Ann O'Garro

e. Room Rate Extension for Linda Stewart

f. Room Rate Extension for Jennifer Fleisch

g. Room Rate Extension for Chris Hawkins

h. Room Rate Extension for Zena Edwards

i. Room Rate Extension for Mark Freedman

Mental Health Access Project Update

Project Access Update

Director's Report - none
Health Officer's Report
a. Budd Inlet contamination
Adjournment

Thurston County Board of Health Minutes

April 2, 2007

Call meeting to order

- a. Approval of Agenda
- b. Approval of Minutes – Commissioner Macleod moved to approve the Minutes of March 5, 2007 as submitted. Commissioner Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Update on citizen issues

Opportunity for the public to address the board

Consent items

- a. Family Planning Advisory Committee Member Appointment
- STEPS “workwell healthy workplace designation program” update
- Partners for children, youth, and families advisory board update
- Forensic epidemiology ~ a case study in Thurston County
- Director's report ~ Public Health Week

Health officer's report

- a. Pandemic Influenza awareness
- b. West Nile Virus
- c. Rotavirus
- d. Contamination of Budd Inlet, dioxins and other chemicals

Adjournment

Walla Walla County Board of Health Agenda (non health related/routine business items excluded from this posting)

June 4, 2007

Roll call and establish a quorum

Declarations re: conflict of interest

Public comment period (time limitations may be imposed)

Bid Openings:

- a. Compressor replacement - Juvenile Justice Center
- b. Maintenance on HVAC units - Juvenile Justice Center

Consent Agenda Items:

- a. Resolution - Approving minutes of County Commissioners' sessions of May 29-30, 2007
- b. Payroll action and other forms requiring Board approval

Miscellaneous business to come before the Board

Review reports and correspondence; hear committee and meeting reports

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Consent Agenda Items:

- a. Resolution - Granting permission for out of state travel for Sharon Saffer
- b. Resolution - Authorizing Gregg C. Loney and Sharon Saffer to sign a grant application between the State of WA Traffic Safety Commission and Walla Walla County Department of Human Services
- c. Resolution - Revocation of Designated Mental Health Professional appointment

Department update and miscellaneous

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Miscellaneous business to come before the Board

Walla Walla Board of Health Agenda (non health related/routine business items excluded from this posting)
May 30, 2007
Board work session

Walla Walla Board of Health Agenda (non health related/routine business items excluded from this posting)
May 29, 2007

Roll call and establish a quorum

Declarations re: conflict of interest

Public comment period (time limitations may be imposed)

Consent Agenda Items:

a) Resolution - Approving minutes of County Commissioners' sessions of May 21-22, 2007

b) Resolution - Approval of revised Walla Walla County Emergency Medical Services Department Advisory Committee By-laws and Rules of Procedure

c) Approve AIA Standard Form Agreements between Walla Walla County and Opp & Seibold, Valley Mechanical, and Doyle Electric for renovation project at 314 West Main

d) Approval of county warrants

e) Payroll action and other forms requiring Board approval

Miscellaneous business to come before the Board

Review reports and correspondence; hear committee and meeting reports

COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

a) West Nile Virus update

b) Department update and miscellaneous

Walla Walla Board of Health Agenda (non health related/routine business items excluded from this posting)

May 22, 2007

Board work session

Walla Walla Board of Health Agenda (non health related/routine business items excluded from this posting)

May 21, 2007

Roll call and establish a quorum

Declarations re: conflict of interest

Public comment period (time limitations may be imposed)

Consent Agenda Items:

Resolution - Approving minutes of County Commissioners' sessions of May 14-15, 2007

Resolution - Bids for a compressor and maintenance Services for the County Juvenile Justice Center

Payroll action and other forms requiring Board approval

Miscellaneous business to come before the Board

Review reports and correspondence; hear committee and meeting reports

Human Services Department update and miscellaneous

Walla Walla Board of Health Agenda (non health related/routine business items excluded from this posting)

May 15, 2007

Board work session

Walla Walla Board of Health Agenda (non health related/routine business items excluded from this posting)

