

**MASON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH PROCEEDINGS**  
**November 27, 2007**

Attendance: Board Members Lynda Ring-Erickson; Ross Gallagher; Tim Sheldon

1. Commissioner Ross Gallagher called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.
2. **Cmmr. Ring/Sheldon moved and seconded to adopt the agenda as published. Motion carried unanimously. G-aye; RE-aye S-aye.**
3. Correspondence –
  - 3.1 Andrea Buser accepted a position on the Community Health Access Task Force.
  - 3.2 Lorna Stone of the Washington Health Foundation invited the Mason County Health Department to do a presentation on the Healthiest Kids Passport Project for the Foundation's Rural Advisory Committee.
4. **Cmmr. Ring Erickson/Sheldon moved and seconded to adopt the regular meeting minutes of October 23, 2007 as presented. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; G-aye**
5. Administrative Issues
  - 5.1 Presentation – Fir Tree Apartments for enacting smoke-free policies – Ben Johnson, Mason County Health Program Coordinator, introduced the staff at the Fir Tree Apartments who are implementing a smoke free living environment.

Bart Coventry, a resident of the Fir Tree Apartments, started the process by asking the manager, Shannon McDonald, to please ask a neighbor not to smoke on their porch.

Ms. McDonald explained the process she is going through to start making the Fir Tree Apartments a smoke free community.

Commissioner Gallagher presented the Fir Tree staff with a letter of support for their efforts.
  - 5.2 Proposed 2008 Board of Health Meeting Dates – Vicki Kirkpatrick, Director, recommended carrying forward the current schedule through 2008 and amended the April meeting to April 7, 2008 as a joint meeting at Thurston County. The September meeting will also be a joint meeting with Thurston County at Mason County.

**Cmmr. Ring Erickson/Sheldon moved and seconded to approve the amended 2008 Board of Health Meeting dates. Motion carried unanimously. RE-aye; S-aye; G-aye**
  - 5.3 Health Officer Report – Dr. Yu presented the current health issues relevant to Mason County. She noted there were currently no reported cases of influenza.
  - 5.4 Legislative Committee Hearings - Vicki Kirkpatrick noted these hearings as an item of interest and stated she would like to attend.
    - 5.4.1 November 30, 2007, 8:00 – 10:00 AM – House Select Committee on Puget Sound: New technologies for OSS and Impacts of harvest practices on Hood Canal
    - 5.4.2 November 30, 2007, 1:30 – 3:30 PM – House Appropriations on General Government – Implementing the Puget Sound Partner

Commissioner Ring Erickson excused herself from the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

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5.5 National Association of Local Boards of Health Newsletter – Vicki Kirkpatrick provided the Board with the Local Boards of Health Newsletter for information only.

6. Community & Family Health

6.1 TB – Beginning Community Partner Training – Lydia Bucheit, Family and Community Health Manager, gave an update of the community TB training the Health Department has started.

Dr. Yu explained what TB is and how it is treated.

7. Environmental Health

7.1 Environmental Health Waivers – Information only

Debbie Riley presented the Commissioners with Environmental Health Waivers for their information.

There was a discussion regarding the improvement of septic systems on Oakland Bay.

Commissioner Ring Erickson returned to the meeting at 4:27 pm.

8. Public Comment – Mr. Plew, Fire District Commissioner, stated that the health issues haven't seemed to change a lot since he worked with the health community and noted he is appreciative of the work the Board of Health does.

9. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

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Mason County Health Officer

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Lynda Ring Erickson, Commissioner