

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Wednesday, June 3rd, 2015
10:30 a.m. – Health Service Center Board Room

MINUTES

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

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

ABSENT: Angela Schreiber

1. D. Dahms called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance. Attendance as listed above. A. Schreiber excused absence.
3. Approve agenda – Motion by D. Hurlbert, seconded by P. Shinnors to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
4. Minutes of the May 6th, 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, July 1st, 2015 at 10:30 a.m.
7. Correspondence and Reports:
 - a. Legislative Update –None
8. Personnel Update – At the last Management Meeting, they discussed addressing operational improvements for 2018. Ron passed around a form that Finance is asking department heads to fill out. Currently, we have a .8 RN position that Ron would like to move back to full time. Also, when Ron moved up to the Health Directors position, his RN position was never filled, and he would like that position to be refilled. Motion by R. Burby, seconded by D. Hurlbert to include these 2 positions in the operational improvement plan for 2018. Motion carried. Ron also mentioned that Karen Marten is doing a wonderful job since starting about 1 month ago.
9. Public Health:
 - a. Data report for May 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 – Flu is low to moderate. Hepatitis C is on-going management.
 - c. Program Updates – BHLC minutes were passed around. The Healthy Ways walk is today from 3-6 p.m. J. Popelka mentioned that there is Music at the Depot in White Lake on Tuesdays at 6 p.m.
AmeriCorp update – On May 19th, the 2nd Guiding Good Choices program was held at the library for professionals. Deliverables are all met. Wendee will be attending the state-wide

prevention conference in the WI Dells next week. Continues to work with various program. Action Alliance brat fry is July 3rd at Lakeside. Langlade Health Coalition update – White Lake was awarded another grant for their garden. Would like them to work more closely with school children. Karen H. reviewed that the Suicide Prevention team is working on helping students in the summer who don't know where they will get their lunches from, etc., to offer a summer program to students in grades 7-9 at the B&G Club and will meet with them 1x/wk in the teen center. There will be a counselor from the school district and staff from B&G Club involved, along with Karen H. Meghan talked about Blessings in a Backpack Program, which will provide food to students. They will receive 50% more on Mondays as kids don't always eat on the weekends. This is still in the early planning stages. Looking at starting with 100 kids, 2 meals a day. Cost is approximately \$60,000. Reaching out to the community for help with funding. Will bring fact sheet next month. Meghan also explained the provider series starting on June 25th with Dr. Strong, through the Beat Goes On. Hope to have one every month. Meghan also talked about a bus trip for professionals visiting businesses throughout the county. This is still in the early planning stages. Motion by B. Benishek, seconded by R. Burby to allow at least one board member to attend with per diem. Motion carried. Meghan will let us know when this happens.

10. Old Business:

- a. Public Awareness Activities – Newspaper articles were shared.
- b. AmeriCorp funding – Ron did make an application to the Community Health Foundation. They will meet again in August to discuss.
- c. Poverty in Langlade County – Kari is looking at taking the information she presented to the hospital and scaling it down to be able to present to the County Board.

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 came out March 25th. Will split the discussion between this month and next month. We currently rank 59th in state. Last year, we were 52. You want to have a lower number. Meghan discussed the tool and how this information is figured out and the tool has changed from how this was done previously, therefore, may be showing why we dropped. Health Outcomes is what changed the most. We are only compared to counties in Wisconsin. They don't look at population or size. The important part to look at, is the data, not the number. This is a community problem and need to have various committees/departments involved such as Social Services, law enforcement, etc. B. Benishek would like a joint meeting with BOH and Social Services and law enforcement but will wait until the upcoming community health needs assessment this fall. Let's look at local data that has been collected versus comparison to the state data. The health rankings are basically a tool to get communities talking. Don't get too excited about the ranking but rather, the data. Identify priorities and challenges.
- c. Needle Exchange Program – The AIDS Resource Center of WI, used to have someone that came up and did needle exchanges. Currently, that position isn't filled. Ron is looking at having the Health Department sponsor a needle exchange program, however, Ron has questions that need to be answered before this can happen. Motion by B. Benishek,

seconded by D. Hurlbert to allow Ron to do an internal study to look into the needle exchange program. Motion carried.

12. Referrals/Recommendations for July 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