

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

MINUTES

PRESENT: Dale Dahms, Judy Popelka, Richard Hurlbert, Patty Shinnars, Robert Benishek, Richard Burby, Angela Schreiber

ALSO PRESENT: Ron Barger, Sheila Rine, Karen Hegranes, Wendee Cox, Autumn Pettengill, Jean Turunen

ABSENT: Dr. Kristine Flowers

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 P. Shinnars to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
4. Minutes of the February 4th, 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, April 1st, 2015 at 10:30 a.m.
7. Correspondence and Reports:
 - a. Legislative Update – No update.
8. Personnel Update – The Public Health Nurse position was approved to be refilled. Applications are being received to the finance office and are due by March 9th. Interviews will be held the week of March 16th. A board member is needed for the interviews. P. Shinnars will sit in on the interviews and if she is unavailable, D. Dahms will be available.
9. Public Health:
 - a. Data report for February was passed around and discussed. Motion by B. Benishek, seconded by D. Hurlbert to approve the data report. Motion carried.
 - b. General Public Health Update – No measles cases in Wisconsin. No pertussis in Langlade County. Flu is minimal-low.
 - c. Program Updates – Copies of the minutes from the last BHLC meeting were passed around, along with the Healthy Ways Newsletter. Wendee reported that she is working on recruiting volunteers for the 2nd round of Guiding Good Choices and would like to have professionals attend. She has been working on AmeriCorp deliverables, which are being met. Applications for the next AmeriCorp position for the fall are out and available. Ron will be meeting with the hospital and Action Alliance to see if we want to continue for the 3rd year. Langlade Health Coalition – Meghan will attend next months meeting to provide an update.

10. Old Business:

- a. Public Awareness Activities – Newspaper articles were shared.
- b. Heart Healthy Campaign Kick-Off Event – Ron thanked J. Popelka for attending and presenting the Proclamation that was approved at the county board. This is a year long campaign, so we will start to see a lot more information coming out in the near future.
- c. Rabies Policy – Copies of the “Steps to a Rabies Investigation” were handed out and reviewed. Motion by B. Benishek, seconded by D. Hurlbert to acknowledge the board reviewed and read the rabies report and being no policy changes, being placed on file. Motion carried.

11. 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. Grant Requests – Ron reviewed the grant process with Gary. It is okay to write for grants, without having to go through committees, as long as you don’t hire any additional staff to run/operate the grant.
- c. Powerpoint on e-cig use and vaping – Wendee gave an excellent presentation on electronic nicotine delivery systems. Included in the presentation was that there is no law on e-cig’s. There are 7000 different flavors of e-juices. Most of the businesses that sell e-cigs would like to see regulations. Some stores have signs posted that say “no one under age 18 allowed in store”. It is important that individuals treat the juices like medications and keep out of reach of children, as this is toxic even if spilled on your body. E-cigs are safer than tobacco smoking however, it is never safe to put an addictive drug in your body or inhale chemicals into your lungs.
- d. Staffing study presentation – Autumn Pettengill, student from UW Oshkosh gave a presentation on Lean Management, which in 2012 Governor Scott Walker initiated the Lean Government initiative. Powerpoint presentation was shown. Included in her presentation was that currently, there are 4 committees that need to have approval before hiring or refilling a position. After a review of several counties in the Northern Region, Langlade County was the only county that needed 4 committee approvals. Most didn’t need any, just worked with their Finance or HR to refill the position; Some had to just have approval of their oversight committee and some the approval of their oversight committee and executive committee. Not one county had to get the approval from their county board.

12. Referrals/Recommendations for April meeting – Hiring update.

13. Motion by A. Schrieber, seconded by R. Burby to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Submitted by:
Sheila Rine