



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)

Room 1001

January 18, 2007

1:30 PM

REVISED

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Julia Patterson at 1:35 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Announcement of Any Alternates Serving in Place of Regular Members

There were no alternate members of the Board present.

1. Approval of Minutes of the December 15, 2006 Meeting

Board member Hutchinson moved approval of the minutes of December 15, 2006. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Chair's Report

The Chair reported that public health funding has been identified by the King County council as its top legislative priority. The Governor has included \$10 million in her budget for public health funding and there may be other bills on this topic introduced during the legislative session. The Chair met with key legislators on this issue in Olympia last week.

The Chair also reported on administrative changes to the Board. Anne Noris, the King County Council clerk, will begin serving as the clerk to the Board and information on the agenda, briefings and legislation before the Board will now appear in Legistar, the Council's legislative management system.

The Chair also thanked Dorothy Teeter, the interim Director of Public Health, on her last meeting as interim director and reminded the Board of Ms. Teeter's many achievements during her tenure. Ms. Teeter responded.

Board Member Updates

Board member Hutchinson reported that the City of Lake Forest Park has adopted a resolution regarding public health funding and that the Suburban Cities Association is also considering a policy statement on the issue. He also reported that on a recent trip to the United Kingdom he saw a message on a cigarette box that stated "Cigarettes will kill you."

Board member Manning reported on the recent State Board of Health meeting, which considered updated food service rules and a focus on trans fat. She reported on the report and recommendations of the vision screening task force, which indicate that there are no common standards or required vision screening in the schools. She requested that the Board send a letter in support of a Group Health pilot project to permit the return of unused prescription drugs to pharmacists and health care providers. Chair Patterson indicated that a letter of support would be sent.

Board member Conlin reported that the City of Seattle has also put full funding of public health on its legislative agenda.

Director's Report

Ms. Teeter reminded the Board and members of the public to get a flu shot if they have not yet done so. She reported that a published study in "Circulation" suggested a new procedure for treating heart attack victims, based on research conducted by the EMS division. She reported on the Department's response to the recent windstorm, including a survey of vaccine providers about temperature sensitive vaccines and monitoring of long term care facilities of nursing homes. The experience of the Department and the Emergency Operations Center gave needed information on what steps should be taken, which is complicated by the fact that the State licenses nursing homes and that municipal staff does not always have current information. She thanked Bellevue Community College for providing space for nursing home residents who needed shelter. She also reported on the numerous cases of carbon monoxide poisoning and the information supplied to immigrant communities on how to avoid such poisoning. There were over 300 cases of carbon monoxide poisoning during the storms. The Department's previous work on vulnerable populations provided a good database to support these educational efforts. There was a general discussion about other issues related to the storms.

Simon Farretta, Council staff, reported that the Council's Committee of the Whole will conduct a town hall meeting on February 5 on winter storm and emergency preparedness.

Administrator's Report

Kathy Uhlorn, Board Administrator, reported that the governor's budget included money for injury prevention, including lifeguards in state parks and for communicable diseases. She also reported that a bill had been introduced in the legislature relating to the work of the 4410 Joint Committee on public health funding. She also reported that the HPV (human papilloma virus) vaccine is not available to low income women.

Chair Patterson recognized Seattle University nursing students in attendance.

Discussion and Possible Action

2. Election of 2007 King County Board of Health Officers

The Chair entertained nominations for chair and vice chairs of the Board for 2007. Board member Hutchinson nominated Julia Patterson as chair. Board member Conlin seconded. The vote was unanimous. Chair Patterson responded.

Board member Conlin nominated Tom Rasmussen as vice chair for the City of Seattle. Board member Hutchinson seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Board member Frisinger nominated Dave Hutchinson as vice chair for the Suburban Cities Association. Board member Rasmussen seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Board member Nicola nominated Dr. George Counts as vice chair for the health professionals. Board member Hutchinson seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Board member Patterson nominated Kathy Lambert as vice chair for the King County Council. Board member Conlin seconded. The vote was unanimous.

3. Resolution No. 07-01

A RESOLUTION adopting the 2007 work program for the King County Board of Health.

Carrie Cihak, council staff, briefed the Board on its 2006 achievements: phase 1 of the Public Health Operational Master Plan (PHOMP), substantive contents of the meetings, health disparities, 2007 county budget, advocacy in HIV/AIDS funding, domestic violence and drowning prevention. Chair Patterson introduced the 2007 Board work program, which focuses on the PHOMP, obesity, and sustainability of public health financing, including financing and performance management. After a general discussion, other potential topics for the work program include: expanding the obesity focus to be more than diet, intersection with the King County budget process, health disparities, Medicaid reimbursements, domestic violence follow-up, active recreation in state parks and emergency preparedness.

The Chair indicated that the Board would vote on the 2007 work program at the February Board meeting.

Briefings

4. BOH Briefing No. 07-B01

Public Health Operational Master Plan (PHOMP) Update

Toni Rezab, PHOMP project manager, briefed the Board on status of the PHOMP, which is ending phase one of the project and establishing policy frameworks. Carrie Cihak, council staff, answered questions

Presented

5. BOH Briefing No. 07-B03

Rulemaking Authority of the King County Board of Health

Jane McKenzie, senior deputing prosecuting attorney, briefed the Board and answered questions.

Presented

6. **BOH Briefing No. 07-B02**

Potential Board of Health Strategies to Reduce Intake of Trans Fat in King County

Kathy Uhlorn, Board Administrator, briefed the Board on the health risks of trans fats. Erin MacDougall, PhD, Manager, Healthy Eating and Active Living, Public Health - Seattle & King County, and Donna Oberg, RD, MPH, Nutrition Consultant, Public Health - Seattle & King County, made a PowerPoint presentation on education strategies in New York City and Westchester County, New York.

Presented

Other Business

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____.

Clerk's Signature