May 14, 2007

Roll call and establish a quorum

Declarations re: conflict of interest

Consent Agenda Items:

- a. Resolution - Approving minutes of County Commissioners' sessions of May 7-8, 2007
- b. Resolution - Formal bid award for laundry equipment for the county Juvenile Justice Center
- c. Resolution - Appointments to the Walla Walla County Noxious Weed Control Board
- d. Resolution - Out of state travel approval
- e. Approval of county warrants as follows: 4064184 through 4064699, in the amount of \$1,861,726.66
- f. Payroll action and other forms requiring Board approval

Miscellaneous business to come before the Board

Review reports and correspondence; hear committee and meeting reports

Review 2006 Walla Walla County Health Department annual report

Department update and miscellaneous

Walla Walla Board of Health Agenda (non health related/routine business items excluded from this posting)

May 7, 2007

Roll call and establish a quorum

Declarations re: conflict of interest

Public comment period (time limitations may be imposed)

Bid Opening:

- a. Laundry equipment for Juvenile Justice Center

Consent Agenda Items:

- a. Resolution - Approving minutes of County Commissioners' sessions of May 7-8, 2007
- b. Resolution - Approving the 2006 Walla Walla County Inventory
- c. Resolution - Proclaiming May as Older Americans Month
- d. Payroll action and other forms requiring Board approval

Miscellaneous business to come before the Board

Review reports and correspondence; hear committee and meeting reports

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- a. Resolution - Approving a request by the County Department of Human Services for an increase in petty cash funds

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Environmental Health Specialist I/II

Chelan-Douglas Health District

Closes: When Filled

For information:

<http://www.cdhd.wa.gov/docs/Full%20EHS%20Recruitment.pdf>

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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Berkeley Lab, EPA Studies Confirm Large Public Health And Economic Impact of Dampness and Mold: They estimate that number of asthma cases attributable to exposure in home is 4.6 million, at \$3.5 billion annual cost

May 24, 2007

BERKELEY, CA — A pair of studies to be published in the journal *Indoor Air* have quantified the considerable public health risks and economic consequences in the United States from building dampness and mold. William J. Fisk, Acting Division Director of Berkeley Lab's Environmental Energy Technologies Division, was head of EETD's Indoor Environment Department when this study was conducted. One paper by William J. Fisk, Quanhong Lei-Gomez and Mark J. Mendell, all from the U.S. Department of Energy's Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (Berkeley Lab), concludes that building dampness and mold raised the risk of a variety of respiratory and asthma-related health outcomes by 30 to 50 percent.

Brookline OKs trans fat ban

The Boston Globe, June 1, 2007

BROOKLINE -- The heart-clogging fats widely used in doughnuts and other processed treats are verboten in Brookline. Town Meeting members last night voted 194 to 11 last night to ban trans fats from the town's restaurants and schools, making Brookline the state's first municipality to pass such a measure. The town's action follows a similar ban in New York City that takes effect in July. "I think it's a great public health step," said Anita Johnson, a Town Meeting member who sponsored the proposal after learning about the ban in New York. "I hope that a trans fat ban will be extended to other cities and towns in Massachusetts."

Cancer vaccine free for children

Seattle Post-Intelligencer, May 24, 2007

Both the vaccine for human papillomavirus (HPV) and a vaccine that protects young children against rotavirus are now available free to children here. More than 1,800 health care providers will receive vaccine from Public Health -- Seattle & King County, state health officials said Wednesday. Money for the two vaccines was included in the state budget enacted by the Legislature in late April.

