

MINUTES OF BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
June 4, 2014

Meeting was called to order by Chair Kraft at 6:00 p.m.

Board of Health Members Present: Chair Kraft, Supervisor Peer, Supervisor Bostwick (left at 7:00 p.m.), Supervisor Addie, Dr. Peterson, Dr. Winter, Mr. Gresens, R.PH., and Dr. Konkol.

Board of Health Members Absent: Ms. Wade, WHNP.

Staff Members Present: Karen Cain – Health Officer; Timothy Banwell – Environmental Health Director; Janet Zoellner – Public Health Nursing Director; Sancee Siebold – Nursing Supervisor South Office; Deborah Erickson – Nursing Supervisor North Office; and Elizabeth LaBelle-Administrative Secretary.

Adopt Agenda

Supervisor Bostwick and Dr. Konkol made a motion to adopt the agenda. MOTION APPROVED.

Approval of Minutes 5/7/14

Supervisor Peer and Mr. Gresens, RPH made a motion to approve the minutes of the 5/7/14 Board of Health meeting. MOTION APPROVED.

Citizen Participation

Area Health Education Counsel Interns (AHEC): Lynnsey Erickson (AHEC Intern, Health Department) and Liz Linder (AHEC Intern, UW Extension).

Unfinished Business

None at this time.

New Business

Administrative Division

Approval of Bills/Transfer of Funds/ Pre-Approved Encumbrance

Supervisor Bostwick and Mr. Gresens, RPH made a motion to approve the bills for the month of May 2014. MOTION APPROVED.

Supervisor Addie inquired if the Farm Safety Brochure printing and display boards were put out for bid. Health Officer Cain explained that the cost is under \$1,000.00 Rock County does not have to put a bid request out. Supervisor Peer asked what the Ground Fault Tester purchase was used for. Environmental Health Director Banwell informed the Board of Health that this is used in our Healthy Homes Program to test GFI.

Supervisor Peer and Dr. Konkol made a motion to approve the request to increase Pre-Approved Encumbrance amount for international travel vaccines. MOTION APPROVED.

This request is due to an increase in the amount of travel vaccines given this year. Supervisor Addie asked what base is used to order these vaccines such as historical data and if the supply is being used before expiration. Health Officer Cain explained that the number of international travel clients and vaccines needed is very challenging to predict because of the number of factors that influence international travel. Nursing Director Zoellner explained that the Health Department keeps a very low inventory and travel vaccines are administered prior to expiration date. Expired vaccines are reimbursed to us by manufacturers and this is not an expense to tax payers.

Chair Kraft inquired how many doses of international travel vaccines are given in a year. Nursing Director Zoellner stated this information can be found in our Annual Report. The number of doses given in a year does tend correlate with vaccine shortages. If a medical provider has ran out of a vaccine, they will likely refer the client to the Health Department, thus increasing our usage of doses. Health Officer Cain explained to the Board of Health that certain international travel vaccines requires the client to pay prior to ordering due to high cost and infrequent request for the vaccine (currently vaccines: Japanese Encephalitis and Rabies).

Health Department Report

Health Officer Cain explained to the Board of Health that AHEC is able to provide recent graduates in the area of health education paid eight (8) week internships at local health departments, if health departments are interested. Our AHEC intern will be working on customer service evaluations and studies for the Rock County Health Department. In order to receive an AHEC intern health departments' must write a proposal and then a decision will be made by AHEC if a health department is provided with an intern. Health Officer Cain said this internship program provides the department with an opportunity to work on a needed project that current staffing and work load does not allow time for. Supervisor Addie inquired to the AHEC interns what they hoped to accomplish out of this and what their career and education goals were. The AHEC interns shared their career and education goals with the Board of Health.

Health Officer Cain announced to the Board of Health that the Health Department has submitted our Town Hall Well Water Sampling Program to the Innovations in Government program through the School of Government at Harvard. This is an opportunity for local health departments' and other government agencies to submit innovations that have been developed to improve operations. It can be challenging for customers to get to our agency during normal business hours and the Town Hall Sampling program overcomes that obstacle. This program is cost effective for the customer and the Health Department and also provides us more information for data collection that can be used for future predictions. Chair Kraft inquired which town hall we will be hosting this program at next. Environmental Health Director Banwell stated at this time we do not have another town hall sampling scheduled, however, letters have been sent out to town halls notifying them of this program.

