

**MINUTES
CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
MARCH 24, 2010, 10:00 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, 2, 4 and pulling consent agenda item #3 to later be discussed at April 28, 2010 Board of Health meeting. Board members Stuart, Mielke, and Boldt voted aye. Motion carried.

**POLICY ISSUE – STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS IN PREPARATION FOR 2011-2012
BUDGET PLANNING**

REVIEW OF FRAMING DOCUMENT

Staff Contact: John Wiesman, Director, Public Health

Staff Summary / Discussion:

Wiesman stated today's policy briefings focuses on the Department's preparation for its 2011-2012 biennium budget and the first step in that process is to check in with the Board to confirm the overarching priorities. *Wiesman* referenced a handout "***Framing Document – Looking Ahead, March 2010***" (See master file for copy). He stated it is an attempt to stabilize themselves after their major transitions these past 2 to 3 years and is intended for internal use. Further discussion ensued about clarification in certain areas of the documents. *Wiesman* stated he will work in the clarifications per the Board's request.

OVERVIEW OF VOLUNTARY NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH ACCREDITATION

Staff Contact: Jonnie Hyde & Janis Koch, Public Health

Staff Summary / Discussion:

Hyde / Koch presented a PowerPoint presentation. (See master file for printed version). Further discussion ensued regarding the advantages and disadvantages regarding national accreditation and BOH Measures.

INPUT INTO INITIAL DRAFT OF STRATEGIC PLAN FOR 2011-2012

Staff Contact: John Wiesman, Director, Public Health

Staff Summary / Discussion:

Wiesman presented. *Wiesman* referenced a handout "***Clark County Public Health – 2011 – 2012 Strategic Plan***" (See master file for copy). He stated in preparation for their budget planning, this document focuses on the activities they will be undertaking. He said the most important thing they need from them today is confirmation of their draft strategic initiatives. He reviewed the two page draft.

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Further discussion ensued about healthy living / services for everyone / legal citizens. *Stuart* stated he would like to see partnerships mentioned in the strategic initiatives. *Wiesman* responded.

Discussion:

Wiesman updated the Board about a previously signed contract with Cowlitz Health Department.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Strategic Initiative 2 - Responding to health threats

Staff Contact: Dr. Alan Melnick, Health Officer, Public Health

Staff Summary / Discussion:

Melnick spoke about a recent incident in relation to lead poisoning. He stated children are especially susceptible to the effects of lead. He said lead is most dangerous to young children because their bodies and brains are still growing and developing. Lead exposure during pregnancy can reduce the baby's birth weight, cause premature or early birth, and can even cause a miscarriage. He stated lead is a poison that affects every organ and system in the body. There is no function or need for lead. Lead can interfere with normal brain development, resulting in permanently reduced IQ and behavioral problems. He said very high levels of lead exposure can cause coma, seizures and death. Even a little lead can make children slower learners. He stated fortunately, this condition is rare in Clark County, especially since lead is no longer used in paint or gasoline. On 2/25/2010, they got a report of three children with elevated blood lead levels that live in Clark County. The levels ranged from 12-17 ug/dL. They began an investigation that day. Their investigation revealed that the children participated in shooting sports, including participating in shooting at a local rifle and pistol club. They were unable to identify any other obvious sources of lead exposure. He stated consequently, they consulted with the DOH lead program and they began working with the Rifle and Pistol Club to identify possible sources of exposure and arrange testing for other club members, children and adults. The Rifle and Pistol club is cooperating completely with their investigation. The Washington State Department of Labor and Industries provided a free industrial hygiene consultant; with the consultant, their staff conducted an environmental assessment of the club on March 18. Results are pending. They held a blood lead screening clinic for children and adult club participants at the club from 5-8 pm last evening. Based on the results of the blood lead tests and the environmental assessment, they will work with the club to eliminate lead exposure if necessary. *Melnick* explained more about lead exposures.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Stuart mentioned his thanks for the "Cover the Uninsured" event at Roosevelt Elementary and the great success of the day with there being 26 providers participating.

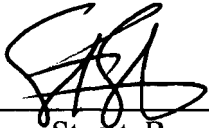
Mielke inquired if our services were being used more now due to unemployment.

Wiesman responded.

Hearing adjourned

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ATTEST:



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