

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Friday, September 3, 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; Vice Chairman Joanne Sievert; Dr. Joseph Bachman; Jill Collier; and Tom Egan.

EXCUSED: Tom Ellis, Peg Larson, and Ken Neubauer.

Also present were Doug Gieryn, Director of WCHD; Cindy Draws and Mary Jo Turner, Public Health Nurse Coordinators; and Jeff Phillips, Environmental Health Officer.

APPROVE MINUTES: Motion to approve the minutes from July 2, 2010. Egan/Collier to approve. Motion carried 5-0, voice vote.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

BUSINESS

A. Director's & Staff Report

Mary Jo Turner Report

- The student presentation at the Public Health Nurse conference in Stevens Point was a great success. They have had requests to present to other groups.
- The Poster Presentations on STDs and Smoke Free Air that were also at the conference were on display today for the Board to view. A brochure has been developed.
- Advertisements for 4 programs are being run in the Neenah/Menasha News Record. Mary Jo had copies to pass around. They include:
 - Fall Prevention: Stay Active, Be Confident"
 - Radon awareness
 - Immunization Awareness and Clinics
 - Tobacco illegal sales to youth compliance
- Some staff participated in the Convoy of Hope. A benefit event for low income people developed by area faith communities. It was estimated that over 4,500 people attended and 1,000 people volunteered. We offered Tetanus vaccine. 44 people received the vaccine. The Fox Cities Community Health Center was also there for health exams. An article in the News Record was passed around.

Cindy Draws – Older Adult and Communicable Disease Report

- Communicable disease has been quiet.
- A press release went out for our Fall Prevention Program. Posters have been developed.
- We are involved in the Senior Conference again this year to be held at the Oshkosh Convention Center on October 5. We will have a vendor booth and do blood pressure screenings.
- Personal Care clients are down to 5 people.

Jeff Phillips – Environmental/Sanitarian Report – PH Preparedness-CHIP

- Well water testing has been going on in the Town of Winchester for a follow-up on E. coli. All tested clear for the bacteria.
- Follow-up testing for Nitrate levels is also being done. After one year, the levels are still coming in high. We will be working with the Land and Water Department to find the source.
- The Radon ad will be out this week.
- The Public Health Preparedness plan for at-risk and special needs populations is being constructed. We are working with Emergency Management, the Red Cross and area Medical Providers.
- CHIP workgroups are up and running.
 - Recreational Opportunities: doing outreach to community businesses
 - Healthy Lifestyles: looking at existing programs in the community.
 - Physical Activities: is working with Walk to Win and Safe Routes to School.
 - Obesity and Nutrition: working with Affinity programs.
- We may be able to use an Americorps employee to help coordinate the CHIP effort.
- Area Schools continue to address nutrition and walking issues

Doug Gieryn Report

- Doug gave credit to Mary Jo and Cindy for their preparation and work with nursing students. We currently have 8 from UWO, 2 from Marian University, and 1 from UWGB.
- Doug gave Cindy credit for her work with Ron Montgomery on the Fall Prevention press release.
- West Nile Virus has hardly been an issue this year, however, the Milwaukee area just recently reported 3 positive mosquito pools. There have been no human cases identified so far this year statewide.
- We have completed our Mid-Year review of grants from the State. As usual, we are on target or above expectations for meeting our objectives. Credit goes to Emily for coordinating the Regional Tobacco Coalition.
- A grant with Affinity for \$50,000 has been denied, but a smaller grant was approved to help launch an activity group in re:THINK. The focus will be on physical activity and nutrition. This will tie into our CHIP initiatives.
- Funding has been found for two Americorps workers beginning November 1st and ending October 30th. Our cost is \$7,600 each. They will be working on CHIP, re:THINK and other projects. Recruitment will begin shortly.
- WIC has received about an \$50,000 increase in funding availability. Much of this is one time funding and some may be used for infrastructure which may be helpful for our move. The WIC budget has grown to over half a million.

B. Budget Update 2010 and 2011 – Tom Geske

- Tom handed out a financial statement covering January through June 2010. Overall we are just under 50% of budget at this time.
- The 2011 budget met the target suggested by the County Executive and was accepted as is. Overall levy increase was 2%.

C. Updates on Consolidation of Health Departments

The Oshkosh City Board of Health has not made a decision at this point.

- Consolidation would cost the Towns less money and the City more, according to Doug's proposal.
- Services would increase to City residents.
- City Health Department staff would be placed according to seniority and adjustments would have to be made.
- If the City approves, then an interagency agreement would be written.
- Neenah and Menasha are scheduled to do a separate consolidation study, and would be involved after the Oshkosh issue is settled.

D. Update on Health Department Relocation

Doug meets with Info Systems today at the new building to discuss wiring needs before drywall construction begins. No move date has yet been set but due to the amount of work being done on our floor, we have been told we will be the last to move. Doug has been frequently requesting information from Facilities to try to stay involved and help ensure staff needs are met. Staff have been able to review unscaled drawing but have not seen the space since construction began.

Joanne informed the Board that she now sits on the Facilities Committee and will be able to give input.

Next Meeting: October 1, 2010, 7:30 a.m. at the Winnebago County Health Department

Reports: None

Motion to adjourn: Sievert/Egan, motion carried 5-0, voice vote. 8:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Baeten, Recording Secretary