



King County
Meeting Proceedings
Board of Health

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

**Metropolitan King County Councilmembers: Julia Patterson, Chair;
Kathy Lambert, Vice Chair; Reagan Dunn,
Bob Ferguson, Larry Gossett, Pete von Reichbauer**

**Seattle City Councilmembers: Sally Clark, Nick Licata, Tom Rasmussen
Alternate: Richard Conlin**

**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: Helen Chatalas, Board Administrator (263-8560); Carrie Cihak, Lead
Staff (296-0317)**

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

Room 1001

March 20, 2008

1:30 PM

REVISED

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:36 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

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

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

Boardmember Conlin attended the meeting in place of Boardmember Clark.

4. **Approval of Minutes of February 21, 2008**

5. **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

6. **Chair's Report**

Chair Patterson thanked Board members who attended the March 12 Board meeting and who traveled to Olympia during the legislative session to discuss menu-labeling. The Chair also indicated that the King County Council will hold a Town Hall meeting on equity and social justice on March 24, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at the Kent Senior Center.

7. **Board Member Updates**

Boardmember Conlin reported on Seattle's local food action initiative, which seeks to provide a framework for food policy to work towards better nutrition for Seattle and King County. He has introduced Proposed Resolution 31019 before the Seattle City Council. He distributed material on the initiative and the resolution and indicated that there will be a brown bag discussion on the initiative on April 11.

8. Director's Report

Dr. Fleming introduced Helen Chatalas as the newly appointed Board Administrator. He indicated that March 24 is World TB Day and announced that there has been an increase in the number of tuberculosis cases in King County and that the number of people in the county who are at risk for TB has also increased. These increases are an indication of the growing diversity in the county. Dr. Fleming explained how TB is contracted and treated, discussed the effect of the number of immigrants and homelessness on the rates of TB and reported on the development of a vaccine.

9. Administrator's Report

Helen Chatalas, the newly appointed Board administrator, introduced herself.

Briefings

10. [BOH Briefing No. 08-B09](#)

Wrap-up of the State Legislative Session

Tom Bristow, government relations associate, reported on the Washington state legislative session. Major issues raised during the session included the use of thimerisol (mercury) in vaccines, regulation of body art, menu labeling, breast and cervical cancer research, funds for smoking cessation programs for Medicaid recipients and the use of local food in schools.

Presented

11. **BOH Briefing No. 08-B11**

King County's Equity and Social Justice Initiative

Dr. Fleming and Sandy Ciske, regional health officer, briefed the Board on the equity and social justice initiative. Chair Patterson indicated that a resolution supporting the initiative will be on the agenda at the April meeting.

Presented

12. **Other Business**

There was no other business to come before the Board.

13. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____.

Clerk's Signature