Connecticut Bill Would Mandate Calorie Information on Chain Restaurant Menus

RWJF, May 3, 2007

Connecticut lawmakers are considering legislation that would require chain restaurants to print calorie information on their menus for standard food items, the Hartford Courant reports. The bill, which could come before the state Senate as early as this week, is sponsored by state Senate President Pro Tem Donald Williams Jr. (D-Brooklyn) and would take effect July 1, 2008. Supporters, including the nutrition and anti-poverty group End Hunger Connecticut, say the measure would help consumers make more informed food choices. To highlight the need for greater nutrition transparency, the group on Tuesday released results from a poll that surveyed 501 Connecticut residents' knowledge regarding the nutrition content of menu items from Dunkin' Donuts, McDonald's and Chili's. Only 10 percent of respondents correctly identified two jelly donuts as the lowest-calorie Dunkin' Donuts option over a banana walnut muffin, sesame bagel with cream cheese and 24-ounce fruit smoothie. Just 3 percent were able to identify the lowest-calorie Chili's menu item, and respondents overwhelmingly picked a McDonald's Big Mac, which has 540 calories, as the more-fattening option compared with a 32-ounce shake, which contains 1,160 calories. Restaurant industry representatives, meanwhile, call the menu labeling measure intrusive and impractical, noting that many chain eateries already voluntarily post nutrition information on their Web sites (Pazniokas, Hartford Courant, 5/2/07).

Drugs found in Oregon streams

The News Tribune, May 8, 2007

PORTLAND – Scientists testing the beds of streams around Portland found the residue of the region's medicine cabinets and coffee shops. The list of compounds includes many known by such names as Prozac, Tagamet, Benadryl, and Micatin, as well as the caffeine that makes the Northwest edgy. The scientists were surprised, and troubled. They say they don't know how the chemicals might affect fish or other life. Among other things, they worry that antibiotics and other substances could help bacteria and other organisms develop resistance to drugs and pesticides.

Governor gets HIV exam bill

Chicago Tribune, June 5, 2007

In a compromise between public health forces and patients' rights activists, both houses of the Illinois General Assembly have unanimously passed a bill that drops the requirement for written consent before patients can be screened for HIV. The bill, which the state Senate ratified Friday and Gov. Rod Blagojevich is expected to sign, should help expand the number of people tested for the deadly disease, supporters say.

Lawmakers want to pump kids up

Stateline.org, May 24, 2007

With the Miami Dolphins training camp as a backdrop, former college quarterback and current Florida Gov. Charlie Crist (R) threw three spirals into a practice net last week, then signed a bill requiring elementary school students to get a half-hour of physical education each day. Florida's school children next fall will be part of a trend reversal in which some states are starting to bring back physical education classes, or P.E., to combat childhood obesity. In recent years, schools under pressure to raise math and reading scores have cut down on non-academic classes such P.E., art and music.

McDonald's to try healthier choices: The world's largest fast-food chain will use new trans-fat-free cooking oil and add more fruits and vegetables to its menu.

The Everett Herald, May 25, 2007

OAK BROOK, Ill. - McDonald's Corp. executives said Thursday that the world's largest restaurant chain

will roll out a new trans-fat-free oil nationwide within the next year, while hinting they also plan to add more fruits and vegetables to future menus.

McDonald's working on healthier Happy Meals, McNuggets

Marketwatch.com, April 13, 2007

To enhance their popularity amid growing concern over childhood obesity and related issues, McDonald's Corp. is undertaking a wide-ranging effort to improve the nutritional composition of its kids' combos. A key component: reducing the sodium content of Chicken McNuggets. The initiative apparently reflects worries about how some parents perceive its food. A recent report circulating among McDonald's franchisees said "mom's brand trust scores" were declining, possibly indicating growing misgivings as to where and what their kids eat. The Happy Meals reformulation is aimed at bringing them into compliance with recommended daily levels of various nutrition components, so that they contain less than 30% of the suggested maximum for such factors as calories, fat and sodium, according to a report circulating among franchisees.

Mentally ill could get more help: The State House OKs a bill that would require insurance companies to make coverage of mental and physical illness similar

The News & Observer, May 24, 2007

North Carolina took an initial step Wednesday toward joining a majority of other states that require insurance companies to cover treatment for mental illnesses the way they do physical ailments. But before passing the measure, members of the state House decided in a close vote to limit the number of people who may receive the expanded benefits. Supporters see the measure as an important step in reducing the stigma surrounding mental illness and helping people stay employed. The overall measure passed 116-1, and must now go to the Senate for consideration. Rep. George Holmes, a Republican from Yadkin County, provided the lone "no" vote.

