

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Wednesday, February 4th, 2015
10:30 a.m. – Health Service Center Board Room

MINUTES

PRESENT: Dale Dahms, Judy Popelka, Richard Hurlbert, Dr. Flowers, Robert Benishek, Richard Burby,

ALSO PRESENT: Ron Barger, Sheila Rine, Karen Hegrans, Meghan O’Hearn, Wendee Cox, Brad Henricks, Dave Solin, Autumn Pettengill

ABSENT: Patty Shinnars, Angela Schreiber

1. D. Dahms called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance. Attendance as listed above.
3. Approve agenda – Motion by R. Burby, seconded by D. Hurlbert to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
4. Minutes of the January 7th, 2015 board meeting were approved with motion by J. Popelka, seconded by D. Hurlbert. Motion carried.
5. Review bills.
6. The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 4th, 2015 at 10:30 a.m.
7. B. Henricks, Emergency Management Director, came to give a report on warming/cooling shelters as was discussed at the last BOH meeting. B. Henricks explained the differences between Red Cross type shelters and warming/cooling shelters. The Red Cross is in charge of sheltering and there are currently 7 identified shelters in Langlade County; the Antigo High School, Antigo Middle School, East Elementary, Elcho School, White Lake School, The Boy Scout camp in Pearson and St. John’s Church in Pickerel. Warming/cooling shelters are sites identified where people can go to warm up or cool down. Most likely, public places that are open anyway. B. Henricks does announcements in the media and social media to alert people where to go if need be. Main message is to have people check on family members and neighbors.
8. Correspondence and Reports:
 - a. Legislative Update – Ron mentioned he is following 2 bills at the Federal level on effective drug enforcement and electronic reporting of prescriptions.
9. Personnel Update – Ron stated that Julie Webb had given her resignation and has left the Health Department. Motion by B. Benishek, seconded by D. Hurlbert to go forward with refilling this position and forward to Personnel Committee. Motion carried. Ron also shared an organization chart showing the department staff 5 years ago and what it looks like now. The department is functioning at a bare minimum right now.

10. Public Health:

- a. Data report for January was passed around and discussed. Motion by B. Benishek, seconded by J. Popelka to approve the data report. Motion carried.
- b. General Public Health Update – Flu is at moderate level and circulating. Ebola vaccine is in the process of being tested in Liberia with 27,000 people 18 years and older in phase 2/3 trials. Did have 1 confirmed case of pertussis this week.
- c. Program Update – M. O’Hearn passed around a copy of the Langlade Health Coalition newsletter. 4 health initiatives with 12 projects being currently worked on. A Prevention Fund has just been approved and will be reaching out to the vulnerable populations. Building a Healthier Langlade County minutes were also passed around. AmeriCorp update – W. Cox stated they just completed the 3rd session of the Guiding Good Choices program last night. 28 people attended the first session; 25 the second and 28 the third. Positive feed back on the evaluations. Langlade County was the first program to get that many people to attend.

11. Old Business:

- a. Public Awareness Activities – Newspaper articles were shared.

12. New Business:

- a. Conference/Workshop attendance – BOH Members. B. Benishek made a motion to allow any BOH member to necessary meetings with per diem and mileage, seconded by D. Hurlbert. Motion carried. Staff – Reviewed list.
- b. Forward Service Placement – Ron talked with local program director from Forward Service who was looking for sites to place individuals but Ron mentioned this was not a good fit for Health Department due to the specialized services we offer. There would be no cost to the county and Ron shared this information with Social Services. Copies of the pamphlet were passed around.
- c. Grant requests – Ron discussed the grants that come into the Health Department. Usually they have a very short turn-a-round time, sometimes only a couple days to a week. Karen is currently working on a grant through CDC that gave states funding to increase rates for HPV vaccine to prevent cancers. B. Benishek stated the county board has a policy so that county board members are made aware of the grants. Motion by B. Benishek, seconded by D. Hurlbert to have Ron check with Robin to review the current policy. Motion carried. D. Dahms stated he thought the grant issues came when there were matching funds involved. Ron will check with Robin.
- d. At Large Members – At-Large members are selected 2 year terms. P. Shinners, J. Popelka and Dr. Flowers need to consider if they would like to continue for another 2 year term and this will be discussed at the next BOH meeting.
- e. Healthy Heart Proclamation – Dave Schneider contacted Ron and asked Ron to bring this Proclamation to the BOH. February is Heart Healthy Month and Ron read a letter from Dave. Proclamation was passed around and BOH members signed. Motion by R. Burby, seconded by D. Hurlbert to forward Proclamation to the County Board. Motion carried.

13. Referrals/Recommendations for March meeting – Rabies update, E-Cig presentation, Staffing study.

14. Motion by D. Hurlbert, seconded by J. Popelka to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m. Motion carried.

Submitted by:
Sheila Rine