

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Friday, November 6, 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 7:36 AM.

ROLL CALL: Board members present were Chairman Joanne Sievert; Vice Chairman Jim Koziczkowski; Dr. Joseph Bachman; Jill Collier; Tom Ellis and Peggy Larsen.

EXCUSED: Tom Egan, Dr. Shiloh Ramos

Also present, Doug Gieryn, Director of WCHD; Cindy Draws, Public Health Nurse Coordinator.

APPROVE MINUTES: Motion to approve the minutes from October 2, 2009. Ellis/Collier. Motion carried 6-0, voice vote.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

BUSINESS

I. Director's and Staff Report

Doug Gieryn:

H1N1: Our staff is very busy with H1N1. Doug has been sending weekly updates to BOH members. We have a limited supply and not able to vaccinate on a large scale. The CDC is also holding us to limited target groups. School clinics are planned, but we may not be able to vaccinate everyone, just the high priority groups. We do not have enough for community clinics at this time. We received 900 injectable doses and 400 Flu mist doses Monday. Some of this vaccine has been distributed to daycares, and businesses. We have Wednesday clinics for those outside our jurisdiction and serve walk-ins who live in our jurisdiction. Again, vaccine is only for limited target groups at this point:

- Pregnant women
- Those living with or providing care for children under 6 mos.
- Healthcare or EMS workers with direct contact with patients or infectious materials.
- Children 6 mos. Up to 2 years old.
- Children 2-4 years
- Children 5-18 with medical conditions.

The State has qualified what a "health care worker" is. We have heard Emergency Rooms and ICU's are very busy with upper respiratory illness, but not necessarily H1N1.

Discussion:

- Doug said if an animal such as a cat got the flu, it would probably be a "dead-end host", meaning it could not transfer.
- It is possible for people to be infected with more than one Flu virus at a time.
- It's not possible to know how ill a person will get with the Flu
- We are continuously changing the peak of H1N1. Even if we see less illness, it doesn't mean it's over.
- There is a possibility that the virus could mutate.

We have hired 7 Temporary RNs and are working on contracts with Temporary Agencies to help with clinics. ADVOCAP, and school volunteers will be helping as well. We are trying to keep informed of

what the other local health departments are offering. The phones have been busy with questions, especially since there has been recent media attention.

Environmental Issues: Jeff Philips is not here today, but had some information for us.

- No results have been received from the ground water tests for pharmaceuticals, but the State is in the process of putting together the report.
- Well tests will begin in the Winchester area due to an investigation of a cancer cluster.
- Jeff has been steering the CHIP Process (Community Health Improvement Plan).

Cindy Draws

- Older Adults: LTAs (Long Term Assessments) have increased greatly. Charting is complicated and takes up a lot of nursing time. When Family Care gets up and running, this activity will drop off.
- Lyme disease follow-up is on hold due to H1N1 priorities.
- H1N1: we are watching the reports. Follow-up is required if cases are hospitalized or result in death. So far no deaths have occurred in our jurisdiction and only 1 hospitalization.
- Senior Conference: This year's conference attendance was down compared to last year. Rethinking what to do next year.
- The Take Back Meds Events were successful. There will be more of these in April. They are working on a medication drop box.
- Falls Prevention activities are on hold due to H1N1.
- Personal Care referrals are up. People prefer us to other agencies. These are also on hold until December.

II. BUDGET TRANSFER (handout)

Doug presented a Budget Transfer to allocate funds from the CDC/State of Wisconsin for Emergency Response totaling \$99,335. Doug had also presented this to the P&F Committee yesterday and they have pre-approved. He asked for the Board to vote on accepting the budget transfer today. Ellis/Koziczowski, moved and seconded. Motion carried 6-0, voice vote.

III. YOUTH TOBACCO POSSESSION ORDINANCE (handout)

Doug had a draft for an ordinance enabling the Sheriff's Department to cite youth for possession of tobacco products and retailers for selling tobacco products. This ordinance would be placed in chapter 11 for the Sheriff's Department.

- Item 3 increased the amount of the fine from \$25 to \$50 - \$250. This is to encourage youth to follow through with diversion classes.
- Item 5 allows the opportunity to have the citation dismissed if diversion classes are attended.

Doug had sent the draft to John Bodnar, but has not heard back from him. Doug asked for the Board's approval. This issue would go before the County Board in December. Moved and seconded, Koziczowski/Ellis to approve the creation of an ordinance to prohibit purchase or possession of tobacco products by minors. Motion carried 6-0, voice vote.

Discussion followed on whether laws allowing the use of medical marijuana would lessen the impact of law enforcement on tobacco products.

IV. 2009 & 2010 BUDGET UPDATE (handout)

Doug presented a Budget Update through September 2009. We are three quarters through the year and are at 70% of budget. We have held a vacant position open pending word on Tobacco Grant funding. Doug has been working on becoming the fiscal agent for the Lakeshore regional district to

administer Tobacco funding. This district includes Sheboygan, Kewaunee and Door counties. The County Board has received our 2010 Budget. We will maintain the same number of staff as last year.

V. RELOCATION PLANNING UPDATE

Re routing the computer network hub from the Park View Pavilion to the Oshkosh B'Gosh building will be a factor in moving the Health Department. Doug hopes to meet with Mike Elder and the contractor to address the Health Department's needs at the new building. The latest word was that we would be moving to the second floor. The County Board has approved the purchase, but bonding and purchase still need to take place. Pleasant Acres may not be razed depending on outside interest in that building.

NEXT MEETING: December 4, 2009. If no meeting is needed, Doug will inform the Board.

Board members thanked Doug for the H1N1 updates he has been sending them to keep them informed.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Ellis/Bachman, motion carried 5-0, voice vote. Meeting adjourned 8:30 am

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Baeten, Recording Secretary