National Cancer Institute Creates Spanish-Language Web Site for Patients, Providers

RWJF, May 24, 2007

In an effort to address disparities in cancer prevention and care, the National Cancer Institute (NCI) recently launched a Spanish-language Web site designed to meet the needs of Hispanic patients, Computerworld reports. The Web site, which includes resources for patients, families and providers, offers general information regarding cancer types and support services, as well as culturally tailored information refuting cancer myths prevalent in the Latino community. In addition, the site includes a Spanish-English dictionary of more than 5,000 health terms. According to one NCI official, the institute designed the site using patient input to ensure the information provided is both culturally and linguistically relevant (Rosencrance, Computerworld, 5/23/07).

New York considers mandatory immunization of girls to curb cancer

Lower Hudson Online, May 19, 2007

ALBANY - A year after the federal government approved a vaccine that prevents most cervical cancers in girls and young women, New York is one of about 24 states considering whether to mandate it and grappling with controversy surrounding the immunization. Much of the debate stems from what causes the cancer - human papillomavirus, the most common sexually transmitted infection. The vaccine prevents infection from HPV strains that cause 70 percent of cervical cancer cases and 90 percent of outbreaks of genital warts.

Newtown educator wins national hero award Woman helps to improve indoor air quality in schools

The News-Times, May 23, 2007

These days, schools in Connecticut must inspect and evaluate their indoor air quality and maintain their heating and air conditioning systems. Local and regional boards of education are urged to set up air quality committees to increase staff and student awareness of indoor environmental quality. These are some ways schools must monitor their indoor air quality and it's in large part because of Newtown educator Joellen Lawson, who was honored with the National Healthy School Hero Award 2007 this week for her work.

Pediatricians warn they are losing money on vaccinations

Health Watch, April 30, 2007

Pediatricians are worried that diseases such as polio, whooping cough and diphtheria will return to the population if insurers don't improve reimbursement for vaccinations. The American Academy of Pediatrics earlier this month issued a statement saying it was "alarmed that the soaring costs of vaccines combined with lower reimbursements from insurance companies will lead to the under-immunization of the nation's children and unnecessary outbreaks of preventable diseases."

Research questions worth of vaccine: Data casts doubts on mandatory use of anti-cancer drug

Los Angeles Times, May 10, 2007

New data on the controversial HPV vaccine designed to prevent cervical cancer has raised serious questions about its efficacy, researchers are to report today, undercutting the efforts in many states, including California, to make vaccination mandatory. Although the Merck vaccine, called Gardasil, blocked nearly 100 percent of infections by the two HPV strains it targets, it reduced the incidence of cancer precursors by only 17 percent overall. Part of the reason was that many of the teenage girls and young women in the three-year study had already been exposed to the virus, according to the report in the New England Journal of Medicine.

Restaurant nutrition bill advances

Chronicle Sacramento, June 1, 2007

Despite opposition from restaurants and business groups, the state Senate approved a bill Thursday to require restaurant chains to show the nutritional content of all items on their menus. "This is an important step forward in the national fight to curb obesity," said the bill's co-author, Sen. Carole Migden, D-San Francisco. "We ought to give people forthright information and allow them to make choices." Restaurants counter that most chains already make the information available either on the Internet or in on-site brochures customers can ask for.

States Balk at Cancer Vaccine Mandate

The Washington Post, May 20, 2007

ATLANTA -- For a time, Georgia was poised to become the latest state to require preteen girls to be vaccinated against a virus that causes cervical cancer. A powerful state Republican lawmaker proposed making the vaccine mandatory for girls entering sixth grade, and the governor included \$4.3 million in his budget to make it available to some 13,000 girls whose family's insurance policies wouldn't cover it.

States reject making girls get vaccination for cervical cancer

Seattle Post-Intelligencer, May 20, 2007

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Survey looks at health care availability

The Yakima Herald, May 22, 2007

Local health officials have begun surveying primary medical, dental and mental health providers in Yakima County to determine the extent of the area's shortage of health care professionals. The results won't be tallied until later this year, but they will determine how much and what kind of federal aid will be available to improve the supply of those professionals.

