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STAFF REPORT



DEPARTMENT: Clark County Public Health

DATE: July 23, 2014

SPECIFIC REQUEST: Board of Health approval of a resolution appointing alternate (backup) health officers for Clark County. This resolution updates the list of alternate health officers available to act on behalf of Clark County.

PUBLIC HEALTH STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 – Ensure public safety and increase community resilience	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 – Link public health, primary care, behavioral health, oral health, and community resources in alignment with health care reform
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 – Increase opportunities for healthy living	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5 – Demonstrate excellence in local public health practice and management
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 – Increase opportunities for every child to have a healthy start	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 – Other

BACKGROUND

Consistent with Strategic Initiatives 1 (to ensure public safety and increase community resilience) and 5 (to demonstrate excellence in local public health practice and management), the Clark County Board of Health has appointed a health officer to fulfill critical statutory requirements. In the event that the appointed health officer is unavailable, this resolution assures backup coverage to serve the citizens of Clark County.

The Public Health Officer’s duty is to carry out the provisions of RCW 70.05.070. The responsibilities outlined by the RCW include: control of infectious diseases (including response to emerging infectious diseases), control of agents of bioterrorism, and other public health responsibilities, including:

- interpretation and communication of health data and information to identify priorities and emerging trends;
- response to environmental health hazards; and,
- working with many other organizations to promote health including the medical community, government officials, media, and the public.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

None.

ACTION REQUESTED

- Board of Health approval of a resolution appointing alternate (backup) health officers for Clark County.

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BUDGET AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

None.

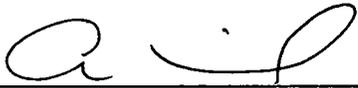
FISCAL IMPACT

Yes (see attached form)

No

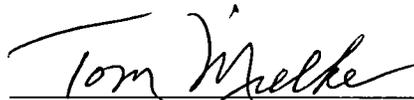
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Approved: July 22, 2014



CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

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RESOLUTION NO. 2014-07-20

A RESOLUTION appointing alternate local health officers for Clark County until a change is authorized by the Board of Health.

WHEREAS, Dr. Alan Melnick is currently appointed by the Board of Health of Clark County (hereinafter Board) as the primary local health officer for Clark County; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens to provide continuous health officer coverage in the absence or incapacity of the primary appointed local health officer and/or in situations in which additional health officer resources are needed (e.g., such as a public health incident requiring a 24/7 response); and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to appoint alternate local health officers to provide back-up coverage for the primary local health officer for Clark County; and

WHEREAS, the alternate local health officers meet the statutory qualifications set out in chapter 70.05 RCW.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Health of Clark County, State of Washington, does resolve as follows:

Section 1. That Rachel Wood, MD, MPH, Jennifer Vines MD, MPH, Diana Yu, MD, MSPH, or Sarah Present, MD, MPH may be appointed to act as alternate local health officers for Clark County in the absence or incapacity of Alan Melnick, MD, MPH, CPH or other primary local health officers appointed by the Board of Health for Clark County.

Section 2. The appointment of the alternate local health officers shall be activated when contacted to act in the capacity of the local health officer for Clark County by the following individuals: (1) the primary local health officer for Clark County; (2) the Director of Clark County Public Health; (3) the County Administrator of Clark County; or (4) the Chair of the Board of Health of Clark County or in his/her absence, another Clark County Board of Health member.

Adopted: July 22, 2014

Board of Commissioners
Board of Health
Clark County, Washington

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