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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, May 19, 2006

City of Kent Council Chambers

MEETING PROCEEDINGS

Members Present: Sally Clark; Richard Conlin; George Counts; Reagan Dunn; Bob Ferguson; Ava Frisinger; Larry Gossett; David Hutchinson; Frankie Manning; Bud Nicola; Tom Rasmussen; Julia Patterson.

Members Absent: Kathy Lambert; Pete von Reichbauer.

Staff: Dorothy Teeter; Kathy Uhlorn; Jane McKenzie

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 AM by Board Chair Patterson.

2. Announcement of Alternates

No alternates were present.

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the April 2006 meeting were approved.

4. General Public Comments

None

5. Chair's Report

Chief Administrative Officer for the City of Kent, Mr. John Hodgson welcomed the Board on behalf of City of Kent Mayor, The Honorable Suzette Cooke.

The Board approved moving the date of the July Board meeting from Friday, July 21, 2006 to Friday, July 14, 2006.

Board Chair Patterson reported the following:

- The 4th King County Overweight Prevention Initiative Forum was held on May 12, 2006 at Highline Community College.
- A joint meeting with the Washington State Board of Health will be held Tuesday, June 13th, at 6:45 PM at Highline Community College. (Every five years the Washington State Board of Health tours the State to meet with local Boards of Health to better understand the needs of specific geographic areas and the different challenges faced by each. One of the biggest

challenges facing King County is the increase in the number of uninsured and underinsured in the area.

- A tour of Neighborhood House, located in the Highpoint housing development will be scheduled for those Board members interested in attending. Public Health – Seattle & King County (“PHSKC,” hereafter) collaborated with the builders to create clean air units and a built environment that encourages walking and exercise.

6. Board Member Updates

Board member Rasmussen updated the Board on the City of Seattle’s first comprehensive homeless service center, located at Third Avenue and Yesler Street in the Morrison Hotel, to provide services to 250 homeless people.

Board member Nicola updated the Board regarding the National Network of Public Health Institutes’ meeting, which was in New Orleans this year, where the Network is based. One of the main topics covered was the accreditation of public health agencies. In addition, meeting attendees were able to visit the sites devastated by Hurricane Katrina. Board member Counts requested a presentation to the Board on the public health issues in areas affected by Hurricane Katrina. Board Chair Patterson added this presentation to the Board’s 2006-2007 Work Program.

7. Director’s Report

Ms. Teeter, Interim Director, reported the following:

- The CDC is unveiling new HIV/AIDS guidelines this summer that will include making screening for HIV a part of routine medical screening recommended for everyone between the ages of 12 and 64. PHSKC supports this recommendation.
- There was a confirmed case of tuberculosis (TB) at Kentlake High School. The public health department has screened 215 students and staff who came into contact with the individual with active TB. PHSKC is awaiting test results to determine if there are any additional related cases.
- Public Health – Seattle & King County’s Health Care for the Homeless network conducted a workshop for the Washington State Coalition for the Homeless entitled “Health Care: How to Create Access Through Partnerships and Advocacy.”
- PHSKC is working with the Seattle Public School District to determine the source of arsenic found in the drinking water at some of the District’s schools. PHSKC is working with the District and supports the District’s decision to use bottled water in all schools until the source of arsenic is discovered.
- The National Association of City and County Health Officials (NACCHO) will be hosting a Congressional briefing in Washington, D.C. Ms. Teeter will participate in a congressional briefing on issues around pandemic flu planning, specifically addressing the integration of the health care system with the business community through the Health Care Coalition for Preparedness.
- Executive Ron Sims and Ms. Teeter met with the leaders of Snoqualmie Valley to kick off their “Step Up to Health” campaign. A walking map for the Snoqualmie Valley is available in print and on PHSKC’s website.

Jeff Natter from Public Health’s HIV/AIDS Program briefed the Board on work toward the reauthorization of funds associated with the Ryan White Care Act (RWCA) to fund services for those living with HIV/AIDS. Mr. Natter offered to prepare a statement of issues and key points around the RWCA. Board members could use this statement to lobby Congressional representatives about the potential impact of decreased funding for those living with HIV/AIDS. Board member Clark indicated that she would work with Mr. Natter to develop this statement of issues and key points.

8. Administrator’s Report

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

- Board member Hutchinson was interviewed by Northwest Cable News regarding the benefits of walking and highlighting communities that are encouraging community development and “walkability.”
- City of Seattle Mayor Greg Nickel’s interest in working to limit the damaging effects of trans fats in our diet. Board Chair Patterson appointed a Board Subcommittee to further study this issue and to look at efforts in New York and other areas to educate the public and the restaurant community and to limit the use of oils containing trans fats in food service establishments. The Subcommittee will include the following Board members: Board member Nicola (Chair) and Board member Manning. Board Chair Patterson acknowledged the City of Seattle’s interest in this issue and their excellent human services work.

