

**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**  
**Friday, April 3, 2009**  
**7:30 a.m.**  
**Winnebago County Health Department**  
**Conference Room**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Joanne Sievert at 7:34 AM.

**ROLL CALL:** Board members present were Chairman Joanne Sievert; Vice Chairman Jim Koziczowski; Dr. Shiloh Ramos; Jill Collier; Tom Egan, and Tom Ellis.

**EXCUSED:** Dr. Joe Bachman and Peggy Larson

Also present were Mary Jo Turner and Cindy Draw's Public Health Nurse Coordinators; Jeff Phillips, Environmental Health Supervisor; Tom Geske, Financial Advisor; Lisa Brown, DFC grant Administrator; and Teresa Paulus, PHN.

**APPROVE MINUTES:**

Moved and seconded Egan/Ellis to approve the February Minutes. Motion carried 5-0, voice vote.

**ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None

**BUSINESS**

**I. Director's and Staff Report**

**BUDGET:** Tom Geske presented the 2008 year end report. See handout. We came in \$189,939 under budget, most of which was due to a large budget carryover of Preparedness funds. Without this carryover, we would still have come in \$56,000 under. Currently we have \$850,000 in the reserve fund. This may be needed when the Health Department has to move.

**NALBOH:** Doug has provided a membership for our Board to join the National Association of Local Boards of Health. Mary Jo gave the information packet to Chairman Sievert.

**Public Health Week:**

- Mary Jo Turner reminded us that it is National Public Health Week next week. We will be doing some activities internally. There are plans to take a walk at the next staff meeting for fitness. Emily Dieringer, Public Health Educator will be developing inspirational mobiles to hang in the office.
- Jeff will be going to Stephens Point tonight to participate in a presentation of "Flow," a video on ground water. Several University campuses are involved. He will give us a report at the next Board of Health meeting.
- "Unnatural Causes" will air on Public TV next week. It is a 4-part series showing the disparities between rich and poor in regard to health and access to medical care.
- The video "Edge of Reality" was mentioned. A sequel to the video is being made. It has been shown in area public schools and addresses teen drinking and adult hosting.

WIC: WIC is currently operating at 107% of caseload. A grant adjustment is expected soon.

Norovirus: Cindy Draws reported an outbreak of Norovirus occurred in the county recently. About 30 people became ill, 26 were interviewed and 6 gave stool samples, all of which showed positive results for Norovirus. A food worker in a local restaurant had been ill. It was a “classic” case for communicable disease follow-up. Jeff and Jed have been to the restaurant to provide education.

Flu: Cindy reported a slight up-swing in the incidence of Flu since the last Board of Health meeting. It was mentioned that a booster shot is recommended for children who have never received Flu vaccine in the past and only one shot per year thereafter.

Faith Based Project: Mary Jo reported some progress from the “Faith Communities Preparedness Workgroup” that she is a part of. They are working with Professor Janet Reilly-of Green Bay. They plan to do a survey and publish an article on healthy practices at church services. They will pilot the survey at some of our rural churches this summer and hope to have information posted on the DHS Website. It is an opportunity for education, but it will be up to the faith community to follow through.

CHIP: Jeff reported on the progress of the Community Health Improvement Plan. Board of Health members will be invited to participate. At the last meeting, Paul Spiegel of the Oshkosh Health Department agreed to collaborate making it a joint Oshkosh/WCHD effort.

Public Health Preparedness:

- Jeff told us the Mortuary Plan has been developed and now they are looking at volunteer recruitment and retention. They are working with the Red Cross to develop pools of individuals with specific skills. Cheryl Laabs, PHN will be the lead for volunteer recruitment.
- On-going training for staff competency will take place. We are waiting for the State to lead. There will be another mass clinic exercise. The State needs to work out how to handle access to the National Stockpile.

Awards: Cindy announced Mary Jo has been nominated for the Nightingale Award. She also will receive the WPHA “Distinguished Service to Public Health” award. Mary Jo has done so much for Public Health over the years and the awards are well deserved. Congratulations!

