

**CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH  
MINUTES OF MARCH 25, 2015**

The Board convened in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, 6th Floor, Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, Washington. Board members Tom Mielke, David Madore, and Jeanne E. Stewart present.

**9:00 A.M.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Commissioners led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Madore read consent agenda item #1.

**ACTION:** Moved by Stewart to **APPROVE** consent agenda item #1. Mielke seconded the motion. Board members Madore, Mielke, and Stewart voted aye. Motion carried.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None

**PUBLIC HEALTH IN ACTION**

**Communicable disease control outreach and partnerships - Vancouver Clinic**

Dr. Alan Melnick, Public Health Officer, provided some background. Clark County Public Health (CCPH) communicable disease nurses, Diane Welch and Shannon Shannon McCarthy, along with Sunna Revelle, a nurse with the Vancouver Clinic (TVC), described how a phone call to report a notifiable condition led to an opportunity to strengthen an existing partnership between CCCPH and TVC and improve the response to communicable disease in our community. Director Stan Bower and Jamie Hart, a nurse from TVC Family Medicine were also present. Following the notifiable disease report, TVC invited the CCPH staff to come to the clinic and speak about the collaborative role they have in communicable disease investigations. The presentation generated additional requests for CCPH staff to come to the clinic's lunch and learn sessions to share information about other topics specific to their public health expertise.

In addition, the nurse educator for the pulmonology clinic, present at the first presentation, invited CCPH staff to come to TVC pulmonary clinic and speak about the identification and management of pulmonary tuberculosis (TB). Given the CCPH role in TB control, this became an opportunity to improve our ability to work with our partners in detecting and responding to TB in our community. Overall, the goal of the presentations was to create an environment where TVC would see CCPH not just as a regulatory agency, but also as a resource/partner that could help improve patient care and protect the community from communicable disease. They saw their efforts bear fruit immediately in earlier notification from the clinic, in earlier treatment of contacts and in smoother communication between CCPH and the clinic, because TVC understood what our goals were and how they aligned with their goals. They hope that this work will be the beginning of an initiative for other Public Health programs to be more visible in the healthcare community and to strengthen our relationship as a resource and partner in serving our patients and our community. Further discussion ensued.

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**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) Promising Practice award: Partnering with Faith Communities to Tackle Inequality**

This year, the NACCHO recognized the Faith Based Coffee program as a promising practice. NACCHO's Model Practices program honors and recognizes outstanding local public health practices from across the nation and promotes these practices among local health departments. Once NACCHO designates a practice as model or promising, NACCHO stores them in the Model Practices Database so all local health departments can benefit from them.

Trinity Lutheran Church and Clark County Public Health started the Faith Based Coffee in 2012. Sue Hoeffner, Parish Nurse with Trinity Lutheran Church and Melanie Green Coordinator of Evergreen School District's Family Community Resource Centers joined CCPH Public Health Nurse Anne Johnston in describing how and why FBC received national recognition.

They described their work in building resiliency and connections to foster the health and educational attainment of children in the Vancouver School District for the past 3 years. Melanie Green described two recent examples of success, the Summer Meals Program delivery at Apartment Complexes and the Faith Based response to the Courtyard Village Housing Crisis through mobilizing resources and support for families and community advocacy/involvement. Further discussion ensued about various services / meetings.

**Healthy Youth Survey results – Alcohol, Tobacco, Marijuana and other drug use**

Every other year, 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders throughout Washington State, including the schools in Clark County, complete the Healthy Youth Survey (HYS). The HYS asks students questions about their health status and their health risk behaviors. Adiba Ali, Clark County Public Health epidemiology, described the just released 2014 HYS results for Clark County 10<sup>th</sup> graders related to alcohol, tobacco, marijuana and other drug use. Further discussion ensued. They have posted the results on the Board of Health website at <http://www.clark.wa.gov/public-health/about/board.html>

*The Board adjourned for a break and reconvened.*

Further discussion ensued.

**Policy Discussion: draft ordinance for inhalant delivery systems – preliminary discussion prior to April meeting**

Melnick shared the latest draft of an ordinance that if passed, would subject inhalant delivery systems, such as e-cigarettes, to the smoking in indoor places (SIPP) law in Clark County. CCPH will provide at least a two-week notice before placing the ordinance before the Board of Health at the April 22 meeting. The draft ordinance is available for review at the Board of Health website. Further discussion ensued.

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**Communicable disease update**

Melnick shared the most recent influenza season update, also available on the Board of Health website. While influenza levels are still elevated, they are decreasing. Lab results are now below the 10% positivity rate used to define the influenza season.

**COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

Mielke spoke about his concerns regarding marijuana and spoke about educational tools.

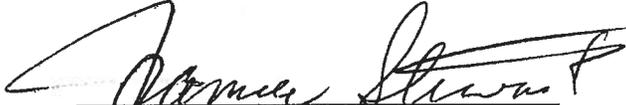
Stewart spoke about the Marshall Leadership Awards where Bryce Hackett (PHAC Member) was nominated.

Madore thanked Melnick for his leadership and the success of Public Health.

Hearing adjourned

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David Madore, Board Member

  
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Tom Mielke, Board Member

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Rebecca Tilton, Clerk of the Board

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