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## MEETING MINUTES

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**Committee:** Board of Health  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
**Time:** 5:30 p.m.  
**Location:** White Lake Community Center, 615 School Street, White Lake

**The following discussion was held by the Committee at the meeting detailed above:**

1. Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. Reminder to silence cell phones
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited
4. Roll call was conducted.

BOH COMMITTEE		
Name	Role	Status
Robert Benishek	Chair	Present
Richard Hurlbert	Committee Member	Present
Holly Matucheski	Committee Member	Excused
Julie Webb	Committee Member	Present
Gloria Oberneder	Committee Member	Present
Patty Shinnars	At-Large Member	Excused
Dr. Kristine Flowers	Medical Advisor	Present
Judy Popelka	At-Large Member	Present
Non-Committee Members Present		
Name	Interest	
Ron Barger	Director Health & Social Services	
Sheila Rine	Administrative Assistant	
Stephanie Thiede	Public Health Nurse	
Darlaen Jansen	Antigo Unified School District Nurse	
Karen Marten	Public Health Nurse	
Jean Turunen	Public Health Nurse	
Kathy Bowman	White Lake/Elcho School Nurse	

5. Public comment on agenda items, and consideration of requests for items to be added to future meeting agendas - None
6. Opening Comments – Benishek welcomed everyone to this meeting and stated that “Health is for Everyone.” “Prevention is what we are about.”

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7. Introduce Board members and Health Department Staff – Introductions were made.
8. Review history and role of the Health Department – Barger gave a brief background on the history of the Health Department explaining how Langlade County Health Department is a Level II Health Department and comparison, Marathon County is a Level III and explained the differences. Most Health Departments in the state are a Level II and how we work cooperatively with the Northern Regional Office based out of Rhinelander.
9. Essential Services Snapshot –
  - a. Barger explained there are essential services that the Health Department provides related to health policies and plans to support community health. Data is collected from a Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) and developed into a Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) that the Health Department will work on for the next 5 years. Every 3 years, the CHNA data is collected cooperatively with the Aspirus Hospital. Out of the last CHNA, came the need to discuss transportation issues, access to Health Care, and need for fresh fruits and vegetables in the White Lake area. Several community champions were identified in the Village that stepped up to help work on some these topics. Out of that discussion came your community garden, expansion of the Red Robin Transit route to include White Lake, and development of the local health clinic.
  - b. Immunization Program - Rine explained the immunization program discussing how the Health Department is responsible for everyone in Langlade County to ensure they receive their immunizations. Rine talked about the state reporting system and how she works with the secretaries and school nurses to try to get everyone up to date before the state report is due. Explained how the Health Department goes into the schools in the fall and offers free flu vaccines to all the students regardless of insurance or not. The Health Department offers adult vaccinations as well and reviewed which vaccines and when to receive them.
  - c. Communicable Disease Investigation and Follow Up – Turunen reviewed the communicable disease program that all of the nurses are involved in. When a communicable disease is reported in Wisconsin, the Health Department receives this information through a state-wide computer program called WEDSS. This is checked multiple times a day. Reviewed what types of diseases are reported and how the nurses make contact with the individuals and help educate and teach prevention. Explained how sometimes the state will look at certain diseases further to see if it may be related to an outbreak as well.
  - d. Human Health Hazard Investigation – Barger stated when he first started at the Health Department, he was the environmental nurse, however, since taking over as Director of Health and Social Services, he has had to pass over some of the duties, including HHH to Thiede. Thiede explained that some of the health hazard complaints she deals with are garbage issues, insects, waste contamination, structural damage, hoarding situations and junk complaints. Thiede works closely with law enforcement, as well as the social workers, zoning to name a few. More recently, there have been a lot of issues revolving around drugs. If a call comes in afterhours, Barger will respond to those. Thiede explained the process that she follows whenever a complaint comes in and how they try to work with the individual. Barger stated there has been interest in the Towns Association and the Health Department would be willing to come to a meeting to share more details about this.

