

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Wednesday, December 7th, 2016
10:00 a.m. – Health Service Center Board Room

MINUTES

PRESENT: Judy Popelka, Robert Benishek, Richard Hurlbert, Dr. Flowers, Patty Shinnors, Holly Matucheski, Dale Dahms and Julie Webb

ALSO PRESENT: Sheila Rine, Karen Hegrans, Ron Barger, Karen Marten, Darlane Jansen

1. B. Benishek called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
 - a. Reminder to silence phones
2. Pledge of Allegiance. Moment of silence in honor of the vets. Attendance as listed above.
3. Approve agenda – Motion by J. Popelka, seconded by J. Webb to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
4. Recognize members to be excused – None
5. Minutes of the November 2nd, 2016 board meeting were approved with motion by H. Matucheski, seconded by D. Dahms. Motion carried.
6. Public comment on agenda items, and consideration of requests for items to be added to future meeting agendas – None.
7. Review bills paid.
8. The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 4th, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.
9. Correspondence and Reports:
 - a. Legislative Update –The HUD announced that Public Housing will have 18 months to implement smoke-free policies – not to include e-cig. Looked at NACCHO and the health care agenda 115th Congress. Repealing or modifying the Affordable Health Care Act. An outline of what the ACA replacement would look like was discussed. Pre-existing conditions may be spared. Lots of information in the Wisconsin Counties Association magazine. In the December issue, information on who suffers with the drug epidemic and focus on children.
10. Director's report and Personnel Update:
 - a. Recognition of Carrie Zelazoski for her years of service to both the Board of Health and to the county as a clerical support worker – Ron presented Carrie a plaque to Carrie for her years of service. B. Benishek stated that the public was always greeted with a smile when they saw Carrie. Carrie's last day will be on Dec. 30th.
 - b. Clerical application process update – Ron stated there were 35 applications and interviews will be held this week. Kari Lazars, interim HR is spearheading the process and is great to work with.

11. Public Health:

- a. Data report for November was passed around and discussed. Immunizations have increased due to the flu clinics. Dr. Flowers would like to know the percent of individuals in Langlade County who may have received the flu vaccine. Sheila shared comparison numbers from the flu clinics done in the schools. Without having the flumist available, the numbers were pretty consistent.
- b. General Public Health Update – Karen stated testing for pertussis continues. There is a cough virus circulating that has been lasting about 3 weeks.
- c. Program Updates – BHLC/CHIP/Health Coalition continues to meet monthly. Information on “Taking a break from winter” and “Zika confirmed in Texas” was passed around.
School Nurse Update –. Darlane from the Antigo District reported they are still seeing an increase of GI, upper respiratory issues and the virus is lingering for weeks. Darlane mentioned she appreciates all the help the Health Department provides as they are a great resource to her.
Healthy Ways newsletter was passed around.
- d. Staff highlight – Karen Marten states she has been with the Health Department for about 1 ½ years. She works on the diaper bank, PNCC (Prenatal Care Coordinator), going on home visits to parents of newborns. Is a certified car seat technician. Works with the WIC program and just started with the Elcho SADD group. Karen stated she is attending UWGB to obtain her BSN degree. B. Benishek suggested Karen show her display board at the next county board meeting.

12. Old Business:

- a. Public Awareness Activities – Newspaper articles were shared. Also radio ads.
- b. Resolution 133-2001 reviewed again in reference to allow all employees to receive flu vaccine at no charge through the Health Department. The Finance Committee would like to rescind this resolution as all individuals should be covered under insurance. This will go to the next County Board meeting and then in January. Will once again be discussed by the BOH.

13. New Business:

- a. Conference/Workshop attendance – BOH Members. D. Hurlbert made a motion to allow any BOH member to necessary meetings with per diem and mileage, seconded by H. Matucheski. Motion carried. Staff list reviewed.
- b. Review Humane Officer proposal and request for special evening meeting to be held in January 2017 with Public Safety to discuss county proposal regarding this issue. Ron stated that a date will be set to meet jointly in January in the evening with Public Safety and BOH. Ron met with Robin and Dr. Sarah to review the proposed process. Currently, the county has been handling all these issues but need to get it more formalized. Next fall, a representative from law enforcement and the Health Department will attend the Humane Officer training in Madison. The board discussed that Dr. Sarah hasn't received any directive from the county and took this upon herself. Townships will also be invited to the joint meeting. D. Dahms and B. Benishek will talk to Robin about setting up a date and place.
- c. Request to spend up to \$1000 for portable handwashing stations for use in emergency situations and general county use. Money will come from PHP budget – Ron stated he attended the fairboard promotion committee where this was discussed. Ron reviewed policies that were in place to have handwashing stations and no food in the livestock

pavilion but nothing was formalized about having animals in the multi-purpose building and serving food. Maintenance would be in charge of setting up the units and restocking the supplies, etc. when the units are in place. Motion by P. Shinnners, seconded by J. Popelka to allow Ron to spend up to \$1000 on portable handwashing stations with funds coming from PHP grant. Motion carried.

- d. Develop statement in support of exploring community diversion programs such as drug courts, mental health courts, family courts etc. – Ron explained what drug courts are and how they work. Ron explained this will take years of planning and writing grants to help support this but we need to start the discussion and working on this process. Need to work on sustainability. Ron has discussed drug courts with the Judge and the new DA who just came from a county who had a drug court. Ron will do a more formal presentation next month. This will take a couple of years but we need to start looking at this now. Motion by H. Matucheski, seconded by J. Webb to allow Ron to move forward to pursue this topic. Motion carried.

14. Referrals/Recommendations for January meeting – Drug court presentation. P. Shinnners mentioned that there is a book titled, “Evicted” that talks about housing and poverty that was written by a UW Madison alumni. It is on the New York Times best seller list and is excellent if anyone would like to read it. The author attended UW Madison.

15. Motion by D. Hurlbert, seconded by P. Shinnners to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m. Motion carried.

Submitted by:
Sheila Rine