

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Friday, July 2, 2010
7:30 a.m.
Winnebago County Health Department
Conference Room

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

ROLL CALL: Board members present were Chairman Shiloh Ramos; Dr. Joseph Bachman; Peg Larson; Jill Collier; Tom Egan; Tom Ellis.

EXCUSED: Vice Chairman Joanne Sievert and Ken Neubauer.

Also present were Doug Gieryn, Director of WCHD; Cindy Draws and Mary Jo Turner, Public Health Nurse Coordinators; Jeff Phillips, Environmental Health Officer; Emily Dieringer, Public Health Educator; John Bodnar, Corporation Counsel for Winnebago County; Dennis Hibray, Wisconsin Dept of Public Health Regional Director, Mark Harris, Winnebago County Executive; Mark Ziemer, Oshkosh Health Dept Interim Director; Karon Kraft, Human Resources Director; Ann Marshal, League of Women Voters.

APPROVE MINUTES: Motion to approve the minutes from June 4, 2010. Ellis/Egan to approve. Motion carried 6-0, voice vote.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

BUSINESS

A. Director's & Staff Report

Mary Jo Turner Report

- An additional car seat fitting station has been set up at the Sheriff's Department to accommodate WIC clients who have car seat vouchers.
- The Public Health Nurse Conference will be in August. UWO Student nurses doing their clinical experience at WCHD had created a breastfeeding presentation. This will be the focus of a break-out session at the conference.

Cindy Draws – Older Adult and Communicable Disease Report

- Rapid HIV testing is now ready to be done. We do partner follow-up for three counties: Winnebago, Waushara and Marquette.
- LTAs will be faster and referrals will come from Family Care
- The Personal Care Program is utilizing temporary staff from PRN after losing a long-time staff member, Lillian Seitz (27 years), who took a position with Park View. As of July 1, 2010, we will lose most of our Personal Care caseload due to reorganization within the Lakeland Care District.
- We are looking for Certification to remain a TB Dispensary.
- The Personal Care program has changed as of July 1, 2010. Most of our clients will be going to IRIS or Family Care for services. We applied to be a Provider for the Lakeland District, but did not contract as our costs are higher than the rates paid.
- One of our Personal Care Workers, has taken a position at Park View Health Center.
- The transition has been slow and we are able to keep another of our Personal Care Workers on staff and use a temporary service to allow for clients to make the change.

- We will be able to keep a few private pay clients and some MA clients, but eventually expect it to only take about 21 hours for Personal Care Services.

Jeff Phillips – Environmental/Sanitarian Report

- License renewals for food establishments for the fiscal year have gone out. All but 2 have been returned and permits have been issued. We have between 230-240 establishments each year.
- Country USA had about 40 food vendors that needed temporary licenses, and there were approximately 1,000 people camping on the grounds.
- CHIP – Community Health Improvement Plan workgroups have met and are in the process of working on strategies and goals.

Doug Gieryn Report

- Currently we are on budget for 2010 and have turned in preliminary budget for 2011.
- Partnering with Affinity to help us apply for grants to re-address our efforts in physical activity, nutrition, obesity.
- Emily has been working with the Regional Tobacco Coalition to transition to Smoke Free Air in 5 counties.
- re:TH!NK has been working with law enforcement and tavern owners to offer beverage server training and increase communication on underage alcohol.

B. Smoke Free Ordinance Revision - vote

(This agenda item was moved up due to special guests present today.) Board of Health members and Department Heads were e-mailed information regarding the Health Department's proposal for a County Smoke Free Ordinance. The State law requires smokers to observe a "reasonable distance" from a building while smoking tobacco. Local ordinances may define "reasonable distance".

The Board of Health had voted on a County Ordinance for this purpose at the last meeting and it was scheduled to go before the County Board, however, it was pulled before it came to a vote in order to have further discussion today. John Bodnar offered counsel regarding "reasonable distance" and provided maps of various county buildings showing a 10 foot and 20 foot buffer zone around the buildings. Not all buildings present the same scenario, and a 20 foot definition may not be feasible in all cases. Karon Kraft from Human Resources pointed to the hazards of people standing in parking lots. She has had some feedback from union employees. She also mentioned Jurors who take 15 minute breaks next to the Courthouse and an area for Mental Health clients at Human Services.

