

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING &
Combined Social Services Committee Special Session
Wednesday, September 2nd, 2015
10:00 a.m. – Health Service Center Board Room

MINUTES

PRESENT: Judy Popelka, Richard Hurlbert, Robert Benishek, Richard Burby, Angela Schreiber, Patty Shinnars, Dr. Flowers, Holly Matucheski, Vern Cahak

ALSO PRESENT: Ron Barger, Sheila Rine, Karen Hegrans, Kim VanHoof, Gary Olsen, Carlene Nagel, Robin Stowe, Craig Hotchkiss, Scott Jensema, Arlene Bonacci

1. R. Hurlbert called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance. Attendance as listed above.
3. Approve agenda – Motion by R. Burby, seconded by V. Cahak to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
4. Minutes of the August 5th, 2015 board meeting were approved with motion by B. Benishek, seconded by R. Burby. Motion carried.
5. Election of Vice Chair for Board of Health – B. Benishek nominated R. Burby for Vice Chair of Board of Health. No further nominations.
6. Special recognition for Dale Dahms for years of service to the Board of Health – D. Dahms was unable to attend today's meeting. Ron will present him with his award at the County Board meeting or at the next Board of Health meeting.
7. Review bills.
8. The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 7th, 2015 at 10:30 a.m.
9. Review and discuss Social Services minutes related to August 21st meeting and proposed plan to merge administration of Health Department and Social services – Ron gave a brief overview to the group stating that Kim VanHoof's last day is Sept. 21st as the Director of Social Services. During a special meeting that was held previously, it was discussed to have Ron be the interim director of Social Services through the end of December, 2016, at which time, the position would be re-evaluated. Ron would also continue to be Director for the Health Department. R. Burby explained the reasoning to combine this position. By not refilling the Director at Social Services solely, the savings would allow Ron to get an increase in pay and allow the Health Department to hire a part-time RN and Social Services would hire a part-time SW. Robin passed around copies of the Resolution that will be going to the County Board on Sept. 15th. Ron would report late 2016 on how this transition has been accomplished. Gary explained the number of funding options. Nothing is concrete until the people are hired and they determine if they need insurance. Concerns were raised as the Health Department is already short of staff and Ron already does over and beyond, working many hours. Would prefer to see a full-time RN hired. Being this is an "experiment", Ron

will continue to report “needs” to the Board of Health and Social Services. At anytime, Ron, or either committee, can decide to not continue this shared Director. Concerns were also raised then if you hire a part-time employee at both departments and this doesn’t work, how do you go about eliminating those positions? R. Burby stated he would not like to see those positions eliminated as the needs are there. R. Burby made a motion, seconded by B. Benishek to combine the Health Department and Social Services Director and add a part-time RN and part-time SW, as well as increasing Ron’s salary by \$12,000 per resolution. All Ayes, except for J. Popelka, Dr. Flowers and P. Shinnors voted No. Further discussions: H. Matucheski stated that both committees need to be aware that staff must not be overburdened. B. Benishek stated he doesn’t want Board of Health and Social Services Committees to be joined. He would prefer they stay separate. At this time, they will remain 2 separate committees. Remember – this is still an experiment. Concerns with if this doesn’t work out, 2 part-time people may be let go. Robin reminded the committees that we would still need to re-evaluate the Director’s position and Ron’s \$12,000 would go back. 2 part-time people are still needed and may have to increase to full-time. Would not recommend letting the 2 part-time people go. If this passes at the County Board, this would take effect 9-15.

10. Budget Review:

- a. 2016 Budget Review and Approval – Gary stated that since both Board of Health and Social Services committees have approved the budgets already, if the Resolutions pass at the County Board level, Gary would like approval to move Ron’s salaries accordingly. Motion by R. Burby, seconded by H. Matucheski to make financial changes per approval for both Health Department and Social Services budgets. Motion carried.
- b. 2017 Budget Projection – Gary stated the 2017 will reflect the changes as well.

11. Correspondence and Reports:

- a. Legislative Update – Ron stated the new session is just starting and he will monitor what is happening. R. Burby stated he did contact the Wisconsin School Board in regards to the immunization changes and states he feels there is a lot of misunderstanding and they are working on it. Karen discussed that there are some issues going on right now in regards to Family Planning and Reproductive Health. Bill 311B is of concern as the intent is to damage Planned Parenthood funding, which would hurt our local Family Planning. If something happens to our local Family Planning, it would fall back to the Health Department per State Statutes. Dr. Flowers would like anything scripted in regards to this Bill to be forwarded to the BOH members so they can contact their Legislators.

12. Personnel Update: Already discussed in item 9.

13. Public Health:

- a. Data report for August was passed around and discussed. Communicable diseases have increased especially Chlamydia. Ron also mentioned immunizations have increased with the back to school shots. Motion by B. Benishek, seconded by R. Burby to approve the data report. Motion carried.
- b. General Public Health Update – No pertussis; no flu. Flu vaccine and clinics are expected to occur in October.
- c. Program Updates – BHLC and CHIP articles were passed around. Dr. Flowers explained the 100 Mile Club that the hospital partnered with the school district on. The Weekend Backpack distribution program was also discussed and brochures were passed around.

Ron stated that Wendee Cox, the AmeriCorp worker just completed her 1st year and is on break until her next contract starts on Sept. 21st. Ron applied through the Community Health Foundation for money to fund this position.

Karen wrote for a \$3500 Radon Grant and received this.

14. Old Business:

- a. Public Awareness Activities – Newspaper articles were shared. The new billboard is up south of town by AC Liquidators funded through PHP Ebola funding. The HPV billboard that was there, moved to the North side of Antigo and will remain up through the end of this year using Immunization grant dollars.

15. 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.

16. Referrals/Recommendations for October meeting – Obesity presentation

17. Motion by R. Burby, seconded by P. Shinnars to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 a.m. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Sheila Rine