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Forum for State Health Policy Leadership, Vol. 28, Issue 492, May 25, 2007

- States Look to Improve Access for Small Businesses ~ A “Connector” mechanism, pooling, wellness incentives and county-controlled programs are some of the tools being put into place or considered by Washington, Iowa and Texas.
- Massachusetts Establishes “Wrap-Around” Program for Children’s Hospice ~ The Bay State is using state-only funds to provide palliative (and curative) care to children with severe or terminal illnesses.
- More States Consider Restricting Access to Indoor Tanning ~ Alarmed by the growing incidence of skin cancer, 15 state legislatures have considered or passed bills that would restrict minors’ access to tanning salons.
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Assessing state immunization requirements for healthcare workers and patients

American Journal of Preventive Medicine, Vol. 32, Issue 6, June 2007

Background: Laws requiring vaccination for school entry have resulted in high coverage and reduced disease incidence; however, few data exist on the use of similar laws in other settings. This study reviews laws regulating vaccination of healthcare workers (HCWs) and patients in selected healthcare delivery settings.

Politics, Parents, and Prophylaxis — Mandating HPV Vaccination in the United States

New England Journal of Medicine, Vol. 356, Issue 19, May 10 2007

Cancer prevention has fallen victim to the culture wars. Throughout the United States, state legislatures are scrambling to respond to the availability of Merck's human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine, Gardasil, and to the likely introduction of GlaxoSmithKline's not-yet-approved HPV vaccine, Cervarix, which have been shown to be effective in preventing infection with HPV strains that cause about 70% of cases of cervical cancer. At the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) has voted unanimously to recommend that girls 11 and 12 years of age receive the vaccine, and the CDC has added Gardasil to its Vaccines for Children Program, which provides free immunizations to impoverished or underserved children.

A Spreading Concern: Inhalational Health Effects of Mold

Environmental Health Perspectives, Vol. 115, No. 6, June 2007

Several prominent cases of mold contamination in buildings have drawn the media spotlight, but there is still disagreement about the nature of the inhalational health effects of mold. As recently as 25 years ago, inhaled mold was considered primarily a nuisance, not a health threat. But the growing scientific and medical evidence suggests the threat is widespread, and can be serious for some people. The building design and construction industries are beginning to recognize that their efforts are critical in preventing mold problems. Policy makers are still a long way from being able to set mold exposure and remediation standards, but some industry groups are working to develop such guidelines for their members.

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Proposed Rule Making (CR-102)

Repeal of WAC 246-203-120 and adoption of WAC 246-203-121, Disposal of Dead Animals. This rule is applicable to the disposal of most types of dead animals except diseased livestock.

CR-102 filed: May 2, 2007

The Board will consider adopting a major update of its rule (WAC 246-203-120) for the disposal of solid waste, manure, and dead animals at its June 2007 meeting in Pullman. This rule pre-dates many more detailed rules administered by other agencies. However, the rule continues to provide a means for local health officers to address public health nuisance complaints regarding dead animal disposal. This proposal is scheduled for public hearing at 1:30 PM on June 13, 2007. Comments may be submitted in advance electronically through the following web site <http://www3.doh.wa.gov/policyreview/>.

Note: Similar rules for the disposal of diseased livestock were adopted May 1, 2007 by the Washington State Department of Agriculture and may be viewed at http://agr.wa.gov/LawsRules/Rulemaking/FSAHCS/docs/CR-103_16-25PR.pdf.

Proposed Rule Making (CR-101)

WAC 246-100-191, Animals, birds, pets - Measures to prevent human disease. WAC 246-100-201, Birds-Prevent Psittacosis

CR-101 filed: May 2, 2007

The State Board of Health is considering revising rules regarding prevention and control of human cases of psittacosis and other diseases transmissible from animals to humans to reflect current standards of practice. A new section specifically addressing rabies is being considered. The rules focus on environmental factors and controls, not human case tracking and management.

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