

Julia Patterson, *Board of Health Chair*

BOH Members:

Sally Clark
Richard Conlin
George Counts
Reagan Dunn
Bob Ferguson
Ava Frisinger
Larry Gossett
David Hutchinson
Kathy Lambert
Frankie Manning
Bud Nicola
Tom Rasmussen
Pete von Reichbauer

Public Health Director:

Dorothy Teeter, Interim
Director & Health Officer

BOH Staff:

Kathleen Uhlorn

**King County Board of Health (joint meeting with the King County Council
Law, Justice and Human Services Committee)**

Friday, July 14, 2006

King County Council Chambers

MEETING PROCEEDINGS

Members Present: George Counts; Reagan Dunn; Bob Ferguson; Ava Frisinger;
David Hutchinson; Frankie Manning; Bud Nicola; Tom Rasmussen; Pete von
Reichbauer; Julia Patterson.

Members Absent: Sally Clark; Richard Conlin; Larry Gossett; Kathy Lambert.

Staff: Greg Kipp; Kathy Uhlorn; Jane McKenzie

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:49 AM by Board Chair Patterson. Anne Noris, Clerk of the King County Council, called the roll for the King County Board of Health and the King County Council Law, Justice, & Human Services (LJHS) Committee.

2. Announcement of Alternates

No alternates were present.

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the June 2006 meeting were approved.

4. General Public Comments

None

5. Chair's Report

Board Chair Patterson reported the following:

- The Board of Health retreat will be held on July 25th from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the 44th floor conference room of the Wells Fargo Center.
- A restaurant inspection tour will take place at 1:00 PM today to provide Board members with first hand experience with the public health issues encountered in food service establishments.

6. Board Member Updates

- Boardmember Nicola provided a report on the Board-sponsored tour of the King County Jail and the Jail Health Services Section of Public Health – Seattle & King County (“Public Health”). Board member Nicola talked about the capacity of the Jail’s mental health unit as well as the remodel of its intake unit. Councilmember



- Ferguson added that the King County Council LJHS Committee would be considering legislation on mental health service delivery in King County's criminal justice system. Chair Patterson asked Boardmember Ferguson for periodic updates on this legislation.
- Boardmember Hutchinson addressed the Board about the Board-sponsored tour of the Columbia Health Center. Boardmembers in attendance at the tour were briefed on the array of services provided by Public Health to King County residents at that health center.
- Boardmember Rasmussen reported on the meeting of the HIV/AIDS Committee. The Committee will be developing more focused objectives, as well as agendas and meeting schedules.
- Boardmember Manning reported on the July 12th meeting of the Washington State Board of Health. Boardmember Manning briefed the Board on Island County's Community Health Advisory Board as well as discussing legislation pending before the State Board of Health. Boardmember Manning noted that she had been appointed to the Governor's Commission on Health Disparities. Board Chair Patterson asked that Boardmember Manning provide periodic updates of her work with the Commission.

7. Director's Report

Greg Kipp, Chief Administrative Officer, reported the following in Dorothy Teeter's absence:

- Public Health and the Washington State Department of Health prepared an insert in the Sunday, July 24th edition of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer/The Seattle Times about pandemic flu.
- A second phase of federal funding to state and local governments for pandemic flu preparedness which will become available on September 1, 2006. It is unknown how much funding King County will receive of the \$4.6 million allocated to Washington State.
- On June 29, 2006 the Centers for Disease Control's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommended that a newly licensed vaccine designed to protect against Human Papillomavirus, or HPV, be routinely given to girls at the age of 11 to 12.
- Public Health worked with the University of Washington, City of Seattle Fire Department in to provide advisories and precautionary measures for residents and businesses affected by the very large smoke plume from the fire at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) facilities on Lake Union on July 5, 2006.

Boardmember Counts asked for further details relating to the tuberculosis test results from the outbreak in May 2006 at Kentlake High School.

8. Administrator's Report

Ms. Uhlorn updated the Board on items/issues raised at the last Board meeting. In this report Ms. Uhlorn highlighted:

- A follow-up to the drowning prevention presentation given at the Board's June meeting
- Information about the Board retreat planned for July 25, 2006

Carrie S. Cihak, Council Staff, provided a summary of Public Health's 2006 Adopted Budget as a prelude to the full presentation later in the meeting. Chair Patterson asked that a background memo related to possible budget shortfalls be provided to each Boardmember.

Board Chair Patterson also asked staff to facilitate the process of confirming Dr. Dan Sherman as an alternate Boardmember representing the Suburban Cities caucus.

9. Public Health Operational Master Plan (PHOMP) Update

Carrie S. Cihak, Council Staff, introduced the presentation and Toni Rezab, Project Manager, PHOMP recapped the phases of the PHOMP process completed thus far.

Tom Milne, Milne & Associates, provided an overview of the findings in the Funding Issues Paper. Key observations in the Funding Issues Paper include:

- Funding approaches for PHSKC are fairly typical of the five Comparable Metropolitan Health Departments
- Local funding for PHSKC is low.
- State support of local public health is low.
- Adequate discretionary funding is essential.
- Core capacities have been assembled creatively with categorical funding.
- Public Health funding is not predictable
- Funding opportunities don't have equal merit.
- PHSKC has managed well through lean budget times.

Important implications for next steps in development of the policy framework, as noted in the Funding Issues Paper include:

- Being clear on mission and core responsibilities is essential, particularly in times of uncertain funding.
- Public Health needs higher levels of discretionary funding.
- Stability of external funding for the years ahead is dependent on numerous issues.
- Primary care needs are not declining.
- Innovative approaches should be considered.

10. Public Health – Seattle & King County 2006 Adopted Budget Overview

Kathy Uhlorn provided the Board with an overview of the 2006 Adopted Budget. Public Health's budget is divided into five lines of business: Population Environmental Health Services, Emergency Medical Services, Targeted Community Health Services, Primary Care Assurance/Clinical Health, and then Management and Business Practice. Public Health is comprised of six divisions: Community Health Services; Jail Health Services; Prevention Services; Environmental Health Services; Emergency Medical Services; and Administration.

Boardmember Hutchinson requested a budget presentation by projects within a Division.

11. The City of Seattle Healthy Communities Initiative

Boardmember Rasmussen introduced the presentation. The City of Seattle and King County both had their own Health Departments up until about 1951 when they merged into the Public Health – Seattle & King County. The County held the primary responsibility for public health but the City of Seattle continued to put in additional funds for enhanced health services. As the City did not have a policy framework to guide the use of these funds, in passing the 2005 Budget, the Seattle City Council included a Statement of Legislative Intent that directed the City's Human Services Department to develop a plan that would guide the investment of these funds for enhanced public health services.

