

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Wednesday, December 5, 2012
10:30 a.m. – Health Service Center Board Room

MINUTES

PRESENT: Dale Dahms, Pat Galarowicz, Jerold Burns, Dick Hurlbert, Pat McKinney-Rice, Sally Leaser, Dr. Kristine Flowers, Robert Benishek

ALSO PRESENT: Ron Barger, Sheila Rine, Karen Hegranes

1. D. Dahms called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance. Attendance as listed above.
3. Motion by B. Benishek, seconded by P. Galarowicz to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
4. Minutes of the November 7th, 2012 board meeting were approved with motion by J. Burns, seconded by D. Hurlbert. Motion carried.
5. Review bills paid. Motion by D. Hurlbert, seconded by S. Leaser to approve bills paid. Motion carried.
6. The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 9, 2013 at 10:30 a.m.
7. Correspondence and Reports:
 - a. Legislative update – Ron reviewed the proposed Federal budget cuts for 2013 that could affect Public Health programs. Approximately one quarter of a million children nationally will not get vaccinated with the changes proposed for 2013. Also, 34,000 women won't be screened for breast cancer with the prevention cuts.
8. Public Health:
 - a. Data report for November was passed around and discussed. Motion by B. Benishek, seconded by P. Galarowicz to approve the data report for November. Motion carried.
 - b. Building a Healthier Langlade County— No minutes for November due to consolidating with the hospital during their assessment. The hospital has to do an assessment every 3 years and the BHLC/Health Department does their community assessment every 5 years. (This is a temporary merge).
 - c. General Public Health Update— Communicable diseases update. The flu report just came out and the southern states are being hit hard with by the flu, as it is starting earlier this year. It was questioned how many people in Langlade County have received the flu vaccine. We will try to come up with some numbers but some businesses may not enter into a registry, so the numbers may not be 100% accurate. In WI, there have been 113 lab confirmed cases, whereas last year at this time, only 7. 12 hospitalizations this year and last year at this time, zero.
 - d. U-Tube video of 23 ½ hours was watched by all. Very good video.
9. Personnel Update: Ron mentioned the arbitration hearing for the clerical position is set for January.

10. Old Business:

- a. Public Awareness Activities – Articles and radio ads.

11. New Business

- a. Conference/Workshop Attendance

1. BOH members—None. Motion by B. Benishek, seconded by J. Burns to approve any BOH member to attend necessary meetings with per diem and mileage. Motion carried.
2. Staff—Reviewed list. Ron also mentioned that on Dec. 13th, the Health Department will be closed in the afternoon for staff to attend a training at the Resource Center. Ron also mentioned that in the next few months, he will be working on an internal policy in regards to animal bites. Whereas, if an animal bites 3 times, the Health Officer will have the authority to issue the animal be put down depending on the circumstances on a case by case basis. Currently, there are some loop holes. Also, Ron will be working on a strategic plan for 2013 as advised by the state and CDC.

12. Referrals/Recommendations for January meeting - B. Benishek mentioned he would like the Health Department to work on a monthly topic and to share with the community. The Healthy Ways committee does a monthly newsletter that goes out to businesses but B. Benishek would like something to go to all.

13. Motion by J. Burns, seconded by D. Hurlbert to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Sheila Rine