

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Friday, December 7, 2012
7:30 a.m.
Winnebago County Health Department
1st Floor Conference Room, County Administration Building

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Shiloh Ramos at 7:32 am

ROLL CALL: Board members present were: Chairman Shiloh Ramos; Tom Egan; Tom Ellis; Stan Kline; Sue Panek; Deb Allison-Aasby, and Dr. Sam Hofman.

EXCUSED: Joanne Sievert and Jill Collier.

Also present were Doug Gieryn, Health Department Director; Cindy Draws and Mary Jo Turner, Public Health Nurse Coordinators; Barb Sheldon, WIC Director; Barb Wolf, Public Health Nurse for WI Wins; and Norm Leatherwood from World Relief.

INTRODUCTIONS: Introductions were made around the table. Welcome new Board of Health member, Dr. Sam Hoffman, pediatrician for Affinity. Welcome to Norm Leatherman from World Relief in Oshkosh. Welcome to Anne Boyce, new Environmental Health Supervisor for Public Health.

APPROVE MINUTES: Moved and second, Kline/Egan to approve the Minutes from October 5, 2012. Motion carried 7-0, voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

BUSINESS:

A. Wisconsin Wins Update – Barb Wolf

Public Health Nurse Barb Wolf gave an overview of the Wisconsin Wins Tobacco Prevention and Control program. Briefly:

- The intent is to reduce illegal sales of tobacco products to minors under the age of 18.
- Youth, ages 16 to 17 attempt to buy tobacco products from local establishments in Winnebago County.
- This year, 7 out of 100 clerks sold tobacco to minors, even after checking IDs.
- In years 2008 to 2012 we found 22.9%, 25%, 5.3%, 4.5% and 7% non compliance.
- A handout was passed around detailing ID cards.
- Law enforcement accompanies the youth. A fine of \$135 - \$288 is given to the clerks who sell products to minors.

B. STAFF REPORTS

Barb Sheldon - WIC

- Farmer's Market vouchers were given to WIC clients to encourage eating fresh fruits and vegetables. We saw a 55% redemption of vouchers this year, a 3% increase from last year.

Cindy Draws – Older Adults, Communicable Disease, HRO, and Refugees

• **Older Adults**

- Older Adult Collaborative meetings are being held with area agencies who deal with the Older Adult population in an effort to share ideas and work together.
- The Fall Prevention program was developed by Barb Wolf, PHN. Public Health receives referrals from the Oshkosh Area Fire Department to do fall risk assessments in area homes. Most Fire Dept calls are due to falls.

- **Communicable Disease**
 - Pertussis still continues.
 - Cases have been found in schools and more testing is being done.
 - Recently, a 3 month old infant was hospitalized. The family was not immunized and all got the disease. Infants are at greatest risk.
 - Norovirus outbreak – two long term care facilities have reported Norovirus in their facilities. Cindy explained the symptoms and contagion of this gastro-intestinal disease spread by an oral-fecal route. It is especially hard on the elderly. Good cleaning is required. The virus is long lived and spreads fast.
- **Healthy Recreational Opportunities**
 - The Drive Your Bike Campaign has been developed by re:TH!NK and will kick-off at the Leach in Oshkosh on May 4. This is an effort to encourage people to bike instead of drive a car.

Mary Jo Turner – MCH, Immunization, Schools

- **Immunizations**
 - Flu clinics are almost complete. We were able to give adult Flu vaccine to County Employees thanks to the County Wellness Committee. We also offered vaccine to Oshkosh and Neenah City employees. Other clinics included the Oshkosh Fire Department for Flu, TB testing, and Hep B, and recently the Town of Oshkosh Fire Department.
 - New State rules for giving immunizations do not allow us to give vaccine to anyone who has health insurance coverage for vaccine. Flu and Tdap are exceptions this year. Next year we expect to see an impact on the amount of vaccine we give. There are concerns that people will not follow through with immunization.
- **MCH**
 - 2013 grant objectives will remain the same, but reconfigured due to our new consolidated health department.
 - A Home Visit Consortia made up from partners in Winnebago, Outagamie, Appleton and Calumet Health Departments as well as Parent Connection and others have applied for and received an “Investing Early Grant”.
 - **Schools**
 - A medical advisor, Todd McKenzie, has been found for the Neenah School Nursing program.
 - Clinics are being held for the Neenah Schools to catch up on Tdap.

