

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2015**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 27, 2015, with Chair Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner Lisa Janicki, and Commissioner Ron Wesen present.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Dahlstedt called the proceedings to order at 9:34 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chair Dahlstedt led the gallery in the salute to the flag.

III. AGENDA:

a) 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Board of Health:

Jennifer Johnson, Public Health and Community Services Director; Dr. Howard Liebrand, Public Health Officer; and David Jefferson, Health Analyst were present.

1. Population Health Trust Overview

Mr. Jefferson provided a PowerPoint presentation and an overview of the planning model and goals of the Population Health Trust fund.

Population Health Trust PowerPoint Presentation:

<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/01262015/>

It was noted that the purpose of the Trust would be to provide a permanent ongoing forum and structure to assess, plan and provide strategies and direction on how to improve the healthcare in Skagit County.

Trust members include: Margaret Rojas, North Sound Mental Health Administration; Charlie Wend, Chief of Corrections, Skagit County Corrections; Tom Keegan, Skagit Valley College; Mark Raaka, Skagit County EMS; Terry Belcoe, North Coast Credit Union; Liz McNett-Crowl, Skagit Regional Health; Debra Lancaster, United Way of Skagit County; Jennifer Johnson, Skagit County Public Health; Diane Smith, WSU Extension; Carol Hawk, United General Hospital; Duncan West, Medical Information Network/North Sound; Tina Willett, Mira Vista; Katie Stanford, NW Regional Council; Vince Oliver, Island Hospital; Jim Barnhart, Peace Health; Connie Davis, Skagit Regional Health; Jennifer Sass-Walton, Skagit County Child & Family Health; Bill Henkel, Community Action; Stephanie Morgareidge, Community Action/East County; Jenna Strand, Samish Indian Nation; Andrea Doll, West Skagit County; Randy Elde, Hilltop Pharmacy; Kari Ranten, Skagit Regional Health.

The inaugural Trust meeting is scheduled for February 5, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Northwest Career and Technical Academy at Skagit Valley College in Mount Vernon.

The Commissioners thanked the community partners for their hard work and collaboration.

2. Population Health Trust Resolution Signing

A motion was made by Commissioner Janicki to approve a Resolution to establish the Population Health Trust Committee to advise the Skagit County Board of Health for the purpose of developing and suggesting strategies related to services, funding, workforce development and policies with the aim of improving health outcomes of Skagit County residents. **(Resolution No. R20150023)** Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve a Resolution to establish the membership of the Population Health Trust Advisory Committee to serve as an advisory committee to the Skagit County Board of Health. **(Resolution No. R20150024)** Commissioner Janicki seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

3. Clinical Services Transition Overview

Ms. Johnson provided a PowerPoint presentation and explained how state and federal laws impacted local mandated services. She discussed information from the report performed by Slalom Consulting and provided some of the key findings. Ms. Johnson noted that Local Health Jurisdictions were transitioning some public health services to reflect changing public health needs and provided information on how some services would be transitioning in 2015 to reflect Public Health's new role as assurers of healthcare. She went on to explain that Public Health staff roles would transition from being operators of the direct clinics to working with the providers in the community to support healthcare needs.

Link to Slalom Consulting Report:

<http://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/HealthDiseases/main.htm>

Ms. Johnson noted that a Provider Roundtable Discussion on Immunization Transition would be held on Tuesday, February 3, 2015, at 7:00 a.m. at the Skagit County Courthouse Administration building in Mount Vernon.

4. Public Health's Role with the Affordable Care Act

Dr. Liebrand noted that historically public health's role was sanitization and during the changes to Skagit County Public Health that role would remain the same and that the County would continue to provide environmental health services. Dr. Liebrand went on to explain how the Affordable Care Act was an opportunity for health care providers to provide wellness care.

5. National Association of Counties (NACo) Prescription Program

Jennifer Sass-Walton provided information on National Association of Counties (NACo) Prescription Discount Card Program. The National Association of Counties through a partnership with CVS Caremark provides a free prescription discount card exclusively for NACo member counties to offer to their residents. The card provides discounts on prescriptions for residents who are uninsured, underinsured, seniors and pet owners in the county. The card can even be used to help inmates get discounts on prescriptions.

More information about the card can be located at: <http://www.nacorx.org>

6. Miscellaneous

There were no miscellaneous items for the Board of Health to discuss.

Chair Dahlstedt adjourned the Board at 10:35 a.m.

b) 10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Budget and Finance - Trisha Logue, Director:

Chair Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 10:42 a.m.

Trisha Logue, Budget and Finance Director, noted that the purpose of the amendment was to increase the interest payment line in two debt service sub-funds by \$15,000.

1. Public Hearing/Possible Action: Amending the 2014 Skagit County Budget

Chair Dahlstedt opened the public hearing at 10:44 a.m.

Seeing no one present to provide public testimony, Commissioner Wesen made a motion to close the public hearing at 10:44 a.m. Commissioner Janicki seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Janicki to approve a Resolution amending the 2014 Skagit County Budget. (**Resolution No. R20150025**) Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

c) 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Presentation: 2015 Skagit Valley Tulip Festival Poster:

Chair Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 11:01 a.m.

Paul Pickering and Cindy Verge presented the 2015 Skagit Valley Tulip Festival Poster on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Tulip Festival. The 2015 poster artist is Theresa Saia.

Chair Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 11:15 a.m.

d) 11:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Board of County Commissioners:

Chair Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 11:30 a.m.

1. County and Individual Success Stories

None provided.

2. Public Comment Period

Carol Ehlers of West Fidalgo Island commented on the unreliable information available on the internet; Whidbey Navy Air Station (NAS) changing their flight hours during the fall; the potential of NAS Whidbey building a hush house; the noise and vibration coming from the prowler and growlers; the potential of landslides from the vibration.

Seeing no further public comment forthcoming, Chair Dahlstedt closed the public comment period at 11:51 a.m.

3. Miscellaneous Announcements

None provided.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Dahlstedt adjourned the proceedings at 11:52 a.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Chair

Lisa Janicki, Commissioner

Ron Wesen, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board