



**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**

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Kirkland City Hall

March 15, 2007

1:30 PM

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Kirkland City Hall - Peter Kirk Room  
123 5th Avenue  
Kirkland, WA 98033

**Call to Order**

*The Board of health was called to order at 1:41 p.m. in the Peter Kirk Room of the Kirkland City Hall*

**Roll Call**

Present: Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Lambert, Ms. Patterson, Mr. Conlin, Ms. Clark, Ms. Frisinger, Ms. Manning, Dr. Counts and Mr. Phillips

Excused: Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Rasmussen, Mayor Hutchinson and Dr. Nicola

**Announcement of Any Alternates Serving in Place of Regular Members**

*Boardmember Jane Hague attended the meeting. Boardmember Hague welcomed the Board to Kirkland, which is located in her county council district.*

**1. Approval of Minutes of February 15, 2007**

*Boardmember Frisinger moved approval of the February 15, 2007 minutes. Boardmember Counts seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

**2. Public Comments**

*The following people presented comments to the Board:*

*Butch Lovelace*

*Lisa DiGiorgio*

*Eric Shields and Jennifer Schroeder*

*Board administrator Kathy Uhlorn indicated that there was written testimony relating to fees for a*

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*facility with multiple businesses in the same location.*

### **3. Chair's Report**

*Chair Patterson reported on efforts in the state legislature to secure funding for public health and indicated that letters in support of stable funding had been sent on behalf of the Board and also sent by the state Board of Health and the King County Council. She also referred to an article in a local newspaper about jail health and reported that the King County Council unanimously concluded that there should be an independent audit of jail health, which is in process. After the audit is completed, the Council will determine the appropriate actions to take.*

### **4. Board Member Updates**

*Boardmember Conlin noted that a newspaper article on state funding for public health contained the phrase "special interest" when referring to public health. He asked that the chair send a letter to the writer of the article and the newspaper's editor to explain that public health is not a "special interest." The Chair indicated she believed that the writer was inaccurately ascribing partisan politics to the issue of public health funding. Boardmember Manning agreed that health care is not a partisan issue. There was no objection to the Chair sending a letter.*

*Boardmember Manning reported on the State Board of Health meeting. The new chair of the state Board of Health is Treuman Katz. The Board heard a report on newborn screening for hearing deficits and an update on the state's shellfish problem.*

*Boardmember Counts indicated that he had received a briefing from Public Health staff on the HPV vaccine and that he now concurred with the Board's position on this issue.*

### **5. Director's Report**

*In Dr. Fleming's absence, Dorothy Teeter, Chief of Health Operations, Public Health, presented a report and discussed the article on jail health in the Seattle Times.*

*Dr. Charissa Fotinos, medical director, Public Health, reported on influenza in King County. There were three child deaths in the county and the peak of the flu was in mid-February. The Infectious Disease section of Public Health is studying Blanchet High School, which closed down because so many students were ill. The Department is considering conducting school clinics next year. During this flu season, the Department conducted immunization clinics in Auburn, Northgate and Eastgate over a two day period.*

### **6. Administrator's Report**

*Kathy Uhlorn, Board administrator, presented written materials and asked if the Boardmembers had any questions.*

## Discussion and Possible Action

7. [Resolution No. 07-03](#)

A RESOLUTION supporting policies to promote healthy eating and active living in King County.

*Kathy Uhlorn, Board administrator, provided background information on the Obesity Prevention Initiative and its ten point plan. Kirsten Wysen, Public Health, briefed the Board on the resolution. Ms. Wysen introduced Kirsten Frandsen and Carolyn Kramer, who are school health coordinators.*

*Boardmember Frisinger moved to adopt Resolution 07-03. Boardmember Counts seconded the motion. Carrie Cihak, County Council staff, explained the differences in the striking amendment.*

*Boardmember Frisinger moved striking amendment S1. Boardmember Counts seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 9-0-4 (RD/PVR/BN/TR).*

*Voting on the main motion as amended, the motion was adopted by a vote of 9-0-4 (RD/PVR/BN/TR).*

**Passed**

## Briefings

8. [BOH Briefing No. 07-B07](#)

State Public Health Financing Update

*Kathy Uhlorn, Board administrator, provided an overview of the issue. Tom Bristow, King County Council government relations associate, briefed the Board on the current state of public health financing.*

**Presented**

9. [BOH Briefing No. 07-B09](#)

Public Health Operational Master Plan Update

*Toni Rezab, King County Office of Management and Budget, and Carrie Cihak, County Council staff, briefed the Board on the work plan for Phase II of the Public Health Operational Master Plan and a county budget proviso regarding the provision of clinical services. An expert panel has been established to review the clinical services portion of the Department's work.*

**Presented**

10. **BOH Briefing No. 07-B10**

Stakeholder and Community Partner Actions to Reduce Trans Fats in King County

*Kathy Uhlorn, Board administrator, briefed the committee and introduced the panel: Anthony Anton, Washington Restaurant Association; Mayor Kenneth G. Hearing, North Bend; Diana Vinh, Public Health; Marielle Harrington, American Heart Association; and Tom McBride, McDonald's. After a discussion of the issue, the Chair indicated that she was creating an ad hoc committee to look at different options for King County regarding trans fat and menu labeling. She will appoint Boardmembers Clark and Frisinger, Anthony Anton, Dr. Fleming, a nutritionist and a restaurant owner to the committee.*

**Presented**

**Other Business**

*The Chair asked staff to work with Boardmember Manning on her prior request to consider the use of community panels.*

**Adjournment**

*The meeting was adjourned at 3:51 p.m.*

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.

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Clerk's Signature