

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Wednesday, April 4, 2012
1:30 p.m. – Health Service Center Board Room

MINUTES

PRESENT: Dale Dahms, Pat McKinney-Rice, Sally Leaser, Arlene Bonacci, Robert Benishek, Pat Galarowicz,

ALSO PRESENT: Ron Barger, Sheila Rine, Karen Hegranes, Robin Stowe

ABSENT: Dr. Flowers, Jerrold Burns

1. D. Dahms called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.
2. Motion by A. Bonacci, seconded by B. Benishek to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
3. Minutes of the March 7, 2012 meeting were approved with motion by P. Galarowicz, seconded by B. Benishek. Motion carried.
4. Review bills paid and fiscal year analysis – Motion by A. Bonacci, seconded by P. Galarowicz to approve the bills paid. Motion carried.
5. Next meeting will be Wednesday, May 2, 2012 at 1:30 p.m.
6. Correspondence and Reports:
 - a. Legislative update – The Health Care Reform Act is at the Supreme Court and should have a ruling in June.
 - b. Distracted Driving – Robin mentioned that the county has the least amount of authority, whereas the City and villages can pretty much do what they choose. State mandates are performed at the local level. Robin looks at the laws. For example, 346.89 motor vehicle code, last updated Dec. 2009, states it is illegal to text while driving. It will be the officers discretion if they will consider it inattentive driving. Chapters 340-350, the county have adopted ordinances. If there is something new the county would like to pass, you must have a public hearing, then county board adopts the ordinance. Once it is published, it then becomes a law; if we don't already have it adopted through the state. The BOH can make a recommendation to the city such as cell-phone use, but you will still need a buy in from the officers. Motion by B. Benishek, seconded by S. Leaser, to recommend Ron talk with the Chief of Police to see if this is important enough to take to the city. Motion carried.
 - c. Teen Health Fair – Last Thursday, the Teen Health Committee held their 4th Annual Health Fair at the Antigo High School for students in grades 9-12. 590 students attended at least 1x, whereas, another 170 students registered for their 2nd or 3rd time. 27 booths were present. Most booths had interactive activities for the

students and topics such as distracted driving, were hi-lighted. This was the finale for the month long activities that Karen held for Distracted Driving month with her SADD Teen Peer Students. A contest was also held for 5th and 6th grade students to write letters to high school students encouraging them to not be distracted while driving. A 5th grade at Spring Valley School won.

d. Strengthening Families is now completed. 6 families attended all 6 weekly sessions.

7. Public Health:

a. Data report for March was passed around and discussed. Increase in communicable diseases due to the Pertussis that is going around. B. Benishek suggested we need to find more ways to encourage county employees to utilize the Health Department. However, due to having less staff, it is making it more difficult to accommodate walk-ins, therefore, it is helpful if people call to make appointments. Motion by B. Benishek, seconded by P. McKinney-Rice to approve the data report. Motion carried.

b. Building a Healthier Langlade County – The Health Department will start to send BHLC minutes to all BOH members. If any members have questions, they can address them at the next BOH meeting or call. Building a Healthier Langlade County meeting times have changed. The meetings will still be the 3rd Thursday of each month, however, the meetings will now be 8-9 a.m. in the Veterans Board Room.

c. General Public Health Update – Langlade County has had 14 positive Pertussis cases since January, 2012. 2 of which were in adults. Pertussis is now on the decline. Forest County was the highest in the Northern Region. County Health Rankings are due out today. Langlade County is #66 out of 72 counties. Improved 1 spot from last year. Ron explained that the dollars for Public Health Preparedness need to be expended by the end of June. Therefore, he will be spending between \$7000-\$8000 in the next couple of months. Ron is working with Brad Henricks and the Special Needs Population in purchasing weather band radios.

d. Public Health Activities – Forrest Ave Trailer Park Update – All the titles to the trailers are now in Tom & Sherry Lights names. They are working on cleaning up the trailer court.

8. Personnel Update:

a. Clerical staff time studies between Health and Social Services – A 30 day time study was completed recently for the clerical staff. By doing this, it shows that the front staff at the Health Department are doing more than just clerical duties.

b. Student nurse update – A UW Oshkosh BSN completion nurse just completed her hours with the Health Department. By mentoring these students, the Health Department gets a stipend.

c. Election results – Since the election was yesterday, we might see new board members on the Board of Health and Ron wanted to thank the current board members for their commitment and years of services to the community and Health Department.

9. Old Business:
 - a. Public Awareness Activities – Lots of newspaper articles. B. Benishek stated that the Health Department is #1 in all of the county in regards to PR.

10. New Business:
 - a. General Education – Nothing
 - b. Conference/Workshop attendance
 1. BOH Members – Motion by B. Benishek, seconded by P. McKinney-Rice to allow any BOH member to attend necessary meetings with per diem and mileage. Motion carried.
 2. Staff – Reviewed list.

11. Referrals/Recommendations for May meeting – B. Benishek would like Ron to put an article in the paper in regards to rabies.

12. Motion by A. Bonacci, seconded by P. Galarowicz to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Submitted by:
Sheila Rine