

Julia Patterson, *Board of Health Chair*

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Sally Clark
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George Counts
Reagan Dunn
Bob Ferguson
Ava Frisinger
Larry Gossett
David Hutchinson
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Tom Rasmussen
Pete von Reichbauer

Public Health Director:

Dorothy Teeter, Interim
Director & Health Officer

BOH Staff:

Kathleen Uhlorn

**King County Board of Health
SPECIAL MEETING
Friday, October 27, 2006
Southwest Conference Room, King County Courthouse
MEETING PROCEEDINGS**

Members Present: Sally Clark; Richard Conlin; Bob Ferguson; David Hutchinson; Kathy Lambert; Bud Nicola; Pete von Reichbauer; Julia Patterson.

Members Absent: George Counts; Reagan Dunn; Ava Frisinger; Larry Gossett; Frankie Manning; Tom Rasmussen.

Staff: Dorothy Teeter; Kathy Uhlorn; Jane McKenzie

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:08 PM by Board Chair Patterson.

2. Announcement of Alternates

No alternates were present.

3. General Public Comments

Amy Boone, Nurse Practitioner, Public Health Northshore Clinic, expressed concern over the news of possible public health clinic closures.

4. Overview of King County Council Budget Process

Carrie S. Cihak, Senior Principal Legislative Analyst, King County Council, and Bob Cowan, Director, Office of Management & Budget, provided an overview of the King County Budget Process. Ms. Cihak discussed the Council's role in the process, as well as Board of Health resolutions, such as the overweight initiative and pandemic flu preparedness, which are now built into the Executive's budget. She also commented on the timeline for the budget process. Mr. Cowan provided more detail on the budget process timeline.

Boardmember Lambert suggested that the Board of Health see the Executive's Proposed budget for Public Health earlier in the process.

Ms. Cihak discussed the Public Health appropriation unit, including services and budget.

Boardmembers and staff discussed Medicaid funding and clinical services.

5. 2007 King County Executive Proposed Budget for Public Health

Bob Cowan, Director, Office of Management & Budget provided an overview of the 2007 King County Executive Proposed budget for Public Health. Mr. Cowan also provided information on the entire King County Budget, and historical information about funding for human services.

Boardmembers discussed the problem of expenditures growing faster than revenues.

Boardmember Conlin suggested that the proposal for funding public health services statewide also include a provision to index any funding source with inflation. (The proposal made by the 4410 Joint Select Committee on Public Health Funding included funding public health services with revenue generated from the State's Tobacco Tax).

6. King County Council Staff Analysis of Executive Proposed Budget

Ms. Cihak provided an overview of her staff report to Boardmembers, which included information on the public health funding crisis and current efforts under the 4410 Joint Select Committee to address the issue.

7. Overview of City of Seattle's contributions to Public Health

Jerry DeGriek, City of Seattle Health Policy Advisor, provided an overview of the City of Seattle's budget process. Mr. DeGriek also highlighted some of the services funded by the City of Seattle and provided by Public Health.

Boardmember Lambert asked about the cost per inmate for care provided by Public Health's Jail Health Services.

Boardmember Hutchinson emphasized the importance of supporting the proposal of the 4410 Joint Select Committee for Public Health Funding.

Board Chair Patterson clarified that this funding should be indexed to the rate of health care costs.

Board Chair Patterson asked that staff provide some recommendations on the most effective way to influence the budget process.

8. Adjournment

Chair Patterson adjourned the meeting at 3:06 PM.

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