

**MINUTES  
CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH  
JULY 22, 2009, 9:00 A.M.**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Commissioners led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- 1) Rey Cabral commented about his concerns with the Sea Mar Clinic at the Center for Community Health. He also addressed concerns with receiving adequate service in a timely manner.

**Discussion:**

Boldt asked Marni Storey to follow up to make sure people's concerns are being addressed by Sea Mar. Marni Storey stated they meet with the Sea Mar staff on a monthly basis and she will forward the concerns to Carrie Vanzant, Sea Mar's Vancouver Clinic Manager. She also offered to arrange a meeting with both parties, Commissioner Stuart supported that decision.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**POLICY ISSUE**

**Item Description: National Health Care Reform Update and Request to Pass Resolution**

**Staff Contact:** Marni Storey

**Staff Summary:**

The US Congress is preparing health care reform legislation. Public health strongly supports equal access to medical care for all. However, access to medical care, while essential, has a limited affect on improving health. Improving the health of our communities will require acknowledgment of the roles of health promotion and disease prevention as part of a robust health system that includes public health. Today, we will be asking for your approval of a resolution calling upon Congress to pass health care reform legislation this session and to support public health in that legislation. This resolution is basically the same as the resolution passed by the National Association of Counties, of which Clark County is a member. There are many issues related to this legislation, but we want to focus on those that are specific to public health. Both the House and Senate bills contain language that would create a funding mechanism for public health. The Senate HELP Committee Health Reform draft bill is called the *Prevention and Public Health Investment fund* and the House Tri-Committee draft bill establishes the *Prevention and Wellness Trust fund*. Both bills will provide the mechanism to implement important population-based public health strategies that the medical community is unable to provide.

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**Discussion:**

Boldt thanked staff for their time and help on bring this resolution forward. Stuart confirmed the resolution would be delivered to the congressional delegation. Storey confirmed and stated they provided similar resolutions to the cities. Boldt mentioned that Council of Government's (COG) is also preparing a resolution. Stuart reference a section in the resolution and stated Clark County is providing needed services to people in our community but at a fraction of the cost. Stuart also thanked them for bringing this resolution forward. More discussion ensued about the importance of preventive care.

**ACTION:**

Moved by Stuart to **APPROVE** Resolution 2009-07-11. Commissioners Boldt and Stuart voted aye. Motion carried.

**Item Description: Vancouver Lake**

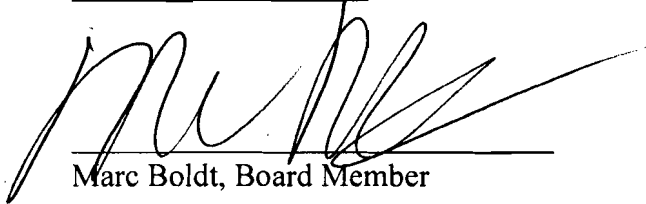
**Staff Contact:** Dr. Alan Melnick

**Staff Summary / Discussion:**

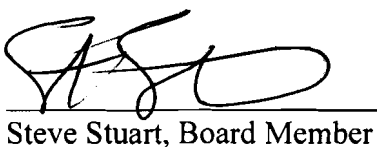
Clark County Public Health is working on getting a press release out to advise the public to avoid direct contact with water at Vancouver Lake due to algal blooms and e-coli. They are not closing the park, just the lake. Commissioner Stuart recommended putting up signs directing people to other parks close by and other cool off spots. Staff liked the idea and agreed to work with the Parks Department.

Hearing adjourned

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Marc Boldt, Board Member



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Steve Stuart, Board Member

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Tom Mielke, Board Member

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ATTEST:

  
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Clerk of the Board

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