Anne Boyce – Environmental, Sanitarian, PH Preparedness

- **Sanitarians**
 - TNC well Testing – 112 wells out of 114 have been tested this year.
 - School inspections – we inspect each school in spring and fall. Out of 60 schools, we seldom see problems.
 - Health Space – the State’s program for sanitarian inspection has been cumbersome. Data dumps were done for Oshkosh and Neenah Health Departments and we are cleaning up the details.
 - We have 3 full time Sanitarians and one UWO LTE. We will be hiring a new Sanitarian to fill a current vacancy.
 - Training was held for staff on inspection of Tattoo Parlors on site at Goodgirl Body Piercing. Both staff and establishment benefitted.
 - We are addressing combining forms and policies from Neenah, Oshkosh and County.

- Public Health Preparedness
 - We are at the beginning of a 5 year cycle for funding
 - Jon works with us 1 day per week
 - Update response plans to reflect the changes due to consolidation
 - Identify gaps
 - Determine what we need to do

Doug Gieryn – Board Members should have received an update by e-mail.

- Need to fill the vacant Environmental Health Specialist position.
- Strategic planning has found common goals and is now developing action plans. Will need to prioritize what we intend to do.
- Doug recently gave a report to the League of Women Voters on the Consolidation of the Health Departments
- The Health Department has worked with Land and Water Conservation to address the Oakridge area E. Coli in well water. Land and Water obtained a grant through the DNR. Contamination was due to water seepage through an abandoned quarry. A cap was installed and we will begin testing wells again in spring. Arsenic was not an issue in this case.

C. Refugee Resettlement in Oshkosh – overview.

Sue Panek explained there is a Task Force with the City of Oshkosh for refugee issues. Cindy Draws and some of the RNs are now included. Cindy gave a power point presentation on the Refugee program. Norm Leatherwood from World Relief was available to field questions.

- ADVOCAP and W2 do job placement for refugees.
- Refugees are highly motivated people due to the struggle it takes.
- Good neighbor teams consist of area churches and play a large role.
- World Relief has only 90 days to launch the refugees into self-sufficiency.
- The Oshkosh office of World Relief has been successful. The State will come to help us organize.
- Refugees create extra work for Public Health, Schools, Service providers and Employers. Norm thanked Public Health for their role and the OASD School liaison.
- Congress reviews the number of refugees annually and determines funding. Funding then goes to the State, then local agencies.
- Refugees are carefully screened for National Security and disease.
- We may see 100 new refugees next year and hope to expand resettlement to Appleton and the Fox Valley. Most likely they will be the same ethnic groups with the possibility of some new Congolese. The State had 1100 last year. The goal is 1500 per year.
- Currently World Relief is located in Milwaukee, Madison and Oshkosh. Cost of living is less in Oshkosh and the funds may go further in our area.

D. Refugee Screening Contract Budget Transfer – vote

This Budget Transfer involves the Health Department accepting an extension of funds for refugee health screening. Motion/second to accept the funds, Panek/Kline. Motion carried 7-0, voice vote.

E. Budget Updates

A handout of the Health Department Income Statement as of October 2012 was distributed.

- Doug explained revenues exceed expenses at this point, but this is not the final picture and he does not expect to see this continue at year's end due to the unknowns with consolidation.

- The switch from People Soft to Munis accounting software piece will not be in the 2013 budget.
- The reserve fund was eliminated and refunded back to the Towns, Omro and Winneconne. This will be dispersed over 4-5 years. If we see a surplus at year's end, we will start a new reserve fund.
- Call Doug if you have any questions.

F. Board of Health Meeting Time and Location Review

Deb Allison-Aasby had requested a review of the Board of Health Meeting time. After some discussion, the Board has decided to keep the First Friday, 7:30am time slot.

G. Department of Transportation Car Seat Budget Transfer

- Mary Jo Turner has applied for and was granted funds from the DOT to purchase carseats to give to those in need. We have done this for 4 years.
- Recipients are identified through the WIC program and receive a voucher to come to a fitting station to have the carseat installed.
- Carseats are purchased from Evenflo.
- A report is given back to the DOT.

Motion/second, Egan/Ellis to accept the \$4,000 grant from the Department of Transportation. Motion carried 7-0, voice vote.

REPORTS:

- Suggestion to have Mette Brogden and Maria from the Oshkosh Area Schools to attend a Board of Health meeting for more insight on the Refugee Program.
- Planning an Zoning will be having their first meeting regarding County USA. Public Health is welcome to attend
- Stan Kline announced he will be leaving the Board of Health due to relocation. It is a huge change for all. He will be greatly missed!

NEXT MEETING: February 1, 2013, 7:30am County Administration Building, 1st Floor Conference Room. No meeting in January.

Meeting Adjourned, Egan/Kline. Motion carried, 7-0 voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Baeten, Secretary
Winnebago County Health Department