

**CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH  
MINUTES OF JANUARY 25, 2017**

The Board convened in the Councilors' Hearing Room, 6th Floor, Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, Washington. Board members Marc Boldt, Jeanne E. Stewart, Julie Olson, John Blom, and Eileen Quiring present.

**9:00 A.M.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Councilors led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**ACTION:** Moved by Olson to **APPROVE** minutes for November 30, 2016. Stewart seconded the motion. Board members Boldt, Stewart and Olson voted aye. Board Members Blom and Quiring abstained. Motion carried.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

1. Megan Streeter, PREVENT! Coordinator spoke about the Drug Take Back Program.  
*Further discussion ensued.*

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION CREATING A SYSTEM FOR SAFE AND SECURE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF UNWANTED MEDICATIONS**

Dr. Alan Melnick, Public Health Director/Health Officer, presented a resolution in support of legislation that would establish a safe and secure method for collection and disposal of medicines through a drug "take-back" program. Further discussion ensued. Jane Vetto, Prosecuting Attorney's office joined the discussion. Further discussion ensued about proposed language in the resolution. The Board directed legal counsel to draft a letter of support.

**State support for Foundational Public Health Services**

Dr. Alan Melnick, Public Health Director/ Health Officer, presented a resolution in support of House Bill 1432. The resolution would support a plan that defines essential public health services, costs them out, and creates a trust fund into which appropriations support exclusively public health. Board of Health voted in support of Bill 1432.

**Flu Update**

Dr. Alan Melnick, Public Health Director/ Health Officer, presented on the flu, which has reached a peak above elevated. The flu Vaccination is the best way to prevent the flu.

**Mumps Update**

Dr. Alan Melnick, Public Health Director/ Health Officer, presented Washington State has been experiencing a multi county mumps outbreak. There have been no confirmed cases in Clark County. Vaccination is by far the best way to prevent mumps.

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**PUBLIC HEALTH IN ACTION**

*Responding to the flu in Clark County*

Dana Nguyen, Infection Control Practitioner Program Coordinator, presented on responding to the flu in Clark County. Elements of successful outbreak response include community partnerships, staff resources, capacity to conduct outreach and education, and tools and resources to guide response.

*Developing a strategic plan for the ICAR (Infection Control, Assessment and Response)*

Dana Nguyen, Infection Control Practitioner Program Coordinator, presented on ICAR, a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) grant sponsored program focused on supporting efforts to improve infection prevention and reduce healthcare associated infections in a variety of healthcare settings. CDC recommends that public health should coordinate community-wide infection prevention. ICAR tools include intensive reviews of the most current, evidence-based infection prevention publications and the infection control regulations required for the licensing of healthcare facilities. The mission is to enhance the infection prevention and control capacity of healthcare facilities across the state of WA. Although significant progress has been made in preventing some infection types, there is much more work to be done.

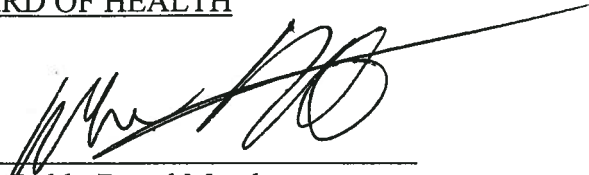
**COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

None

Hearing adjourned

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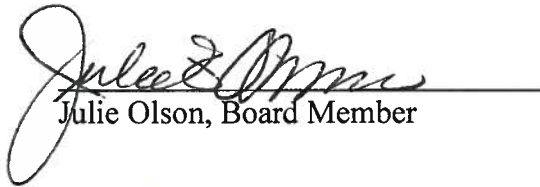
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Marc Boldt, Board Member



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Jeanne E. Stewart, Board Member



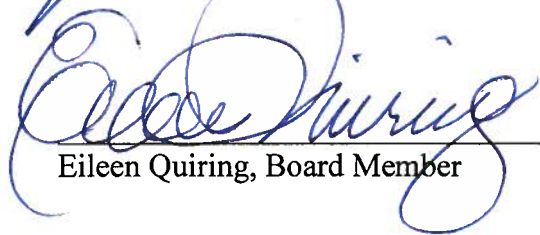
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Julie Olson, Board Member



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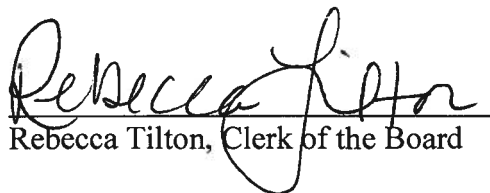
John Blom, Board Member



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Eileen Quiring, Board Member

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Rebecca Tilton, Clerk of the Board

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