

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Friday, December 5, 2014
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 7:30 am

ROLL CALL: Board members present were: Chairman Dr. Shiloh Ramos; Dr. Jan Edelstein, Thomas Ellis; Dr. Sam Hofman, Ann Marshall, Mike Norton; and Rachel Youngquist.

EXCUSED: Tom Egan

Also present: Health Department Director Doug Gieryn; Anne Boyce, Environmental Health Supervisor, Cindy Draws, PH Nurse Supervisor; Barb Sheldon, WIC Director; Mary Jo Turner, PH Nurse Supervisor; Anna Carpenter, Health Educator, Katie Bloesl, UW-O BSN completion student.

APPROVE MINUTES: Moved and second, Norton/Hofman to approve the Minutes from August 1, 2014. Motion carried 7-0, voice vote.

BUSINESS:

A. Organization Meeting – vote on selection of Board officers – Vote.

- Moved and second, Norton/Hofman to nominate Dr. Shiloh Ramos for Chairman. Ellis moved to close nominations. Motions carried 7-0, voice vote, to have Ramos remain as Chairman.
- Moved and second, Norton/Youngquist to nominate Dr. Sam Hofman for Vice Chairman. Ellis moved to close nominations. Motions carried 7-0, voice vote, to have Hofman as Vice Chairman.
- Moved and second, Norton/Hofman to nominate Rachel Youngquist for Secretary. Ellis moved to close nominations. Motions carried 7-0, voice vote, to have Youngquist as Secretary.

B. County policy on e-cigs in building and vehicles, draft resolution – Anna Carpenter

- Currently Winnebago County policy allows each department head to decide if e-cigs are allowed in their department/vehicles.
- It is hard to discern between a regular cigarette and an e-cig, there are more than 250 different brands of e-cigarettes.
- In 2010, 9.8% responded they had used e-cigs, 2013 36.5% responded they used.
- Perception is that the electronic version is less dangerous, helps cut back on intake of nicotine, costs less and can be used in smoke free areas.
- Six reasons for concern:
 - Gives off more than water vapor and the juice is not regulated yet.
 - Not FDA approved to help smokers quit. It has not been evaluated by the FDA for safety (hasn't been around long enough.)
 - No regulations on manufacturing
 - Dual use – 75% who use e-cig's also smoke regular cigarettes
 - Undermines clean indoor air policies
 - Appealing to youth
- WI high school students who have ever used e-cigarettes- 7.9%, compared to 3.4% nationally.
- E-cigarettes can be drug delivery devices for Marijuana and other illicit drugs.

- City of Neenah passed an ordinance- e-cigs will not be allowed in their buildings or vehicles starting August 2015.
- Draft resolutions reviewed and the group discussed including them in a packet for the County Board of Supervisors. Doug will contact Dave Albright about providing education to the County Board on this topic.

C. Updated Budget Transfer – Various Programs – Vote

- Budget Transfer (increase to the budget) \$59,978 was explained.
Moved and Second, Ellis/Hofman to approve. Motion carried 7-0, voice vote.
- Budget Transfer (decrease to the budget) \$77,118 was explained.
Moved and Second, Ellis/Norton to approve. Motion carried 7-0, voice vote.

D. Director's and Staff Activity Report

Doug Gieryn – Director

- After 32+ years, Mary Jo Turner will retire January 2nd.
 - The Board expressed their thanks and appreciation for her years of service.

Anne Boyce – Environmental Health Supervisor

- Ricin was discovered in an Oshkosh home October 31st.
 - November 1st WCHD was called in by the FBI to post the house. FBI finally turned the house over for posting November 2nd at 2:30 a.m.
 - Ongoing discussion with homeowner regarding cleanup
- Meth lab discovered a block away and a week after the Ricin discovery.
 - Home is still posted due to pipes bursting in the house.
- Staff member newly certified as a Lead Risk Assessor.
- New (potential) Establishments in Oshkosh: Sam's Club (on the old Wal Mart site), Panera Bread (near Lowes), Noodles & Company (between Target & Culvers). Culvers will be torn down and rebuilt.
- Licensing
 - Neenah Schools is required to switch their license which will cost more in license fees and in necessary equipment updates.
 - Jesuit Retreat House is putting an addition on which will require new establishment and restaurant licensing.

Barb Sheldon – WIC Director

- The Third Street Market will open this December at the former Super Valu site in Menasha. This area has not had a WIC approved grocery store since the Super Valu closed.
 - There will be a site visit to verify WIC items are available and that staff are trained.
- Walgreens was added as a WIC approved site after the Super Valu closed.
- Dr. Jan Edelstein complemented the WIC information that was inserted in the ValPak envelope mailed to area residents.

