

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Friday, May 7, 2010
7:30 a.m.
Winnebago County Health Department
Conference Room

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Board of Health Officer's terms have expired, and a new Chairman and Vice Chairman need to be nominated and elected.

Health Department Secretary, Linda Baeten asked for nominations from the floor for Chairman. Board Member Jill Collier nominated Shiloh Ramos. Nominations were closed after requesting three times from the floor. A vote was called. Shiloh Ramos was elected unanimously, 7-0, voice vote.

Linda also asked for nominations from the floor for Vice Chairman. Board member Tom Ellis nominated Joanne Sievert for Vice President. Nominations were closed after requesting three times. A vote was called. Joanne Sievert was elected Vice Chairman unanimously, 7-0, voice vote.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Shiloh Ramos

ROLL CALL: Board members present were Chairman Shiloh Ramos; Vice Chairman Joanne Sievert; Dr. Joseph Bachman; Jill Collier; Tom Egan, Tom Ellis, and Kenneth Neubauer.

EXCUSED: Peg Larson

Also present, Doug Gieryn, Director of WCHD; Cindy Draws and Mary Jo Turner, Public Health Nurse Coordinators; Jeff Phillips, Registered Sanitarian; Barb Sheldon, WIC Director Emily Dieringer, Public Health Educator, and student Amanda Davis.

APPROVE MINUTES: Motion to approve the minutes from March 5, 2010. Sievert/Ellis to approve. Motion carried 7-0, voice vote.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

BUSINESS

A. Welcome Kenneth Neubauer – Introductions were made around the table.

B. Director's & Staff Report

Doug has been in meetings for consolidation of the Winnebago and Oshkosh Health Departments with Mark Rohloff and Mark Harris. They looked at structure, services and estimated costs. The estimated levy costs came in below average in comparison with other counties. The State Regional manager gave input as well. A draft organizational chart was developed combining both Health Departments. They are looking for efficiencies regarding staff. The County Executive has proposed that the City could make a tiered payment to the County to ease the cost of levy over 4 to 5 years. The total estimated cost puts the levy at 2.5 million. The current levy of \$11.00 would go to \$17.00 per \$100,000 of property. The City would experience an increase in services. Equalized property value in the towns is higher than in the city, so the towns would pay slightly higher taxes. The City would have the option to discontinue services altogether, and the County would be forced to provide and pay. The County Executive's proposal for merging with the City would help the County financially, and if the City agrees, would be put before the County Board for approval.

The County provides more services than the city at this time. The League of Women voters became interested and will do a study. They have invited Doug to speak in June.

Doug will also be meeting with the Neenah Health Director and Mayor and the Menasha Mayor for potential consolidation of those departments. Neenah & Menasha are a level III Health Department as is Winnebago County and consolidation would be a cost savings. Oshkosh is a level II and would cost more to combine.

Jeff reported on CHIP. Copies of the CHIP report were handed out to board members. This was a year-long combined effort with the Oshkosh Health Department to assess needs and improve the health of residents. Citizens from the community were invited to give input. Four priorities/goals were identified (see brochure). We are currently recruiting people to be on workgroups to achieve these goals. Jeff has been meeting with various agencies to recruit partners. We are trying to get the message out and get people working on these issues. Thanks to Jeff for coordination!

Mary Jo –

MCH objective update:

- Portable cribs have been made available to women in need.
- Still looking for a coordinating agency for car seat fitting.
- Partnered with WIC to offer car seats through a grant from DOT.

Breastfeeding objectives:

- Paying for breastfeeding classes with grant money at Affinity, Aurora and ThedaCare.
- Offering incentives. Will provide breastfeeding rooms in the new building.

Two new part-time Public Health Nurses have been hired, Jennifer Zager and Barb Wolf.

Cindy Draws Reported:

- Living Well classes have 10 new participants.
- Med take-backs were held in April. Also a new med drop box is now in operation in Oshkosh. Working on a site for Neenah.
- Communicable disease –
 - Not much is going in nationally or in Wisconsin regarding H1N1.
 - We will be doing rapid testing instead of sending samples to the State Lab for HIV testing. Clients will be able to get results the same day.
- Persona Care is up and down. We have stopped taking referrals for Private Personal Care Providers. Those will most likely go to Family Care. We will continue our clients served by our county Personal Care Workers, whether MA or private pay.
- Older Adult program –
 - We continue with medication set up for clients
 - Fall risk assessments – not much response, working on marketing.

