

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Wednesday, July 3rd, 2013
10:30 a.m. – Health Service Center Board Room

MINUTES

PRESENT: Jerrold Burns, Judy Popelka, Bob Benishek, Pat McKinney-Rice, Patty Shinnors, Richard Hurlbert

ALSO PRESENT: Ron Barger, Sheila Rine, John O'Connor, Lunette Dehnel

ABSENT: Dr. Flowers, Dale Dahms

1. J. Burns 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. McKinney-Rice to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
4. Minutes of the June 5th, 2013 board meeting were approved with motion by B. Benishek, seconded by D. Hurlbert. Motion carried.
5. Review bills. Budget is on track for the year.
6. The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 7th, 2013 at 10:30 a.m.
7. Correspondence and Reports:
 - a. Legislative update – Ron reported on the state budget. 650 million in tax cuts. UW tuition fees frozen. Increase in \$300 million in public school funding. UW system decrease in state funding. Some money being devoted to mental health and other health related programs.
8. Public Health:
 - a. Data report for June was passed around and discussed. Motion by B. Benishek, seconded by P. Shinnors to approve the data report for June. Motion carried.
 - b. General Public Health Update— Communicable Disease Update – Lymes disease cases are reported but not necessarily positive. No flu vaccine at this time. The Health Department will be doing a Public Health Preparedness exercise in either October or November to be able to give flu vaccine to the students in the schools, which will need to be done within 30 days, at no charge.
 - c. Program Updates – AHEC – Tori, the student intern you met last month, is working out well. She will be done the end of July. The Health Department currently has 2 students with us. Ron introduced John O'Connor, who is completing his bachelors degree through UW Oshkosh and Lunette Dehnel who is completing her bachelors degree through Viterbo College, LaCrosse.
Ameri-Corp ads are currently in the paper with recruitment through the end of July. The individual will be employed under Action Alliance.
9. Old Business:
 - a. Public Awareness Activities – Articles were shown along with radio ads.

10. New Business

a. Conference/Workshop Attendance

1. BOH members—Motion by B. Benishek, seconded by P. McKinney-Rice to approve any BOH members to attend necessary meetings with per diem and mileage. Motion carried.

2. Staff—No scheduled meetings in July.

b. Update on Animal Control Measures – Ron spoke with Bill Greening. The contract with the previous Humane Officer has been terminated. Ron mentioned that if a new Humane Officer would be trained and hired, he would like to see the county pay for the training and a per diem plan worked out for the individual. The city was contacted regarding animal control issues but they do not want to make any changes in the way animal cases are investigated. This will continue to be looked at by the county.

c. Review of Health Hazards Policy & Procedure related to economic downturn – Ron mentioned the challenges with working with the city, etc. Mark the new City Administrator is now being included in any correspondence Ron writes to Jerry Wilhelm and situations have been getting better. B. Benishek mentioned that he met with the Mayor and the Administrator this morning and they are looking at building codes and options regarding structures.

d. Proclamation to support LH Community Health Assessment – Ron read the Proclamation to help support the hospital in their community health assessment. Motion by B. Benishek, seconded by P. McKinney-Rice to sign the Proclamation and forward onto the county board. Motion carried.

11. Referrals/Recommendations for August meeting.

12. Motion by R. Hurlbert, seconded by P. McKinney-Rice to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 a.m. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Sheila Rine