Mary Jo Turner – Nurse Supervisor

- Negotiated a new Maternal Child Health (MCH) contract. New State Administrator is easy to work with and negotiations went well.
 - Injury Prevention – teen wellness screening in schools, safe teen driving

- Family Support – active schools and Farm to School programs to be taken to daycares.
 - Car Seat grant – waiting on approval.
- Flu Clinics with purchased vaccine for:
 - County Employees – vaccine provided through the Health & Wellness Committee
 - City of Oshkosh Fire Department Employees - contract
 - City of Neenah Employees - contract
 - Omro School District Employees - contract
- Due to the generosity of the Kiwanis and private donors, \$900 was received for the purchase of safe cribs.
 - Each crib costs approximately \$50
 - So far this year 15 cribs have been distributed
- Prenatal classes are open to anyone although they are attended primarily by WIC clients.
- Partnership Community Health Center (formerly Fox Cities Community Health Center) have Medical and Dental clinics that accept Medical Assistance patients.
 - Dental clinic to open in Oshkosh February 2015 and will serve adults and children.
 - Dentists have already been lined up for the new clinic.
- Babies born early and with low birth weight – update:
 - Approximately 1,200 – 1,400 babies born in our jurisdiction each year.
 - 150+ each year meet the criteria for follow-up
 - 33 babies have been followed this year that weighted 3 lbs 4 oz or less and were born at less than 36 weeks. Seven (7) of the thirty-three (33) died due to extreme prematurity (20-24 wks).
 - There is no obvious reason for the early delivery and low birth weight.
 - Multiple births – 7
 - WIC clients – 8
 - Parent smoked – 4
 - The majority of the mothers were in their 20's and 30's

Anna Carpenter – re:THINK

- Tobacco compliance checks with youth age 16 & 17 and in cooperation with the police department check establishments to make sure they are not selling to minors.
- Clerk's selling tobacco products to someone underage can be fined and depending on if the clerk was ever trained, the owner of the establishment can also be fined.
- Working with City Clerk's to send information about online training with mailed certification notices.

Cindy Draws – Nurse Supervisor

- Refugees
 - October 1st marked the beginning of the 2014/2015 Fiscal year. Twenty-eight (28) have arrived since October 1st. Refugees are arriving from: Iran, Iraq, Congo, Myanmar (Burma).
 - Contract changed from billing and reporting purposes but should not affect our program significantly.
- Influenza A is circulating. H3N2 is circulating through one area long term care facility. The most recent advisory shows that even though the Influenza A vaccine has a 48% match, 52% does not match. Vaccine is still recommended as well as the

use of antivirals at first sign of flu illness. Most of the ill residents in the long term care facility were vaccinated.

- Ebola – travelers are screened at the airport. Once the destination is determined, the CDC will notify Public Health in that jurisdiction. Mali has been added to the list of 3 other countries.
 - 68 travelers have been followed up by the State, 6 continue to be followed up on, none have shown signs of Ebola.
 - WCHD contacted one person whose plane touched down and departed, no one departed or boarded the plane. We have not had any travelers from the endemic countries.
 - A strike team has been formed and plans are in place should there be a person in Winnebago County that requires follow-up.
- We welcome and value students from the fields of nursing, health educator, nutrition.
 - Student Project for Heroin Task Force: 13 individuals surveyed regarding a needle exchange program.
 1. What are your views on a needle exchange?
 - a. Supportive – 7
 - b. Unsupportive – 5
 - c. Unsure – 1
 2. How will the community respond?
 - a. Supportive – 3
 - b. Unsupportive – 7
 - c. Unsure – 4
 3. What location would you recommend?
 - a. Homeless shelters
 - b. Low Income housing
 - c. Public Health
 - d. Safe Place
 - e. Downtown campus
 - f. Clinic
 - Harm reduction – reason for exchange program. Also opens the door to treatment and reduces an environmental hazard. This is an evidence-based solution.
- Katie, UWO student, drafted a “Resource Guide – When an Overdose Occurs” that she will present to the Treatment Pillar. The guide walks you through what to do if an overdose occurs. Resources on treatment centers and training centers are included.

Doug Gieryn – Director

- Marketplace open enrollment November 15 – February 15
- Introduced a new reorganization concept that will be introduced to staff next week.
 - Promote program integration
 - Due to open positions plus a critical (supervisor) opening with Mary Jo’s pending retirement, this is an opportune time to envision how the organization should look if it were newly created.
 - Looking for equitable distribution between staff & supervisor.

E. 2014 Budget Update and 2015 Budget Review

- Reviewed the Income Statement.

- Anticipate this year to be one of the larger amounts to be returned to the reserve fund. This is primarily due to the open positions.
- The reserve fund may be used to replace the oldest vehicle next year.
- Reserve fund may help supplement the budget in the future.
- Consolidation of the North end offices to be reviewed in 2015

NEXT MEETING: **February 6, 2015, 7:30 am** County Admin Building, 1st Floor Conference Room.

REPORTS:

Ann Marshall – Doug did an excellent job of presenting the Affordable Care Act to a panel on November 12th.

Mike Norton – is impressed with the work re:TH!NK does and made the following comments:

- re:TH!NK soiree was a small but nice event
- County should consider having a Public Relations type of person to promote the County
- County Board of Supervisors need to be educated about all the good work that re:TH!NK does and is involved in, and encouraged to attend events such as the Mental Health workshop
- Re:TH!NK is in the process of reorganizing so that they will all work on one project
- The Wellness Screening program has identified that the County has a higher percentage of 10th grade students that have thought of suicide for 2 or more days compared to the State percentage.

Motion to adjourn, Ellis/Norton. Motion carried, 7-0 voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Capen, Recording Secretary