

Julia Patterson, *Board of Health Chair*

**BOH Members:**

Sally Clark  
Richard Conlin  
George Counts  
Reagan Dunn  
Bob Ferguson  
Ava Frisinger  
Larry Gossett  
David Hutchinson  
Kathy Lambert  
Frankie Manning  
Bud Nicola  
Tom Rasmussen  
Pete von Reichbauer

**Public Health Director:**

Dorothy Teeter, Interim  
Director & Health Officer

**BOH Staff:**

Kathleen Uhlorn

**King County Board of Health**  
**Friday, April 21, 2006**  
**Lake Forest Park Council Chambers**  
**MEETING PROCEEDINGS**

Members Present: Richard Conlin; Reagan Dunn; Ava Frisinger; Larry Gossett; David Hutchinson; Kathy Lambert; Bud Nicola; Julia Patterson

Members Absent: Sally Clark; George Counts; Bob Ferguson; Pete von Reichbauer; Frankie Manning; Tom Rasmussen.

Staff: Dorothy Teeter; Kathy Uhlorn; and Jane McKenzie

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:36 AM by Chair Patterson.

2. Announcement of Alternates

No alternates were present.

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the March 2006 meeting were approved.

4. General Public Comments

Mr. Edward McDonald testified in support of the proposed Zoonotic Disease Prevention Code. Mr. McDonald indicated that four neighbors also submitted letters in support of this proposed code for the Board's consideration.

Ms. Anne Stadler testified about the implementation and monitoring of public health indicators by the City of Lake Forest Park, in addition to efforts being made at the County level to improve the health of the community at large. Results for the City of Lake Forest Park's efforts are published online at [www.thirdplacecommons.org](http://www.thirdplacecommons.org).

Mr. Jim Gough, Co-Compliance Supervisor for the City of Bellevue, testified in favor of the proposed Zoonotic Disease Prevention Code. Mr. Gough conveyed the support of Bellevue's Mayor, City Council, and other government officials who are interested in effective mechanisms for rodent control within the City of Bellevue.

5. Chair's Report

Board Member Hutchinson provided community highlights of the City of Lake Forest Park and the visibility for public health that a meeting in the community will provide.

Chair Patterson reported:

- Public Health Week was April 3 through 7, with the theme of “Healthy Lifestyles and Walking.” The Department planned lunch-time walks each day of this week to demonstrate its commitment to those goals.
- A Town Hall meeting regarding pandemic flu was held in Renton on April 20<sup>th</sup> at the Cascade Elementary School Auditorium. Chair Patterson encouraged colleagues to host similar meetings, and added that King County Councilmember Jane Hague, will be hosting a Town Hall on pandemic flu on May 13<sup>th</sup> at the Bellevue High School Library.
- The King County Overweight Prevention Initiative Forum is scheduled for May 12<sup>th</sup> at Highline Community College in the City of Des Moines.
- Dan Sherman, Des Moines City Councilmember, will be serving as a Suburban Cities Alternate for the Board, once his appointment is confirmed by the King County Council.
- Tours for Board members of the Department’s facilities and programs have been scheduled for July 7<sup>th</sup> and July 14<sup>th</sup>.
  - July 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-11:00 a.m. there will be a tour of Jail Health Services.
  - July 7<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-2:30 p.m. there will be a tour of the Columbia Health Center.
  - July 14<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. there will be a tour of restaurants in the International District.
- Chair Patterson asked King County Council Chair Larry Phillips to send a letter to Secretary Mary Selecky, Washington State Department of Health, on the Council’s behalf regarding the Comprehensive Hospital Abstract Reporting System (CHARS), encouraging the collection and reporting of patient information on racial/ethnic background and primary language spoken. Per a response from Secretary Mary Selecky, Washington State Department of Health, the requirement for hospitals to collect data on a patient’s race or ethnicity has been adopted. However, acquiring patient language data continues to be a struggle. Chair Patterson suggested that members of the Suburban Cities Association send a letter to Secretary Selecky highlighting the need to include primary language in the reporting data.
- The search for a Department Director is being conducted through Bennett Yarger Associates. The recruitment brochure should be completed by April 28<sup>th</sup>; prospective candidate identification will occur through June 2<sup>nd</sup>; and final candidate interviews will take place between June 15<sup>th</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- The King County Council was provided with a briefing on pandemic flu preparedness this past week and it was discovered that there is no official stated role for the Board of Health in case of an outbreak. It is clear that the Board should have a role in educating the public should there be an outbreak. Staff have been asked to propose a communication and outreach plan for the Board in case of an outbreak of pandemic flu.

#### 6. Board Member Updates

Board Member Conlin asked whether there was an updated version of the Influenza Response Plan. Ms. Teeter responded that a version updated in March of 2006 is presently posted online.

Board Member Nicola shared some of the information provided at the Statewide Pandemic Summit.

Board Member Hutchinson reported that the cities of Lake Forest Park and Issaquah will be working with the Department to plan a pandemic flu tabletop exercise.

#### 7. Director's Report

Ms Teeter reported:

- Information from the Statewide Pandemic Summit.
- April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. NBC Dateline will air a segment entitled "Outbreak" about pandemic flu.
- The Department did extensive work in preparing for the potential garbage strike and although it did not take place, the planning was a great exercise in coordination within County government.
- The Department is launching a "Live Outside the Box" campaign aimed at reducing television viewing time for children. National TV Turnoff Week for 2006 is April 24-30.
- There was great attendance at the Department-sponsored walks during Public Health Week, April 3-7.

