

**MINUTES  
CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH  
FEBRUARY 24, 2010, 9:00 A.M.**

The Board convened in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, 6th Floor, Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, Washington. Board members Steve Stuart, Tom Mielke, and Marc Boldt, Chair, present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Commissioners led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

There being no public comment, moved by Mielke to **APPROVE** Consent Agenda items 1 and 2. Board members Stuart, Mielke, and Boldt voted aye. Motion carried.

**POLICY ISSUE – HEALTH EQUITY DATA AND PRIORITIES**

**Presentation of Community Choices Community Report Card**

**Staff Contact:** John Wiesman, Public Health

Sharon Pesut, Executive Director, Community Choices

Melanie Payne, Public Health

**Staff Summary / Discussion:**

*Wiesman* stated today's policy briefings focus on new health data reports for Clark County. The first of these, the Community Report Card is done every three years. The second one is called CAPE, for Community Assessment, Planning, and Evaluation Report, it was undertaken specifically to inform the department's next strategic plan. *Pesut* presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Community Choices Community Report Card. **(See master file for copy of the presentation and printed version of the Community Choices Community Report Card)**

**Discussion:**

Further discussion ensued about economic vitality and income and the factors that Clark County can contribute to.

*Mielke* stated it is also important to look at the choices that people make versus just looking at what services are provided to them. *Pesut* responded about the different choices surrounding each individual / community.

**Community Assessment, Planning, and Evaluation Report (CAPE)**

**Staff Contact:** Dr. Alan Melnick and Shannon Hoskins

**Staff Summary / Discussion:**

*Hoskins* presented a PowerPoint Presentation **(See master file for copy of the presentation and handout referenced)**. She stated this report was initiated to inform Public Health strategic planning. She stated the major findings from the report that raised some concerns were prenatal care, overweight / obesity, and socioeconomic status disparity.

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**Discussion:**

*Mielke* asked why there was a decrease in prenatal care. *Melnick* stated there were some barriers with getting women enrolled in Medicaid program. He stated since their recent partnerships with local agencies the patient navigator program is assisting with those barriers. *Storey* stated there is still a lot of work in narrowing down the problem on why people are not utilizing first trimester prenatal care. *Mielke* inquired if they need to look further into the local DSHS office for assistance. *Storey* stated the local office has been very helpful and doesn't believe that is the problem. *Stuart* discussed further about lack of access within Clark County. *Storey* stated she would send a more detailed report over and follow up. *Boldt* encouraged her to also meet with Vanessa Gaston and John Wiesman.

*Melnick* stated they want to give people the opportunity to be healthy and hope they make the right decision in obtaining that. *Stuart* stated he in regards to our education process he is a big believer in the "80/20 principle" saying 80 percent of the time, he will try to be healthy, while 20% he may not. He stated it is important to have a balance between the two and we need to help to recognize these are steps along the way. Further discussion ensued. *Wiesman* suggested a work session.

*Boldt* stated it is important to not let our guard down even though it states that child abuse and domestic violence has decreased overall.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

*Wiesman* stated the Senate and House has released their proposed budgets and both seem to preserve their flexible funding sources. He said the Senate budget reduces tobacco prevention programs by five million dollars and uses some of that the flexible funding. He stated both reduced tobacco prevention programs. The House reduced HIV/AIDS care and prevention by 20%. The Senate budget also reduced some support for oral health programs. He referenced a flyer he used during delegation (**see master file**). He said they will be working with WSAC to identify their priority messages to the legislature. *Stuart* stated he was going to WSAC later this week and would be happy to pass along any message the Board / *Wiesman* has. *Mielke* inquired what *Wiesman's* overall opinion of the State's support for community health. *Wiesman* stated public health overall is locally support but he feels the budget as a whole there are some concerns. *Wiesman* referenced a Research Briefing from the National Institute on Drug Abuse examining Tobacco Addiction (**see master file**). He also thanked the board for their participation in the work session last week with the Public Health Advisory Council. He inquired if the Board accepts the four recommendations that came forth from that meeting. *Boldt* stated he appreciated the conversation about the growth plan. *Wiesman* stated he will report back they are on board with the recommendations. The Board agreed.

Hearing adjourned

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