

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING  
Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
10:30 a.m. – Health Service Center Board Room

MINUTES

PRESENT: Judy Popelka, Richard Hurlbert, Patty Shinnars, Robert Benishek, Richard Burby, Angela Schreiber, Dr. Kristine Flowers

ALSO PRESENT: Ron Barger, Sheila Rine, Karen Hegrans, Karen Marten, Meghan O’hearn

ABSENT: Dale Dahms

1. R. Hurlbert 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 April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 board meeting were approved with motion by B. Benishek, seconded by J. Popelka. Motion carried.
5. Review bills.
6. The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 at 10:30 a.m.
7. Correspondence and Reports:
  - a. Legislative Update – New Surgeon General, Vivek Murthy, MD, MBA as of April 22<sup>nd</sup>. To learn more about him, go to: [www.surgeongeneral.gov](http://www.surgeongeneral.gov).
8. Personnel Update – Karen Marten was introduced to the board as the new nurse that has been hired. She started on Monday. Ron also mentioned that everyone has name badges and you will see all county employees wearing them shortly, as the employees will be coming in to have these done.
9. Public Health:
  - a. Data report for April was passed around and discussed. Motion by B. Benishek, seconded by R. Burby to approve the data report. Motion carried.
  - b. General Public Health Update – No pertussis cases here. Increase in upper respiratory infections. Seeing an increase in Hepatitis C. 5 cases would equal an epidemic here if linked and we had 4 new cases this last month. Ron will be looking into this further to see if there is some type of a trend happening and doing some awareness articles.
  - c. Program Updates – Langlade Hospital Community Health Needs Assessment is gearing up for 2016, where they will look at doing an assessment that will focus on health initiatives for the next 3 years. BHLC continues to meet with their next meeting May 21<sup>st</sup>. Everyone is invited to attend. Langlade Health Coalition update – Meghan stated she will give an update from one of the groups next month. They are getting ready for the next assessment. Music in the Park (MITP) brochures were passed around. On June 22<sup>nd</sup>, MITP is sponsored by the hospital,

so there will be additional Heart Healthy food choices, along with some physical exercises in between the music. Lots of activities going on. Individuals have been on the breakfast club. Meghan is working on doing a professional tour through the community so individuals will have a resource/referral guide. Watch for more information on this. B. Benishek mentioned his concern with poverty in Langlade County. Ron will ask Kari Lazars if she can do another presentation to county board members as there are new members on the board since the last time she did this. Karen also mentioned the Food Pantry is having their open house on May 17<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 p.m. AmeriCorp update will be next month.

10. Old Business:

- a. Public Awareness Activities – Newspaper articles were shared. 2 interviews with Channel 12 were also done.
- b. AmeriCorp application for 2015-16 was successful. We were 1 of 30 in the state that were awarded the AmeriCorp position. Wendee has done a lot of good things for the community through the AmeriCorp this year, we look forward to having her 1 more year. The focus area for next year isn't as strict, therefore, she can work on any health disparities, along with obesity and wellness, alcohol and drug abuse.

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 R. Burby. Motion carried. Staff – Reviewed list.
- b. County Health Rankings will move to next month.
- c. Suicide data for Langlade County – Karen mentioned that suicide rates for 18 and under, on a 3 year average from 2009-11, is 2.3. From 1986 to 2015, under age 25, there were 5 people. The number of suicides remains low. Karen is chair of the suicide prevention group and they are working with the Boys & Girls Club to have a youth program this summer at the club for youth concerned about their summer and where they will get their food from or what they would have to do during the day. Provide weekly program for individuals with high anxiety. Compassionate friends reaches out to families with the loss of a child.
- d. Ron also passed around a copy of the NALBOH news brief. Stand for Children's Day is May 16<sup>th</sup> at Castle Park. Healthy Ways Walk is June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Copy of the Healthy Ways newsletter was also passed around.

12. Referrals/Recommendations for June meeting – County Health Rankings

13. Motion by R. Burby, seconded by B. Benishek to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m. Motion carried.

Submitted by:  
Sheila Rine