

BOARD OF HEALTH
Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2010

Call to Order

Chairman Bob Koch called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Dr. Jecha called the roll: The following were:

Present: Max Benitz Jr., James Beaver, Bob Koch, Brad Peck Rick Miller, and Executive Secretary Larry Jecha, M.D.

Excused: Leo Bowman

Staff Present: Amy Serven and Becky Mellinger, Administrative Services; Lisa Wight, Human Resource Manager; Carla Prock, Heather Hill, Shelley Little and Annie Goodwin, Preventive Health Supervisors; Bonnie Hall, Client Services Manager; Jim Coleman, Representing Local 17; Sandy Owen, Preventive Health Director; Bruce Perkins, Environmental Health Director; Rick Dawson and Susan Shelton, Environmental Health Supervisors; Robyn Albrandt, Emergency Preparedness; Dani Prater, Public Health Nurse; Gretchen Patrick, Representing Washington State Nurses' Association; Nicole Noyes, Safe Babies Safe Moms; Blanca Diaz, WSU Nursing Student

Visitors: Keith Mercer, Benton County Finance Manager; Michelle Dupler, Tri City Herald.

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Beaver moved, seconded by Commissioner Benitz to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of August 18, 2010 Minutes

Commissioner Benitz moved, seconded by Commissioner Beaver to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2010 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

2010 Mid Year Budget Revision

Commissioner Benitz moved, seconded by Commissioner Beaver to approve the revisions to the 2010 mid-year budget, as highlighted in the attached 2010 Budget Review 1. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrator Update

Dr. Jecha reported that as of last week we have had six applications. Of those six, two fully met all the qualifications. All six applications were sent to the Benton and Franklin County Administrators for review. He stated there would probably be a couple more sent over this week.

The position will close September 30, 2010. He will keep the board informed of further progress.

Building Updates

Chairman Koch reported that there was nothing new to discuss regarding the Canal Street building. Franklin County is to be briefed on the status of the Okanogan building next Wednesday, September 29, 2010. He will have more details after that point.

Announcements

Dr. Jecha announced that we like to help with education of practitioners in the community and over the last few years we have helped with the continuing education of infectious disease. There was a very successful symposium last Friday on what's new in medicine-infectious disease that was well attended.

Dr. Jecha announced that we have some interesting cases in the area of infectious disease recently. A couple of months ago we had a case of Coccidioidomycosis, which is fungal. The state did not consider this a case in our area as they had traveled to California and Arizona. Now we have a local wound infection with Coccidioidomycosis and they haven't traveled out of the area. The state is going to have the CDC come out and investigate. He stated that we also had an infant botulism case.

Dr. Jecha reported that our flu clinics will start next week. We will be using this as an emergency preparedness exercise.

Dr. Jecha announced that he will be attending an annual joint meeting with the Medical Society and Health Officers this weekend in Tacoma.

Dr. Jecha reported that we have no idea if or how the state budget cuts will affect us. We will have to wait and see.

Sandy Owen announced that it is not too early for the board to come get their flu shots.

Sandy introduced her two new staff; Nicole Noyes in the Safe Babies, Safe Moms program and Dani Koelzer, who is a public health nurse.

Approval of Vouchers

Commissioner Miller moved, seconded by Commissioner Peck to approve payment of voucher numbers 87 to 91 for August and September 2010 in the amount of \$761,686.10. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

At 1:44 p.m. the board went into executive session for up to ten minutes based on RCW 42 30.140(4) for personnel. At 1:49 p.m. the Board reconvened with no action taken.

The date of the next Board of Health meeting will be October 20, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. Commissioner Benitz stated that on October 20, 2010 the Benton County Board of

Commissioners are meeting for budget reviews. He stated there should be no reason they should not be at the meeting on time but asked for a little latitude just in case.

At 1:49 the meeting adjourned.

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Bob Koch
Chairman of the Board



Larry Jecha, M.D.
Executive Secretary