

ISLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES - MARCH 8, 1999

The Island County Board of Health convened in Regular Session March 11, 1999 at 11:15 a.m., in the Island County Courthouse Annex, Coupeville, Wa., with members Shelton, McDowell and Thorn, present. Also present were: Tim McDonald, Health Services Director; Roger Case, M.D., Health Officer; and Jan Dahl, Assessment Coordinator.

CHAB UPDATE

Jan Dahl gave the CHAB update, noting this month's CHAB meeting included three youth, and was attended by Commissioner Thorn. CHAB was doing an update at that meeting and all imperative groups attended to report. It was quite exciting to see and hear about all the community partners involved, and the ways of trying to find for communities to support youth. Also on that agenda was a report from the various committees on 1999 plans, which ultimately will be developed into a CHAB 1999 Work Plan. There are three joint task forces. The task force relating to expansion of the Board of Health membership is currently re-working its recommendation. Another task force is working to create a vision for what community advice to the Board of Health should look like -- should there be more local action groups in the community, and how can that be worked into a big picture.

1998 PUBLIC HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Mr. McDonald handed out copies of the Washington State Department of Health 1998 Public Health Improvement Plan (PHIP). He described the document as a blueprint for public health, meant to address public health both at the State and local level, and puts into place a focus on community based decision making. Pages 62 and 63 of the 1998 PHIP contains information on the Island County Health Department, with the following remaining challenges are noted:

Among the unmet needs in Island County:

- More basic prevention programs: tobacco, injuries, child abuse, and violence
- More basic health protection, such as responding to communicable

diseases and monitoring food safety and water quality

- More attention to core public health functions such as health assessment, priority-setting, and community mobilization.

For programs under DSHS, that agency performs a more internal assessment and depends on localities to produce the local community based assessment. Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse have targets required to be met. Chairman Shelton believed that the State agency in Olympia that truly partners with local government is the State Department of Health.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 12, 1999 at 11:15 a.m.

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Mike Shelton, Member

Wm. L. McDowell, Member

William F. Thorn, Member