

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Wednesday, June 5th, 2013
10:30 a.m. – Health Service Center Board Room

MINUTES

PRESENT: Jerrold Burns, Pat McKinney-Rice, Judy Popelka, Dale Dahms, Bob Benishek

ALSO PRESENT: Ron Barger, Sheila Rine, Tori Strutz, David Schneider, Karen Hegranes

ABSENT: Richard Hurlbert, Dr. Flowers, Patty Shinnars

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 May 1st, 2013 board meeting were approved with motion by J. Burns, seconded by P. McKinney-Rice. Motion carried.
5. Review bills.
6. The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 3rd, 2013 at 10:30 a.m.
7. Dave Schneider – Update on the Langlade Hospital Community Health Assessment – Dave gave a background on the Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) that started in late 2012 and still continues. Key people involved and he especially thanked Ron and Holly Matucheski as a great asset to this project. There were 57 community leaders throughout the county that participated. 4 town hall meetings were held. 62 key informant interviews were conducted and an on-line/mail in survey was conducted with over 600 people responding. Out of this assessment, the information gathered was narrowed down to 4 health priorities; 1) Substance Abuse; 2) Obesity; 3) Wellness and Prevention; 4) Affordability of health care costs. Dave went through the strategies to try to improve or focus on these areas. Dave would like to see a Proclamation from both the city and the county, for their support in raising awareness of these health issues and efforts to address them. Ron will talk with Robin about drafting a Proclamation and bring draft copy to the July BOH meeting for approval and then forward to the county board. Ron also explained that the Health Department has a similar health assessment every 5 years, whereas, the hospital has to do one every 3 years, but the Health Department would like to work together with the hospital and do an assessment every 3 years. Several members of this CHNA group are also applying to go to the Wisconsin Healthy Leadership Institute that works with community teams and provides training and resources. Ron and Dr. Patrick McKenna are the co-leaders on the application. This is a competitive application and the application will be sent in shortly. Motion by J. Burns, seconded by D. Dahms to have Ron work with Robin on crafting a Proclamation and present to the BOH at their next meeting and then forward to county board. Motion carried.

8. Correspondence and Reports:

- a. Legislative update – Ron talked about 2 separate farm bills; 1 in the Senate and 1 in the House. Discussed unpasteurized milk. Also the Fit Kids Act which strengthens Phy Ed classes and offers grants.

9. Public Health:

- a. Data report for May was passed around and discussed. Motion by B. Benishek, seconded by P. McKinney-Rice to approve the data report for May. Motion carried.
- b. General Public Health Update— Communicable Disease Update – Camps will be starting soon and information will be sent to all camps in regards to Pertussis. Flu vaccine has all been ordered for the next flu season.
- c. Program Updates – Karen introduced our new intern, Tori, who will be here through the end of July. She is with the AHEC (Area Health Education Center). Tori is in her senior year of UW Oshkosh and is 1 of 56 students who will be interning throughout Wisconsin. Ron has talked about the Ameri-Corp position that the Health Department co-sponsored. Keith Wolf has retired from North Central Health Care Center and his last day is the end of June. Keith originally planned on housing the Ameri Corps position but with Keith leaving, Ron has offered to house the person here at the Health Department. We did get the position and Ron will be the site administrator. Interviews will be starting soon and hopefully the person will start by September. \$2000 in the remaining donation account will be forwarded to Action Alliance to fund the Ameri-Corp position. Ron also mentioned that we will be purchasing some educational materials through donation account monies that also need to be used by the end of the year. Motion by B. Benishek, seconded by P. McKinney-Rice to allow the purchase of educational materials, including a distract-a-match game that costs around \$685 through the donation account. Motion carried. Ron also mentioned that we will also be having an Oshkosh student who is an RN starting next week.

10. Old Business:

- a. Public Awareness Activities – Articles were shown along with radio ads.
- b. WPHA and WALHDAB Conference Recap – Ron and Karen both attended and stated it was an excellent conference. They also talked about one of the main speakers, who was Will Allen, a retired professional basketball player who started a program called Grow Spaces and he goes around starting community gardens in various areas all over the world.

11. 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—Reviewed list.
- b. Update on Animal Control Measures – Ron reviewed the discussion he had with J. Burns and D. Dahms regarding animal control issues. Ron has spoken to a number of individuals regarding the time required to investigate animal bites but no consensus related to policy change was obtained. Ongoing discussion will need to take place.
- c. Review of Health Hazards Policy & Procedure related to economic downturn – Ron discussed the pressure he is receiving from individuals to follow up on certain issues such as vacant buildings.

After discussion, it was suggested Ron talk with Robin and Mike Winters to discuss what he currently has done and what more could be done regarding abatement issues with these properties.

12. Referrals/Recommendations for July meeting - Will discuss the Health Hazards Policy & Procedures again.

13. Motion by B. Benishek, seconded by J. Popelka to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Sheila Rine