With regard to walking maps that have been produced to promote walking in a number of communities County-wide:

- Board member Rasmussen requested a copy of a list of all the maps of walking tours that have been produced.
- Board member Conlin asked how many maps had been produced.
- Board Chair Patterson requested a list of all the walking maps.

Ms. Uhlorn indicated that she would provide the Board with copies of all 20 walking maps.

9. Zoonotic Disease Prevention Code (Action Item)

Mr. Roman Welyczko, EH Code Enforcement Officer, and Ms. Teri Barclay, Senior Health and Environmental Investigator, briefed the Board on the proposed regulations, and pointed out the location of written feedback in materials prepared for Board members.

Board member Nicola reported that the Subcommittee assigned to review this code (which included Board members Nicola, Lambert, and Counts) carefully considered the proposed provisions. Department staff made amendments based on Subcommittee feedback. Board member Nicola moved for Board adoption of the proposed code.

Ms. Uhlorn called the roll. Regulation 06-01 was adopted.

10. Public Health Operational Master Plan (PHOMP) Stakeholder Report

Ms. Carrie S. Cihak, King County Council Staff provided the Board with background information about the PHOMP process and information gained through work with the PHOMP

consultants, Milne & Associates. Ms. Cihak also reviewed the “Stakeholder Report” and the “Role Definition White Paper” with the Board.

Ms. Cihak indicated that the “Stakeholder Report” and “Role Definition” papers were the first of five background reports that will be used to form a basis of understanding about the environment in which Public Health operates.

Three general conclusions were reached in the “Role Definition” paper:

- While all large health departments have their own unique characteristics, PHSKC appears typical. No internal or external factors were found that would influence PHSKC to take on a different role than other large public health departments.
- All five Comparable Metropolitan Health Departments (CMHDs)—Alameda County, CA; Columbus, OH; Miami-Dade County, FL; Memphis-Davidson County, TN; and Nassau County, NY—in the PHOMP analysis apply the “Ten Essential Services”¹ framework in some fashion. Public Health-Seattle & King County also applies this framework in developing service delivery. No major gaps were found in Public Health’s functions or services.
- Health inequities are a common struggle for all major health departments.

Ms. Cihak’s presentation included conclusions drawn in both of the papers and by the Steering Committee and PHOMP Team:

- Public Health is perhaps one of the most comprehensive health departments among the five selected for comparison. This comprehensiveness may pose challenges to Public Health in setting strategic direction. It may also lead to a service array that outstrips available resources.
- The five CMHDs are moving toward doing less service delivery directly by eliminating services or by contracting out services. PHSKC is more inclined than other CMHDs to directly provide services and is moving toward doing less direct service more slowly. For example, Public Health-Seattle & King County is unique among the comparable departments in directly providing primary care services, although it does not provide other services directly such as mental health services.
- Compared to other CMHDs, PHSKC shares less of the public health burden with the State and finds mandates as more influential in setting strategic direction.

▪ ¹The Ten Essential Services include: Monitor health status to identify community health problems; Diagnose and investigate health problems and health hazards in the community; Inform, educate and empower people about health issues; Mobilize community partnerships to identify and solve health problems; Develop policies and plans that support health and ensure safety; Enforce laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety; Link people to needed personal health services and assure the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable; Assure a competent public health and personal health care workforce; Evaluate effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of personal and population-based health services; and Research for new insights and innovative solutions to health problems

- PHSKC has a relatively complex jurisdictional arrangement, consisting of a city-county governance structure and accountable to a large number of jurisdictions and oversight bodies. This may result in PHSKC having difficulty making rapid strategic decisions or may influence Public Health to undertake strategic planning more internally than other health departments do.

Board members participated in a discussion about the reports' conclusions and they await the next reports covering the health environment, policy environment, and public health funding. Board member Ferguson requested more information about what services PHSKC provides. Board member Ferguson also asked for examples of different levels of services with a summary of the favorable/unfavorable characteristics of each option.

Board member Counts added that at this early point in the Operational Master Plan process a detailed discussion on any particular point is premature because many of the factors are yet to be presented.

Board member Conlin asked for a review of some of the report conclusions with an eye toward using more positive language in order to stimulate the thought process. Board member Conlin provided an example by requesting that the statement, "This may result in Public Health having difficulty making strategic decisions or may influence Public Health to undertake strategic planning more internally than other health departments do" be altered to "This may result in Public Health making fully informed strategic decisions that equitably serve the diverse range of populations in King County."

Board Chair Patterson asked that staff put things into the most basic context for future presentations to the Board.

Ms. Toni Rezab, PHOMP Project Manager, reviewed the process and goals of the PHOMP as well as the activities at the May 4th and May 18th Steering Committee meetings.

11. Public Health Operational Master Plan (PHOMP) Role Definition
(see agenda item 10 above)

12. Public Health Operational Master Plan (PHOMP) Update
(see agenda item 10 above)

13. Adjournment

Chair Patterson adjourned the meeting at 11:54 AM.

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JULIA PATTERSON, CHAIR

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