



King County

KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
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Signature Report

August 1, 2007

Resolution

Proposed No. 07-04.1

1 A RESOLUTION directing preparation of an emergency
 2 preparedness and response plan for the King County Board
 3 of Health.

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 5 WHEREAS, Washington State law vests in the King County Board of Health
 6 supervision over all matters pertaining to the preservation of the life and health of the
 7 people of King County, and

8 WHEREAS, emergencies, such as influenza pandemics, are inevitable and
 9 unpredictable and can result in a public health emergency with high levels of illness and
 10 death, societal disruption and economic losses, and

11 WHEREAS, emergencies such as influenza pandemics, can take place over
 12 several weeks or months, and

13 WHEREAS, emergencies can severely disrupt the continuity of operations for
 14 provision of essential community services, including governmental functions, and

15 WHEREAS, the King County Board of Health authorized the preparation of a
 16 county-wide pandemic influenza plan in 2005;

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17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Health of King
18 County:

19 The Board of Health directs staff to develop a Board of Health emergency
20 preparedness and response plan for its review and approval, with the intent that this plan
21 be integrated into the King County Pandemic Influenza Response Plan and other
22 emergency plans as appropriate. The Board of Health emergency preparedness and
23 response plan shall, at a minimum, reflect the following elements:

24 A. Continuity of Board of Health operations during an extended emergency. The
25 Board's continuity of operations plan shall address those elements reflected in the
26 pandemic influenza continuity of operations plans for County agencies such as: lines of
27 succession, essential functions, legal authorities, alternate means for holding meetings,
28 and identification of changes needed in Board of Health rules or code to implement these
29 plans and operate during an extended emergency;

30 B. A communication strategy coordinated with Public Health such that the Board
31 is able to receive information briefings from the Local Health Officer during disasters in
32 order to:

33 1. Support decisions made by the Local Health Officer during disasters and
34 advocate for Public Health as the lead agency coordinating the health and medical
35 response; and

36 2. Fulfill a key role in the Public Health Communication Strategy by promoting

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37 health messages to the media, government and private sector partners, as well as the
38 general public.

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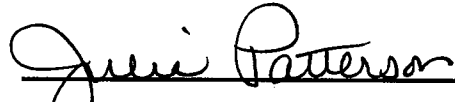
Resolution was introduced on and passed by the Board of Health on 6/21/2007, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Lambert, Ms. Patterson, Mr. Conlin, Mr. Rasmussen, Mr. Hutchinson, Ms. Frisinger, Dr. Nicola and Dr. Counts

No: 0

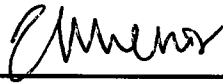
Excused: 6 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Dunn, Ms. Clark, Ms. Manning, Mr. Phillips and Mr. Sherman

KING COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Julia Patterson, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Board

Attachments None