



King County
Meeting Proceedings
Board of Health

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

**Metropolitan King County Councilmembers: Chair Julia Patterson, Reagan
Dunn,**

**Bob Ferguson, Kathy Lambert, Larry Phillips, Pete von Reichbauer
Alternates: Dow Constantine, Larry Gossett, Jane Hague**

**Seattle City Councilmembers: Richard Conlin, Sally Clark, Tom Rasmussen
Alternate: Peter Steinbrueck**

**Suburban Elected Members: David Hutchinson, Ava Frisinger
Alternate: Dan Sherman**

**Health Professionals: Ray M. Nicola, MD, MHSA, FACPM,
Frankie T. Manning, RN, M.A. and George W. Counts, MD**

**Staff: Kathy Uhlorn, Board Administrator (296-4312); Carrie Cihak, Lead
Staff (296-0317)**

**Director, Seattle-King County Department of Public Health: Dr. David
Fleming**

Room 1001

April 19, 2007

1:30 PM

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:33 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Ms. Patterson, Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Clark, Mr. Rasmussen, Mayor Hutchinson, Ms. Frisinger, Dr. Nicola, Ms. Manning, Dr. Counts, Mr. Phillips and Sherman
Excused: Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn and Mr. Conlin

Announcement of Any Alternates Serving in Place of Regular Members

Boardmembers Sherman and Manning attended the meeting.

1. Approval of Minutes of March 15, 2007

Boardmember Counts moved approval of the minutes of March 15, 2007. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Public Comments

*The following person spoke:
Henry Gordon*

3. Chair's Report

The Chair made the following report:

- 1. On April 2, 2007, the Chair and Director Fleming briefed the Seattle City Council on the Public Health Operational Master Plan.*
- 2. The King County Council has been discussing public health in its citizen budget fora, focus groups and workshops. During the public fora, which were held in each council district, the public health clinics rose to top of the citizens' priority lists. Further results on the citizen priorities are posted*

on the King County Council website.

3. It is almost time for the reauthorization of the parks levy. The health connection to the parks levy is important, especially when considering health disparities.

4. Public Health Week was the first week in April and noon-time walks were successful.

4. Board Member Updates

Board member Clark mentioned that May is bike-to-work month. She and Boardmember Rasmussen are the captains of the City of Seattle teams and she challenged King County members to begin to put a team or teams together.

5. Director's Report

Director Fleming announced that April 19 is April Pools Day. He thanked the Board for its welcome and proposed that the Director's report be an informal and interactive dialogue with the Board and offered to answer Boardmembers' questions on the spot.

Boardmember Nicola asked about pandemic flu planning. The Director indicated that he has been participating in the planning and that the key issues are antivirals and community partners, access to vulnerable populations and establishing criteria for relaxing social distancing procedures at the end of the epidemic.

Boardmember Counts asked the Director what his highest priority is, given the demands and increasing needs of public health. The Director responded that his priorities are (1) provision, which includes access to care, in which he sees the Department as a leader, convener and facilitator of dialogue on more effective ways of providing access, (2) protection, which includes dealing with the erosion of capacity and the lack of funding for public health infrastructure, and (3) promotion, which includes creating a foundation for programs that will provide information on making healthy decisions on tobacco, obesity and injury prevention.

Board member Rasmussen asked about the access to antivirals during an epidemic. The Director reported that the county has stockpiled 270,000 doses of Tamiflu and that the federal government would contribute an additional 130,000 doses in the event of an epidemic.

Boardmember Hutchinson noted that in considering health promotion and organizational infrastructure, there is a lack of emphasis and planning working with the cities.

6. Administrator's Report

Board Administrator Kathy Uhlorn followed up on items from the last meeting: (1) Chair Patterson had an op-ed piece on trans fat printed in the newspaper; (2) the May Board meeting will be held on May 10 at the SeaTac City Hall; (3) King County has adopted a new logo, which will begin to appear on Board materials; (4) the State Board of Health has requested a joint meeting with the Board; and (5) there is a new website on health and exercise at www.metrokc.gov/health/exercise.

Briefings

7. **BOH Briefing No. 07-B14**

Public Health Operational Master Plan Update

Toni Rezab, Executive staff, and David Randall, Council staff, briefed the Board on the operational master plan (PHOMP). Ms. Rezab reviewed the framework of PHOMP and the structure for the Phase II process. Mr. Randall discussed the performance measurement efforts going on in the county, including the PHOMP and how these efforts relate to budget planning.

8. **BOH Briefing No. 07-B15**

Washington State Legislative Update

Tom Bristow, Council staff, briefed the Board on public financing efforts in the legislature. The goal was to create a dedicated funding source that would place funds of \$50 million per year for distribution statewide. In the latest budget, there is an appropriation of \$10 million per year for each year of biennium. It appears that King County's share will be \$2.183 million. Director Fleming and a department work group, consisting of Dorothy Teeter, Kathy Uhlorn, Harriet Malone, Vivian Stevenson, Karen Russell, Caren Adams, Elaine Cummins, Donna Oberg, Mary Zwerling, Michelle Pennylegion, Ethan van Eck, Jayne Kauzloric, Gary Johnson and James Apa, worked hard to educate various elected officials. There were five bills relating to public health that were adopted: cell phone use, health services expansion for children, sexual education, fire retardant phase out, and Human Papilloma Virus information and access to the HPV vaccine.

9. **BOH Briefing No. 07-B13**

Nutritional Options in Restaurants

Kathy Uhlorn, Board Administrator, reviewed past briefings on trans fats. Donna Oberg, project manager for nutritional options in restaurants, briefed the Board. The current name for the effort is Informed Choices: a Foundation for Healthier Eating in Restaurants. There was discussion of the current name. Tom Douglas, Patricia Burns and Lynn Chapman have been named to the advisory committee on nutrition. The first meeting of committee is on May 2 from 4-6 p.m. The committee will advise the Board on policies to improve nutritious options in restaurants that the Board would consider taking action on in July.

10. **BOH Briefing No. 07-B12**

Board of Health HIV/AIDS Committee Preliminary Report

Kathy Uhlorn, Board Administrator, and Jerry DeGriek, City of Seattle Health Policy Advisor, briefed the Board on the process of the HIV/AIDS committee and on stakeholder comments and ideas. Boardmember Counts presented the committee's preliminary recommendations: (1) convene a community discussion on HIV testing; (2) identify problems plaguing the current system, including inflexibility of funding and homophobia; (3) develop a specific plan with a five year goal of reducing HIV.

Boardmember Rasmussen discussed the complacency and quiet desperation in the community and reiterated the need for a call for leadership. He believes that the Board is the perfect group to provide this leadership and to develop effective and sustained messages to the communities.

Boardmember Clark reiterated the Board's ability to stimulate a call to action.

Boardmember Sherman began a discussion of the possible changes to this issue in the five or six years since the Board last considered this issue. He asked about the prevalence of HIV/AIDS in the county and especially in South King County.

Boardmember Manning asked what are the impacts of health disparities in treatment of HIV/AIDS by the health care system.

Boardmember Rasmussen encouraged all members to provide comments on the draft report.

Other Business

There was no other business to come before the Board.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____.

Clerk's Signature