

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Wednesday, March 6, 2013
10:30 a.m. – Health Service Center Board Room

MINUTES

PRESENT: Pat Galarowicz, Sally Leaser, Dr. Kristine Flowers, Robert Benishek, Pat McKinney-Rice, Dale Dahms, Jerrold Burns, Richard Hurlbert

ALSO PRESENT: Ron Barger, Sheila Rine, Karen Hegranes

1. D. Dahms called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance. Attendance as listed above.
3. Motion by D. Hurlbert, seconded by J. Burns to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
4. Minutes of the February 6th, 2013 board meeting were approved with motion by J. Burns, seconded by B. Benishek. Motion carried.
5. Review bills paid.
6. The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 3rd, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. Dr. Flowers and J. Burns stated they will not be there.
7. Correspondence and Reports:
 - a. Legislative update – The WI Counties Association will be coming to Antigo on March 20th from 1-4 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Express to review current legislative events happening. Fact sheets from NACCHO in regards to possible funding changes due to sequester and possible changes to the middle class families were also passed around and discussed.
8. Public Health:
 - a. Data report for February was passed around and discussed. Motion by B. Benishek, seconded by P. Galarowicz to approve the data report for February. Motion carried.
 - b. General Public Health Update— Communicable diseases update. Karen mentioned that pertussis is still being tested, however, the most recent ones tested, have been negative. There were 2 cases of Chlamydia and 3 Hept. C cases. The Health Department will be hosting another Hept. C free clinic on March 20th. Ron also discussed the school based flu clinics since the changes at the Federal level, we weren't sure if we could do them in the schools, however, we will be able to do them in the schools and work it as an exercise that we need to through Preparedness – a mass clinic exercise. Ron also reviewed there is some new flu vaccine this coming year that will be a quadrivalent vaccine (2 a's and 2 b's), so there will be better protection. Ron also reviewed flu activity in Wisconsin which is currently low. CDC says Wisconsin is minimal and the northern region of the US is moderate. Ron also passed around new brochures. One on the Public Health Programs the Health Department offers and another on adult vaccines. Ron also read a letter from Georgia Fischer, from Rural Dental on the Antigo remodel which is starting on March 22nd and should be completed by June. They will be offering an open house once it is completed.

9. Personnel Update: Ron met with Robin who approved the ad for the at-large members, which will be going in the paper and Shoppers this week. Applications will be due on March 22nd. Terms of service for at-large members was discussed. The consensus of the BOH was that at-large positions on the board be filled every (2) years during non-election years. Current at-large members may re-apply for open positions if such positions have no other qualified applicants. At-large members are limited to serve no more than (3) consecutive (2) year terms for a total of (6) years of consecutive service. Prior at-large board members may re-apply if at least 2 years have passed since their last period of service. These measures are to comply with state statute 251.03. 1 position has to be an RN. Dr. Flowers, Medical Advisor will continue on since it is very difficult to get another physician to commit to this committee. After discussion, if S. Leaser or P. Galarowicz would like to reapply, they can, however, we will have closed session at the next meeting at which time, they would need to step out. Motion by B. Benishek, seconded by P. McKinney-Rice to refill the 2 at-large members. Motion carried.

10. Old Business:

- a. Public Awareness Activities – Articles were shown. Karen was also on Channel 12 for an update on adult immunizations.

11. New Business

a. Conference/Workshop Attendance

1. BOH members—Ron reminded everyone about the annual WALHDB state conference meeting will be May 21-23rd in WI Dells. Board members are invited. Motion by B. Benishek, seconded by J. Burns to approve any BOH member to attend necessary meetings with per diem and mileage. Motion carried.
2. Staff—Reviewed list.

b. Update on sanitation policy related to new buildings at the fairgrounds – Ron met with the 4-H Leaders and also the Fairgrounds Advisory Committee. They are looking at having a 10 day waiting period from the time the last animal event was in the building, until you can have a food related event in the building. Still working on the policy and need to decide what the hosting group would need to do for cleaning purposes. Ron will be working with the Fairboard Advisory committee. B. Benishek mentioned that an open house/event on June 9th will take place to dedicate and name the new building.

12. Referrals/Recommendations for April meeting - None.

13. Motion by J. Burns, seconded by S. Leaser to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 a.m. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Sheila Rine