#### 8. Administrator's Report

Ms. Uhlorn reported that staff have followed up on requests from the Board to:

- Send out information to Board members about the walks planned for Public Health week.
- Provide more information about the Columbia City walk on May 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Work to develop a reporting schema on deaths occurring in the King County Jail.
- Provide a synopsis of each of the Public Health Operational Master Plan Steering Committee meetings and provide information on the ethnic/racial composition of the PHOMP consultant group, Milne & Associates; the percentage of the immigrant population of the major Metropolitan Health Department comparisons to our Department; follow-up on recommendations concerning additional outreach in Phase II of the Public Health Operational Master Plan stakeholder process.
- Finalize the Board Work Program based on Board member input.

Jerry DeGriek, Public Health Policy Advisor, City of Seattle spoke about the issue of trans fats addressed in a letter to the Board from City of Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels.

Board member Lambert asked for a briefing on follow-up items from prior meetings at the start of each meeting; that the presentation on drowning prevention include bath tub drowning incidents; and a briefing at the beginning of each meeting on health risk changes (e.g. TB and mumps outbreaks). Ms. Teeter indicated that she would be able to cover health risk changes in her Director's report. Ms. Teeter also indicated that she would have Department staff develop a general public information piece on mumps.

#### 9. Finalization of the Board of Health's Work Program (Action Item)

The Board adopted the King County Board of Health 2006-2007 Work Program.

#### 10. Public Health Operational Master Plan (PHOMP) Status Update

Toni Rezab, Project Manager, PHOMP, provided a status report on the planning process and responses to questions raised at last month's Board meeting.

- The Steering Committee reviewed the Role Definition White Paper

- There are still 3 outstanding White Papers (public health funding; the health environment; and policy).

Board member Lambert indicated an interest to look at how other countries handle health care and public health. Board member Nicola added that another aspect that should be looked at is the mission and goals of organizations like the World Health Organization to further analyze how public health issues are handled internationally. Board member Conlin added that information on health care reform efforts in Massachusetts may also assist in the development of a PHOMP framework.

Ms. Rezab indicated that there would be a place for these factors to be incorporated into the development of the PHOMP framework. Ms. Rezab also provided information about the immigrant demographic information for each Major Metropolitan Health Jurisdiction (MMHJ) included in the PHOMP study and the cultural diversity of the PHOMP consultant team, Milne & Associates.

#### 11. The Organizational Structure of Public Health – Seattle & King County

Ms. Teeter began the presentation by familiarizing the Board with the structure of the Department and its divisions. These Divisions are:

- Office of the Director, which covers all of the internal functions for the Department. The Board of Health Administrator is housed in this Division, as well as the Department's Chief Administrative and Chief Financial Officers, human resources, budget, and other management functions.
- Community Health Services (Director, Joan Haynes). Marcy Maurer, Assistant Division Director, presented an overview of the functions included under the Division's mission to provide and/or administer or oversee contracts with community-based organizations to provide clinical care and preventative services, including public health nursing services that are focused on maternal child health.

Board member Gossett asked whether there was any data regarding the percentage of the population within King County served by the Division's services. Ms Teeter added that she would follow-up with that information.

- Jail Health Services (Section Manager, Bette Pine). Ms. Pine briefed the Board on the functions provided at the counties jails, through the Section, as well as the demographic information for the population receiving treatment.

Board member Hutchinson asked for a copy of the statistics that Ms. Pine mentioned. Ms. Pine agreed to forward this information to Board members.

- Prevention Services (Director, Gary Johnson). Mr. Johnson detailed the Division's multiple programs in disease prevention (e.g. the Communicable Disease Program; the Vaccine for Children Program for King County; the Sexually Transmitted Disease clinic at Harborview Medical Center; the County Public Health Laboratory; Tuberculosis Prevention Program; Washington Breast and Cervical Health Program; Chronic Disease Program). The Division also houses the Violence and Injury Prevention, Vital Statistics, and Tobacco Programs.

- Environmental Health Services (Director, Ngozi Oleru). Dr. Oleru briefed the Board on the essential protective functions that the Division provides for the public, including protection of water, air, land, soil, and food.
- Emergency Medical Services (Director, Tom Hearne). Mr. Hearne discussed the Medic One Program and paramedic training components of the Division.

12. Zoonotic Disease Prevention Code

Dr. Ngozi Oleru, Environmental Health Services, Division Manager, introduced the presentation. Dr. Sharon Hopkins, Public Health Veterinarian, provided a summary of emergent and existing zoonotic diseases and emphasized the importance of the proposed code revision.

Roman Welyczko, Code Enforcement Officer, provided an outline of the structure of the proposed code. Mr. Welyczko briefed the Board on the stakeholder process undertaken in the development of the code. Teri Barclay, Senior Health and Environmental Investigator, continued the presentation by discussing the issues posed by rodents, the services presently provided through the Department, and the need for regulations to prevent infestations.

13. Adjournment

Chair Patterson adjourned the meeting at 12:22 PM.

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JULIA PATTERSON, CHAIR

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