Well Water Testing in Town of Neenah: Jeff passed around a map showing the few high arsenic levels that were found in the Town of Neenah project. Originally they were looking for bacterial contamination, but found none. 39 wells were tested. There may be unsafe bacterial levels as we go into Spring, but these will most likely indicate individual problems and not a ground water problem. Discussion on arsenic contamination took place. New guidelines for wells require them to be drilled at least 60 feet below where the arsenic is found in the underlying sandstone.

WEDSS: Cindy reported on the new Wisconsin Electronic Disease Surveillance System. Training of staff will be in April. It will enable us to track Communicable disease electronically and interface with the State. It was mentioned that the Health Department has its own website and the public may e-mail us directly with questions.

## **II. Annual Report Review**

Mary Jo handed out a draft of the Health Department's 2008 Annual Report and asked board members to review it. Joanne asked if the report could be distributed to the towns. The clerks could make copies for the public if the report was e-mailed. Mary Jo gave credit to Janel Losse, an accelerated RN Student, for her work in putting the report together. Emily Dieringer, our Public Health Educator did some fine tuning with the graphics.

## **III. Tobacco & Drug Free Communities Coalition Update**

Lisa Brown, Grant Coordinator for the DFC Grant explained recent progress. Their latest effort is a campaign in Oshkosh, Omro and Winneconne titled "Parents who Host Lose the Most." Lisa had a poster, educational materials and a handout to share.

She is also working with the media and the mayors for Alcohol Awareness Month and has plans to work with the Health Education teachers in the High Schools. She has great support from the University and the Police Department. Presentations are coming up.

Lisa and Emily testified at the State Joint Finance Committee meeting this past week. They also had 5 written testimonies from supporters. There were three items in the proposed budget regarding tobacco:

1. Increase the tax on cigarettes and all tobacco items.
2. Require smoke free workplaces in Wisconsin
3. Cuts to funding a comprehensive tobacco control program

Over Five hundred attended and approximately 200 testified. Tobacco was the largest issue of the meeting. She said it was a great experience to be able to speak.

## **IV. Child Death Review Team Overview**

Teresa Paulus reported on Child Death Review Team progress. Teresa, with Belinda DeGoey, PHN, are involved. Efforts to review child death began in Wisconsin in 1998. Child death has far reaching effects on family and the community. Children 0 to 19 years of age make up 25% of the population in Winnebago County. 18 to 24 deaths per year occur in this age group. Adding these statistics to State-wide stats, trends may become evident that could lead to prevention.

There was excellent turnout at the first meeting. They are using a booklet "Keeping Kids Alive in Wisconsin" as a guide, and a state representative is offering help. Partners on the Review Team include: the local health departments, police, Child Protective Services, D.A., Coroner, a pediatrician and the Infant Death Center. They meet monthly. There is an agreement with the Register of Deeds to obtain Death Certificates. Closed meetings are held for confidentiality. The intent is not to criticize, but to determine trends for education and prevention. Only data will be shared at the state level. Teresa will keep the Board informed.

## **V. Relocation Planning Update**

Jim Koziczowski reported the facilities committee will be meeting next Wednesday, and he will have more to report after that. The County Executive will need to make decisions as to who will move to the Pleasant Acres building.

## **REPORTS:**

- April 30<sup>th</sup> is a Medication Take Back Day at the Oshkosh Senior Center. Recycling will sponsor another event TBA in Neenah. A “Drop Box” method of collection is being explored.
- April is STD Awareness Month. Efforts are focused on encouraging people to get tested. We are expecting an AHEC intern to help us.
- Family Care, a new program for addressing problems of aging and disability is in the process of being formed for Winnebago, Fond du Lac and Manitowoc Counties. We would be part of an ADRC (aging and disabilities resource center) called the Lakeland Long Term Care District. Jim Koziczowski is on the steering committee. They meet again April 21<sup>st</sup>. The question before them is whether to use a public or private model. The emphasis is on keeping people at home. Most counties are going with private providers, but we are looking at public for transparency.

**NEXT MEETING: Friday, May 1, 2009, at 7:30 A.M. in the Health Department Conference Room.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Baeten, Recording Secretary