

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Wednesday, July 1st, 2015
10:30 a.m. – Health Service Center Board Room

MINUTES

PRESENT: 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

EXCUSED: 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 P. Shinnors, seconded by R. Burby to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
4. Minutes of the June 3rd, 2015 board meeting were approved with motion by R. Burby, seconded by J. Popelka. Motion carried.
5. Review bills.
6. The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 5th, 2015 at 10:30 a.m.
7. Correspondence and Reports:
 - a. Legislative Update –The Supreme Court has upheld the Affordable Care Act. Ron is following legislation related to nicotine being listed as a controlled substance.
8. Personnel Update – Ron submitted the Operational Improvement form for the year 2018 to the Finance Department.
9. Public Health:
 - a. Data report for June 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 – Flu is low. Chlamydia cases have increased, along with Hepatitis C. No Pertussis.
 - c. Program Updates – BHLC minutes were passed around. The Healthy Ways newsletter was also passed around. New tick cards were distributed.
 - d. AmeriCorp update – Wendee is finishing her classes which will be done the end of this month and then she will graduate with a degree in addictions and treatment. She has added 15 parents to the Parent Network and has a total of 46. She completed 2 Guiding Good Choices programs. Her 1st term is ending but she will be with us again for 1 more year.

- e. Langlade Health Coalition update – Continuing to work on the Fill a Backpack Program which will be a weekend food program, to give to students on Friday with meals they can prepare themselves. This is a costly program and requires volunteers. Looking at offering this at the 3 city schools (East, West and North). Surveys were done at the schools to identify students. The Coalition is following the program that Rhinelander does.
Continuing to work on alcohol and substance abuse policies. Recently met with Sarah Repp and Eric Roller with the City. Looking at reviewing their policies such as adding in language stating the city does not endorse drinking alcohol during child related activities (ie. Little League baseball games). It was discussed that you can't drink alcohol on school grounds, where some baseball games are played.
Meghan also mentioned the after school youth running program that is currently happening on Tuesday and Thursday nights for 1 hour. Currently, there are 70 students signed up in Antigo and 11 in Elcho. None in White Lake.

10. Old Business:

- a. Public Awareness Activities – Newspaper articles were shared. Karen also mentioned the Red Bag Campaign that is part of the Rural Health Initiative webinar that she listened to last week, identified how Langlade County has been working on this program and the Health Department, along with other partners were recognized.

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 – None.
- b. County Health Rankings - Meghan reminded everyone to not focus so much on where Langlade County ranks but rather on the Health Outcomes and Health Factors and then Policies and Programs outlined on the website. Reviewed how this ranking came about and why the numbers vary year to year. This report will show what health related issues we need to focus on in our county. Remember that approximately 400-500 people actually took this survey, whereas, the survey done through the Community Health Needs Assessment, surveyed closed to 2000 people and would prove to be a little more accurate. However, both really are focusing on the same areas. Meghan showed how to get around on the website and where you can find resources showing where you can find more data and also find programs and policies that have worked in other counties. Next month, Ron and Meghan will break this down into sections to review.
- c. Needle Exchange Program – The AIDS Resource Center of WI recently hired Carly to refill the Prevention Specialist position. She is currently in training but is willing to come to Langlade County to offer the needle exchange program. Reviewed why this is necessary in Langlade County, especially with the increase in Hepatitis C cases due to sharing of needles. Will continue to discuss and work with the state on helping us rather than have Health Department do this. Also need to find a location for this to happen.
- d. Ebola – The Health Department received Preparedness funding through the State and Federal Government (CDC) to address communicable disease. Part of the deliverable for this grant is the Health Department needs to purchase specialized equipment and supplies which costs approximately \$4900. Motion by R. Burby, seconded by P. Shinnars to allow Ron to purchase this equipment. Motion carried.

12. Referrals/Recommendations for August meeting - Nothing

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

Submitted by:
Sheila Rine