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AGENDA DATE: April 2, 2008
TO: Board of County Commissioners
DEPARTMENT: Health & Human Services
PRESENTED BY: Rob Rockstroh



AGENDA TITLE: RESOLUTION AND ORDER _____ / IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING THE FIRST WEEK OF APRIL 2008 AS LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

I. MOTION

RESOLUTION AND ORDER _____ / In the Matter of Proclaiming the First Week of April 2008 as Local Public Health Week.

II. AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Organizations throughout Oregon and the United States recognize the first week of April as Public Health Week, providing an opportunity to promote health and acknowledge the benefits of a strong local public health system. This Resolution and Order provides the Board with the means of highlighting the contributions and achievements of the County's Public Health Division.

III. BACKGROUND/IMPLICATIONS OF ACTION

A. Board Action and Other History

The Board last recognized Public Health Week via BO 07-3-21-4. The Board of County Commissioners is recognized as the local public health authority under the provisions of ORS 431.410. The most recent Lane County Public Health Authority Plan (FY 07-08) was approved via BO 07-6-6-4.

B. Policy Issues

ORS 431.416 mandates the provision of public health services in five basic areas: Epidemiology and control of preventable diseases and disorders, Parent and child health services, including family planning, Collection and reporting of health statistics, Environmental health services and Health information and referral services*.

In addition to the minimum mandated services, Lane County Public Health also serves the public through an extensive network that permits outreach in the areas of tobacco prevention and cessation, physical activity and nutrition, immunizations, perinatal care, foodborne illness prevention and education, and disaster preparedness.

Lane County Public Health (PH) also contributes to our community by providing student nurses with practicum opportunities. Additionally, PH builds capacity within local organizations to respond to public health needs. Two examples of the latter are the TB testing work done at a homeless shelter to identify cases and prevent transmission and Environmental Health's training for food service workers, food service managers in licensed facilities, and administrators in high density living centers to recognize any outbreak of contagious foodborne illness.

*Please note that the Health information and referral services are integral to all of the core services provided by PH. All component elements of PH provide public information and PH reports to the State on all aspects of its work in both the core and non-mandated service areas.

C. Board Goals

This Resolution supports the Board goal of safeguarding the delivery of public health services to the residents of Lane County and of encouraging citizen participation.

Nine advisory committees, commissions and public-private coalitions support the work of Public Health in Lane County, resulting in the commitment of more than 2,000 community service hours by more than 100 citizens representing a wide spectrum of organizations.

D. Financial and/or Resource Considerations

None, related to this Resolution.

Of the mandated "core" services, only Environmental Health and Health Statistics (Vital Records) are self-supporting through fees. Suicide prevention, Tobacco prevention, Physical Activity and Nutrition, and Preparedness programs are within the DHS grant funding.

Professional community support for Public Health resulted in the provision of 600 donated nurse hours in 2007 alone.

E. Analysis

A brief, "by the numbers review", testifies to the significance of Public Health's efforts in Lane County:

Epidemiology and Communicable Disease Control (following are annual numbers)
7,280 immunizations given to children and adults at Lane County Public Health
5,000 number of State-supplied vaccinations given yearly through the PH network
4,000 Flu/pneumonia shots given at LCPH clinics
10 number of agencies providing immunizations under delegated authority from PH
350-450 reportable communicable disease cases reported and investigated
1-4 communicable disease outbreaks controlled
3,000+ Tuberculosis (TB) tests conducted

12-120 latent TB infection cases monitored
5-30 TB patients receive full case management
63,000 student immunization records reviewed
1,400 under-immunized students identified
One full annual immunization review
550 STD clients counseled
1,000 STD cases evaluated and reported
1,300+ clients tested and counseled for/on HIV (confidential & anonymous)

Parent/Child Health

7,706 number of women/infants/children served via WIC per month
734 mothers and infants seen through the Nurse Home Visiting Program (annual)
615 pregnant women access prenatal services (annual)

Health Statistics (Vital Records) (clients purchase multiple copies)

13,226 birth certificates issued for 8,507 births
17,861 death certificates issued

Environmental Health (annual numbers)

2,454 facilities inspected per year (restaurants, hotels/motels, swimming pools, temporary/mobile food vendors, commissaries, food warehouses, school kitchens
600 food handler safety training & testing certifications/permits
451 schools and certified day care centers reviewed

F. Alternatives / Options

1. To approve the attached Resolution and Order.
2. To decline to celebrate Public Health Week at this time.

IV. TIMING/IMPLEMENTATION

The National Public Health Week observance, sponsored by the American Public Health Association, has chosen the dates April 3 – 9, 2008. Adoption of the attached Order will place the Lane County observance in alignment with the national timeline.

V. RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend adoption of 1, above.

VI. FOLLOW-UP

None anticipated.

VII. ATTACHMENTS

Board Order

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LANE COUNTY, OREGON**

RESOLUTION) IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING THE FIRST WEEK OF APRIL
AND ORDER:) 2008 AS LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK.

WHEREAS, promoting, protecting, and preserving the health and quality of life for people in Lane County is a major goal for the Board; and

WHEREAS, a broad spectrum of county residents invest in the local public health system by contributing more than 2,000 volunteer hours per year to support programs ranging from health awareness and prevention to disaster preparedness to tobacco reduction, suicide prevention and harm reduction; and

WHEREAS, public health programs and services benefit everyone and are essential to a strong, successful health care system; and

WHEREAS, public health activities protect Lane County residents from communicable diseases, environmental and workplace hazards, chronic diseases, unintentional injuries, and violence; and

WHEREAS, prevention strategies decrease fetal/infant mortality rates, improve birth outcomes and childhood immunization rates, promote child and adolescent health, prevent teen pregnancies, reduce child abuse, reduce tobacco use, and reduce the incidence of chronic disease; and

WHEREAS, educating and encouraging people to adopt healthy behaviors improves their well-being and prevents chronic illness and premature death; and

WHEREAS, Lane County's public health system of state/local and public/private partnerships is crucial to achieving the vision of healthy people living in healthy communities throughout our county; and

WHEREAS, in summation, the lives of all County residents are impacted, enriched and made better by the contributions of the dedicated, caring staff of the Public Health Division through the immunizations given, the food service facilities inspected, the contagious diseases contained, the children nurtured – before and after their births, the preparations for disasters made, the vulnerable or at-risk populations served, the healthier living standards adopted and by many other actions and services too numerous to list;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Board of County Commissioners recognize and support the first week of April 2008 as Local Public Health Week, and encourage all residents to celebrate with activities that promote health and acknowledge the benefits of public health to our residents.

DATED this Second day of April 2008.

APPROVED AS TO FORM
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