

**MINUTES**  
**CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**July 28, 2010, 9:00 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 -3. Board members Stuart, Mielke, and Boldt voted aye. Motion carried.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**STRATEGIC INITIATIVE 3 – PROMOTING HEALTHY ENVIRONMENTS**

**Staff Contact:** John Wiesman, Jonnie Hyde, Public Health

**Staff Summary / Discussion:**

*Hyde* updated the board on the progress of on-line food handler testing and stated they anticipated to go live date in October through partnerships with Pierce / Tacoma counties. Further discussion ensued.

**POLICY UPDATE**

**RESHAPING GOVERNMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH DOCUMENT – BOARD INPUT**

**Staff Contact:** John Wiesman, Public Health

**Staff Summary / Discussion:**

*Wiesman* presented a powerpoint and referenced a document called "*An Agenda for Change*". (**See master file for printed version of powerpoint**) *Boldt* commented on integrating the public health departments and some community services programs since they are both serving the same people. *Wiesman* referenced the integration in the document. Further discussion ensued on content and timeline of the document. *Boldt* stated the county is a leader in using non-profits but has increased concerns with the current use of non-profits and fears the state will continue to decrease their funding as we are consistently relying on non-profits. *Wiesman* confirmed while the non-profits may be able to assist us, they also are running short on funding and oversight. *Mielke* stated his concerns with using non-profits. *Wiesman* responded. *Stuart* commented about maintaining county accountability while using non-profits for those services. *Wiesman* explained the document further. *Stuart* said he would like to see more changes associated with the national health care reform and the forecast of how that is going to affect us. *Boldt* stated he would like to see the core services identified. *Barron* stated the document has a good outline but thinks they need to have more focus on sustainable funding. Further discussion ensued about different health jurisdictions

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*Boldt / Wiesman* discussed partnerships on how Boards of Health could work together. *Mielke* inquired how the cities were contributing to the services they provided. *Wiesman* stated cities are not contributing and explained the timeline of past contributing efforts. *Stuart* stated they are regional services they are providing and some funding is coming in from the cities however, it is not comparable to the cost of the services they are providing. *Stuart* stated he would like to see the discrepancies between cost and revenue.

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**INPUT 2010 – 2011 PUBLIC HEALTH BUDGET PROBLEM STATEMENT**

**Staff Contact:** John Wiesman, Public Health

**Staff Summary / Discussion:**

*Wiesman* presented a historical staffing graph and a document with the transitioned / discontinued programs (**see master file**). *Stuart* inquired about the revenue decreases they are expecting. *Wiesman* stated the revenue decreases are mostly related to the recent state legislator activity. *Wiesman* commented about 5930 funding. *Stuart* commented about how much has been cut and how staff is doing a great job being efficient. *Boldt* commented about using our budget as a message to the state. *Boldt* stated his concerns on the cuts to the nurse partnership program. *Wiesman* stated as they prepare their department budget submission they are looking at three primary ways to close the gap:

- Additional staffing reductions (cuts from legislature, retirements, management)
- Assistance with covering county indirect costs that are assessed against their budget 2 years after the fact (~\$700,000)
- Fees to cover services (Environmental Public Health)

*Wiesman* stated they are submitting their thoughts to the budget office later in the week. *Stuart* stated the Board is concerned and looks forward to future discussions *Mielke* inquired about the breakdown of costs per core services. *Wiesman* responded.

**POLICY UPDATE**

**REPORT ON PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL DISCUSSION ON BUDGET**

**Staff Contact:** John Wiesman, Public Health, Dave Seabrook, PHAC

**Staff Summary / Discussion:**

*Wiesman* introduced Dave Seabrook, past chair of PHAC, to share preliminary discussions of the PHAC on their budget. *Seabrook* stated the board is a perfect mix of individuals to represent our county. He stated it is important for political leadership to stand up to speak for revenue versus cutting more programs. He stated the Public Health Advisory Council supports creative innovative solutions for long term funding stability, including fee-based services. *Stuart* thanked him for his work and the advisory council as a great resource.

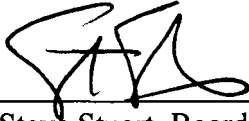
**COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

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*Stuart* stated last night there was a town hall forum on the BPA Transmission line project that is being studied through Clark County and there were a lot of questions about electromagnetic field (EMF) and their potential health impacts. He stated he would like to get more information to help our citizens. *Wiesman* said he would do the research and get back to him in a few weeks.

Hearing adjourned

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Steve Stuart, Board Member



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Tom Mielke, Board Member

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Marc Boldt, Board Member

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