

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Wednesday, January 9, 2013
10:30 a.m. – Health Service Center Board Room

MINUTES

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

ALSO PRESENT: Ron Barger, Sheila Rine, Karen Hegranes

ABSENT: Pat McKinney-Rice

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 J. Burns to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
4. Minutes of the December 5th, 2012 board meeting were approved with motion by D. Hurlbert, seconded by P. Galarowicz. Motion carried.
5. Review bills paid.
6. The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 6, 2013 at 10:30 a.m.
7. Correspondence and Reports:
 - a. Legislative update – Ron shared information from the WI County’s Magazine including information on the 2013-14 Legislative Session. Wisconsin is projecting a balanced state budget. Also discussed possible deregulation of some existing environmental rules and exploring the use of toll roads in Wisconsin to generate revenue.
8. Public Health:
 - a. Data report for December was passed around and discussed. Motion by B. Benishek, seconded by P. Galarowicz to approve the data report for December. Motion carried.
 - b. Year end data report comparison – Reviewed the comparisons from past years. B. Benishek would like to discuss ways to increase the number of county employees who utilize the Health Department. Motion by B. Benishek to refer this information to the county health insurance advisory committee, seconded by P. Galarowicz. Motion carried. Would also like to discuss options of scheduling walk-in hours each day. Motion by B. Benishek, seconded by S. Leaser to approve the year end report. Motion carried.
 - c. Building a Healthier Langlade County— Just a reminder that this committee is temporarily suspended due to merging with the hospital assessment committee. Motion by B. Benishek, seconded by S. Leaser to take BHLC off the agenda until this committee reconvenes in July. Motion carried.
 - d. General Public Health Update— Communicable diseases update. Karen mentioned numbers are low and condom distribution is going on currently to the taverns. Flu update – Cindy Hurlbert from the hospital informed Ron that as of last week, 202 people were tested for influenza with

59 positive. 1 admission. However, we are hearing that the ER hasn't been doing a lot of testing – but treating. As of the end of December, CDC was saying that WI has low flu activity, however, the state says we are high. In the Northern Region, we are high. Dr. Flowers mentioned she is seeing more Influenza B than A, however, the vaccine is a good match, so if you get the vaccine, you may still get the influenza, but you won't be hospitalized and it may not be as bad if you don't get the vaccine. In Langlade County, as of Dec. 7th, 5783 total doses were given out by vaccinating entities. A lot of businesses are running out of vaccine, however, we still have vaccine and are getting more.

9. Personnel Update: Ron mentioned the arbitration hearing for the clerical position was January 3rd. Should have a decision by April.
10. Old Business:
 - a. Public Awareness Activities – Articles and radio ads. Ron also read a thank you note from CoVantage for Sheila for participating in their health fair.
 - b. Insert in newspaper – B. Benishek mentioned at the last meeting, he would like Ron to look into putting in a monthly insert in the newspaper. Ron got prices from Bina Printing and the ADJ and to do an 8 ½ x 11, black and white, 1 sided insert, it would cost \$860. The Health Department does not have this in the budget. B. Benishek stated if you got sponsors, you could put their names on the bottom, then it may be workable. Ron will look into this.
11. New Business
 - a. Conference/Workshop Attendance
 1. BOH members—Ron mentioned the annual WALHDB state conference meeting will be May 21-23rd in WI Dells. Board members are invited, however, there is no agenda yet. Motion by B. Benishek, seconded by D. Hurlbert to approve any BOH member to attend necessary meetings with per diem and mileage. Motion carried.
 2. Staff—Reviewed list.
 - b. Animal bite policy and procedure review – An article was recently in the Primetimes, that an attorney wrote in regards to animal bites. This was speaking on behalf of an attorney, so Ron has some questions to discuss with Robin before changing the Health Department animal control policy and procedures. D. Hurlbert would like to see the dog bites publicized in the paper so people are made aware of.
 - c. Discussion of BOH members related to 3 “at-large” members – In April, under the advice of Corp. Counsel, the 3 at-large member terms will be up for renewal. The positions will be posted in the paper and if the current members are still interested, they will need to fill out the application. Ron reviewed the medical director position and as long as Dr. Flowers is still interested in being a member of this committee, he won't seek other physicians, since it is difficult to get physicians to commit to this. Dr. Flowers did mention she is still interested but she will also mention at the physicians meeting, and see if any other physicians would be interested.
12. Referrals/Recommendations for February meeting - None.
13. Motion by D. Hurlbert, seconded by S. Leaser to adjourn the meeting at 11:33 a.m. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Sheila Rine