Barb – WIC:

- Most staff attended a national convention early this week. WIC has set a goal by 2020 when everyone will be on paperless e-vouchers, much like food stamps. Clients will use a card with either a magnetic strip or a chip. They would be able to use a self service kiosk, to provide education. Some of the topics presented at the convention were regarding breastfeeding, and autism.
- A new peer counselor has been added at WIC. Allison has training and experience.
- Barb will be sending three employees to the Certified Lactation Conference later this month.

- C. ARRA / Immunization Grant Budget transfer:
Doug asked for acceptance of \$9,332.00 in AARA Federal Stimulus grant money for immunization. This money will be used to offer more vaccine and purchase more vaccine storage (refrigerator). A motion was made to accept the funds, Egan/Ellis. Motion carried 7-0, voice vote.
- D. HIV Partner Referral Contract Budget Transfer:
Doug asked Acceptance of funding for HIV services. We would be contracting with the State and cover 3 counties. Consolidation of these counties would not be difficult as we experience so few cases. Instead of getting reimbursement, we now will do a yearly contract. The administration is simpler and provides us with more funds. A motion to accept the Contract funds for HIV Partner Referral, Sievert/Ellis. Motioned carried 7-0, voice vote.
- E. New WIC Nutritionist Position request – handout.
Doug asked that a WIC nutritionist be added to the table of organization. WIC is increasing. Barb and Doug have discussed staffing at WIC. There is already have a temp in this position with some fringe benefits. Doug presented it to P&F. There was a question whether there was a Sunset clause. If WIC clients decrease, funding is reduced and staffing would have to be cut. A motion was made to add the WIC Nutritionist position to the table of organization, Egan/Collier. Motion carried 7-0, voice vote.

Doug and Barb are also working with HR to convert a temporary Breastfeeding Peer Counselor into a permanent position. WIC is totally grant funded.

- F. Smoke Free WI Law Review – Emily (handout & Power Point presentation). There are 59 days left until Smoke Free WI goes into effect. All workplaces are now included in the smoke free ban, except private residences and vehicles, and outdoor areas. Casinos are exempt, but two Oneida One-stops are going smoke free anyway. Smoking outdoors is ok. Work vehicles are included. The intent of the law is that smoking is to be done outside. State law supersedes local ordinances, but locals can go stricter. Locals can define reasonable distance. Violators cannot have their liquor license revoked, but they can be fined. The County has the ability to ban smoking on outdoor property. Citizens need to contact local law enforcement regarding violations, or go onto the website to complain. See handout for website and fines.

Outdoor rooms may be a problem. Beer gardens are fine. Outdoor patios are fine. Two walls and a roof is a room. There is no evidence of businesses going out of business due to non smoking. Discussion on outdoor rooms and reasonable distance took place.

A handout on a County buildings “reasonable distance” ordinance was available. It is a work in progress. Board members were asked to look it over and bring there ideas to the next meeting.

- G. Relocation Planning Update – there was a meeting with Mike Elder and the design team yesterday to go over remodeling plans for the Health Department. Copies of the floor plan were passed around for Board Members. Doug is looking for more input from WIC and Health Department staff. The plan is configured to include the Oshkosh Health Department Staff. We would be located on the 2nd floor. Handicap access is available in the front of the building. The Health Department space needs the most changes. They would like the plan returned on Monday with any new suggestions.

Next Meeting:

Doug asked the Board if meeting every other month was sufficient. Next month we have an opportunity for Board members to do job shadowing with the Public Health Staff. It was suggested that we meet briefly in June to go over the Smoking Ban Ordinance. Those who would like to job shadow that morning should contact us in advance, or arrange something on another day.

NEXT MEETING: Friday, June 4, 2010. 7:30 am, at the Health Department

No Reports.

Motion to adjourn: Ellis/Egan, 9:32 am. Motion carried 6-0, voice vote.

Linda Baeten, Recording Secretary