Many issues were brought up including but not limited to: difficult to enforce, no rights to non-county property, not all Department Heads agree on a 20 foot distance, no need for an ordinance if all the State requires is "reasonable distance".

Other issues included: limiting the language to entrances and exits, a visual scenario on distances of 5, 10, 15 and 20 feet, intent of State Law, enforcement is complaint based, racetrack seating is considered "stadium seating" and therefore smoke free, definition of "reasonable distance" and signage would help those who are not comfortable confronting smokers who violate or are unreasonable.

Various suggestions came forth to amend the Ordinance. There was near consensus to keep the 20 foot distance, but allow exceptions where deemed necessary.

It was moved and seconded by Collier/Ellis to amend the language of the County Smoke Free Ordinance to read: smoking is not allowed within 20 feet of an entrance or exit of a county building unless designated otherwise by the County Executive upon recommendation of the County Health Officer. Motion carried 6-0, voice vote.

A new version of the proposed Ordinance will be sent to Board Members.

C. Overview of Consolidation Study presented to Oshkosh Health Department (handouts)

Doug had presented a proposal to consolidate the Oshkosh and Winnebago County Health Departments to the Oshkosh Board of Health last Wednesday. Dennis Hibray, Mark Ziemer, Mark Rohloff and four of our BOH members were also present at that meeting. A second meeting has been scheduled for July 20. The original document was created with input from both Oshkosh and County Health Department staff.

Highlights:

- Oshkosh is a level II, Winnebago is a level III in regard to services provided. Doug explained the difference between the levels. It is our intent to improve services to Oshkosh residents.
- Integration of services will give a greater opportunity for education at the population based level, while there is still a need for individual services.
- The creation of a Business Manager position will be critical for procurement of grant funding. The larger population of combined departments may provide more opportunity for increased funding.
- The proposal takes all regular staff from Oshkosh and puts them into a new organizational chart for a consolidated organization at the County.
- Will not be able to increase services to the Oshkosh population without increased funding. See page 2 of the 2-page document and page 20 of the 20-page document for explanation of costs.
- Doug is expecting feedback from the Oshkosh Board of Health and the Winnebago Board of Health.

Neenah and Menasha Health Departments are also discussing the possibility of consolidation or merger. Both are level III Departments. An RFP will go out to do a study on various combinations of consolidation. It may be timely to combine due to lead staff vacancies at both Neenah and Oshkosh. Doug hopes to have the study done and decisions made for inclusion in the 2011 budget.

Doug asked the Board to read and consider the Oshkosh proposal. Dennis thanked Doug for his work on the proposal and presentation to the Oshkosh City Board.

Mark Ziemer conveyed Mark Rohloff's regrets for not being able to be here today. He thanks Doug for taking on the burden of the proposal. There are many details to work out between the two departments.

Dr. Bachman was encouraged that improved services are being considered and not just costs.

D. Budget Transfers – vote

Three transfers were presented today to accept grant funding into the budget.

- \$5,400 from the Department of Public Health for Smoke Free Air.
- \$75,810 from the DPH for WHEPP (Wisconsin Hospital Emergency Preparedness Plan) fiscal agent for the next budget cycle.
- \$2,500 grant from Wisconsin Children's Hospital for the administration of our Child Death Review Team.

Moved and seconded by Egan/Ellis to accept all three Budget Transfers. Motion carried 6-0, voice vote.

Next Meeting: August 6, 2010, 7:30 a.m. at the Winnebago County Health Department
(Tom Egan will not be able to attend the August meeting)

Reports: Tom Egan suggested Emily put in a reservation for a booth at the County Fair as they are starting to get scarce.

Motion to adjourn: Egan/Ellis, motion carried 6-0, voice vote. 9:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Baeten, Recording Secretary