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- e. Diaper Bank – Marten explained how the diaper bank came about 1 ½ years ago. This year so far, have helped over 200 families with diapers. Marten showed everyone what the cloth diapers look like and explained the process for getting these. Disposable diapers are also available. Marten shared there are 5 agencies affiliated with the handing out diapers including AVAIL, Head Start, Hope, Social Services and the Health Department. Marten shared a diaper drive occurs between Mothers Day and Fathers Day to help raise money to continue to purchase diapers.
10. Comparative Data – Barger shared that we use data to support the decisions we make in regards to the programs we offer. Thiede stated that UW Madison does data collection for development of the County Health Rankings. Out of 72 counties, Langlade County is ranked 61, meaning there is a lot of room for improvement. How they collect data each year fluctuates. Handout was passed around and reviewed. A few weaknesses that we have are Children in Poverty, Langlade County ranks 23%, whereas the state of Wisconsin is at 17%. Adult obesity is another one. Strengths that we have is Social Associations – we are ranked #1 which includes organizations, recreational clubs, etc. Physical environment is another one with our trails and parks. Violent crime rates are low for this area even though we are seeing the increase in drug crimes but violent crimes – person to person, we are not seeing as much of. Trend analysis hand out of year to year statistics was also reviewed and discussed.
11. School Nurse Update – Bowman stated that she is the school nurse for both Elcho and White Lake, working 4 hours per school/week. This is not her full-time job as she also works at Aspirus. Bowman explained she relies on the secretaries as they are the backbone of what she does. There is a high level of poverty at both schools, so she provides a lot of education. Concussion testing with sports is starting now and she also participates in the CHNA.
- Jansen shared that she is the school nurse for the Antigo district and is responsible for 8 schools. She is suppose to be off from June 14-Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>, but her job never ends. Recently, she sent letters to all incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders informing them of the immunization requirement, as well as the state requires them to send home information on the meningococcal vaccine. Jansen explained she works closely with the Health Department and also sends information over to the Health Department to review before she send out. She has CPR courses scheduled as teachers are required to be certified in CPR and 1<sup>st</sup> Aide if they were hired after a certain date as well as maintain their certification and coaches as well. Jansen shared she reviews every health form for every student, which equates to about 2500 health forms and informs the teachers if they need to be made aware of something. Jansen stated concussion testing is also starting but what they found is the athletic students are followed by the athletic trainer but if a student is not an athletic, who follows them. She will be meeting with Dr. McKenna and all the physicians at the clinic the beginning of August to look at this. Jansen is also working with the district on peanut allergies and designating a specific table in the cafeteria as an allergen-free table. Seeing an increase in drug issues and will be focusing on education at an earlier age. Jansen also works with the secretaries on education on medications and will be doing a training soon. Barger stated that school nursing is not what it used to be as it is much more complicated and we help support the schools and their mission. He also encouraged communities to support the nurse position and important role they play in the community.

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12. Town hall style listening session – Benishek stated that the BOH listens to the staff. The BOH makes policies and report back to the County Board. On the BOH, we have 5 county board members and 3 at-large members. We have 2 representatives from White Lake on our board. We listen to the data and discuss where the money will be going. We listen to staff needs. They take care of you – we take care of them. We touch everyone in this county in one part or another. Benishek stated if anyone in the room has anything to discuss, now would be the time to do so. Andy Teshenec would like us to make a consideration. The White Lake Troutland Rescue Squad is in a major crisis to get enough EMT's to staff the rescue squad. If the City of Antigo ambulance has to come out to White Lake, it will be at a cost of \$2000 per each time. This topic has just started to be discussed and they have competition from other counties such as Menominee who are paying \$15 to be on-call. Barger stated this falls under "access to health care". Chris Oatman stated people have to wait a time period to be transported to Antigo if they are coming from Antigo, so people may start to transport themselves, which isn't always a good thing. Discussed the reasons for not getting more people trained include more paper work, more trainings, the test is hard and difficult for people to pass. Bowman stated that there are not a lot of younger people in this community to do this anymore. A lot of the people currently on the Troutland Rescue squad are aging out and can no longer do this. Judy Peterson stated, "this isn't just White Lake. Wolf River and others are having issues as well." Langlade County needs to do a research initiative to see what others are doing. It's not just Eastern Langlade County but the entire county. Barger explained we want to provide services to those who live in our service area. If you utilize our services, we should be able to help you. Discussed going to the Towns Association and discussing this there as well as adding this to the Safety Committee. Oberneder is on the Safety Committee and will make sure this is added to their next agenda for discussion. Benishek reminded everyone about his opening comment that "health has no border." "We need to get communication started." Dr. Flowers stated that she will bring this to the hospital board as well. Dr. Flowers also mentioned reading an article about White Water hiring students to be EMT's and they helped out with their tuition. Maybe there is something to be looked at here as well.

Marie Graupner stated that people don't know what they can ask the board. They don't know what services are out there. Barger mentioned it goes both ways. We don't know what you don't know. Graupner mentioned foot care and who does that anymore. Barger stated he will mention to the ADRC to possibly do some advertising as people don't know who they are or what they can offer. The Health Department does put articles in the paper and advertises on the radio as well as the county web page and facebook. Benishek said he told the county board that other committees should start having meetings in White Lake and Elcho. Oatman appreciated this meeting was held after hours to allow those who work to be able to attend.

Barger reviewed the Health Department Animal Control Program. Oatman stated that the Village is looking at redoing their animal ordinance and others as well. Barger mentioned that Thiede will be taking the Humane Officer training as well as someone from law enforcement this fall.

13. Closing remarks – Benishek said the county board is interested in all of Langlade County. We are glad we came tonight and the EMT situation will be addressed. Oberneder will be

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taking this to the Safety Committee and if you can try to attend that session, that would be helpful as well. Teshenec thanked the board for coming out as well.

14. Set date for next meeting: August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 at the Health Service Center Board Room at 10:00 AM. Karen Hegranes will be facilitating the meeting as Barger will not be available. Webb asked to be excused from this meeting.
15. Adjourn meeting. Motion by Hurlbert, seconded by Oberneder to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes transcribed and submitted by:  
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