

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Wednesday, February 1st, 2017

10:00 am – Health Service Center Board Room

MINUTES

PRESENT: Judy Popelka, Robert Benishek, Dr. Flowers, Patty Shinnars, Holly Matucheski, Julie Webb

ALSO PRESENT: Ron Barger, Karen Hegranes, Stephanie Thiede, Darlene Jansen, Kami Nicholson,
Hillary Schultz

1. B. Benishek called the meeting to order at 10:00a.m.
 - a. Reminder to silence cell phones
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approve agenda – Motion by P. Shinnars, seconded by J. Popelka to approve the agenda.
Motion carried.
4. Recognize members to be excused – Richard Hurlbert and Dale Dahms. Motion by J. Webb and seconded by H. Matucheski to excuse those board members.
5. Minutes of the January 4th, 2017 board meeting were approved with motion by H. Matucheski and seconded by J. Popelka. 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 March 1st, 2017 at 10:00 am
9. Correspondence and Reports:
 - a. Ron explained to the board that everything is in a holding pattern until Governor Walker releases his proposed state budget.
 - b. Karen H. passed out the 2016 Combating Opioid Abuse Report for the board to look at.
10. Director's report and Personnel Update:
 - a. Introduction of the new Office Assistant Kami Nicholson, and Hillary Schultz, a nursing student from UWO doing her clinical at the Health Department.
 - b. Staff spotlight on Stephanie Thiede, PHN: Stephanie reviewed her job duties and responsibilities with the board. She explained that public health helps educate the entire community. We go out to schools, sponsor and participate in health fairs, attend community planning sessions, gather data related to health and wellness, and investigate disease outbreaks, etc. She explained that she participates in immunization and blood pressure clinics, lice screenings, Emergency Preparedness efforts, and educates the community on natural disasters (floods, tornados, extreme

hot/cold weather, blizzards, and power outages). She also is in charge of the Radon Program for the Langlade County Health Department. Last year 113 kits were sold. Of those homes tested, 71% had elevated Radon levels greater than 4pCi/L. She also explained that she is in charge of Human Health Hazards for the county.

11. Public Health:

- a. Data report for January was passed around and discussed.
- b. General Public Health Update – Karen H disclosed that there were at least two sexually transmitted diseases in January. RSV is also hitting the community hard at the present time. She stated there are 3-4 major strains of upper respiratory infections going around at this time. Influenza cases were up early in the season. They were not the H1N1 strain. Ron stated that the state is requesting that we put in our order for flu vaccines for next fall. Judy P asked if more education could be put out on the Flu as people don't realize that the G.I. or stomach virus is not actually flu. Judy P would like to see more education to the public on this issue.
- c. Ron also briefly went over an update on the Diaper Bank. He stated that in the month of January we gave away 19 packs of disposable diapers and 4 cloth diaper starter kits. We currently have 7,500 disposable diapers and 16 cloth starter kits on hand. We did a Holiday Fundraiser and received \$200 from CoVantage, \$100 from Zelazoski Wood Products, \$200 worth of disposable diapers from Waukesha Bearing, and 3 cases of diapers from Kretz Lumber. The current budget at the present time is \$2,835.07.
- d. Ron explained to the board that BHLC will now be chaired by the Health Officer Karen Hegranes. The next meeting is February 16th, 2016 at 7:30am. The 2015-2020 CHIP is being worked on and should be rolled out by the fall.

12. Old Business:

- a. Animal Control Proposal: Ron went over the minutes from the combined special session of the Board of Health and Public Safety Committee from last month. Judy P had questions regarding the Humane Officer Position. Ron explained that under the proposed county policy regarding how animal abuse and neglect cases will be handled, the Health Department's animal control responsibilities need to be examined. Julie W wanted to make sure that the County Board be informed of how the Health Department will be involved and, if necessary, compensated for staff time. Discussion was held and concerns verbalized related to afterhours response, timeliness of investigations, citation authority, etc. Dr. Flowers also mentioned that the Sheriff's department should look at having (2) individuals from law enforcement take on this roll due to how their schedules are setup. This would be in addition to a Health Department staff person being trained. Ron will have a meeting with the Interim Sheriff to discuss the new policy and see how both departments can work together on this. The training will be offered in September so there is time to discuss this topic at future meetings.

13. New Business:

- a. Julie W made the motion to allow any BOH member or staff to attend necessary meetings with per diem and mileage. Patti S seconded the motion.

14. Referrals/Recommendations for March's meeting - None

15. Motion by Patti S, seconded by Dr. Flowers to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 am. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Kami Nicholson