Communicable Diseases are required to be reported by State Statute. Health Officer Cain shared with the Board of Health that at the end of last week, polio outbreaks have been occurring in some Middle East and African countries. This outbreak prompted a change in our Medical Orders for International Travel Vaccines to recommend clients' traveling to the affected countries receive an additional dose of the Polio Vaccine. Currently, this Polio outbreak has not been exported back to the United States. Health Officer Cain expressed that this type of situation is always a concern due to the extent of follow up by public health officials to prevent spread.

Affected Countries:

- Pakistan
- Afghanistan
- Cameroon
- Syria
- Guinea
- Israel
- Ethiopia
- Nigeria
- Somali

There was some discussion among Board Members in regards to this and the increased number of Measles cases in the United States this year.

Dr. Winter verified that visitors must have certain immunizations to receive a visa to enter a country. Nursing Director Zoellner explained that Yellow Fever has been required, however, Polio is now required as well.

Health Officer Cain informed the Board of Health that in 2012 when restaurant inspections began being posted on the Health Department website, the Board of Health Members requested that posting actual restaurant scores be discussed at a future meeting. Health Officer Cain reports that initially there was a lot of interest (based on website analytics), but more recently the website doesn't get as much traffic.

If the Board of Health would like to have actual scores posted, Health Officer Cain could add it to a future agenda. Chair Kraft polled the Board of Health Members, and all agreed they would like to have a discussion. The topic of posting restaurant scores will be placed on the September Board of Health Agenda.

Environmental Health

Environmental Health Director Banwell gave a presentation on the CDC's neglected parasites. The presentation begins on the following page.

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Chair Kraft asked what species prey on Triatomine. Environmental Health Director Banwell informed the Board of Health birds, mice, and possibly cats are common species that prey on Triatomine. Dr. Winter inquired if there is a medical test that can be run to determine if someone has this parasitic disease from Triatomine. Environmental Health Director Banwell explained that this is a latent disease. Dr. Konkol then shared with the Board of Health some history and further medical information of this disease. Per Nursing Director Zoellner, this disease is currently not reportable in Wisconsin.

Environmental Health Director Banwell explained that Neurocysticercosis can be prevented in restaurants by proper hand washing. That is why education from the Health Department to food operators and staff is very important. Taxoplasmosis is a reportable disease in the State of Wisconsin. Taxoplasmosis is a disease that can be transmitted through pork and produce (through soil).

Environmental Health Director Banwell informed the Board of Health that it is important to spread the word of these parasitic diseases to the community and that these are the reasons why we are promoting safe food practice.

Public Health Nursing

Nursing Director Zoellner gave a presentation of the Nursing Division Collaboration with Edgewood College School of Nursing.

1. Edgewood College began a nursing student rotation at the Rock County Health Department in 2004
 - a. Students are in their last semester of schooling, will graduate with a BSN in nursing
 - b. From 15-22 students participate per semester (~200 graduates)
 - c. Have a full time teacher with them directing their rotation
 - d. Focus areas are:
 - i. Individual: Birth Certificate Lead home visiting
 - ii. Community:
 1. School visits
 2. Coalitions
 3. Tobacco Prevention
 4. Focus Groups
 - iii. Aggregate Projects
 1. Dental Care
 2. Community Health Priorities
 3. Youth and Substance Perceptions
 - e. Benefits to the student:
 - i. A "true" look at public health
 - ii. Not tied to a preceptor that may or may not have a generalist public health background
 - iii. Ability to gain real skills in home visitation, community and population health
 - f. Benefits to the agency:
 - i. Ability to gain additional data
 - ii. Nursing graduates that know the agency and may move into PHN positions

- iii. Contacts with future nurses in the area
- iv. Ideas about service areas that may need addressing

There was discussion among Board of Health Members on the benefit of this program and how it shows students' what public health and public health nursing is about. There was then discussion among Board of Health Members about public health and the positive impacts it has had in the world.

Communications and Announcements

July Board of Health Meeting will be held on the regular scheduled Wednesday (July 2, 2014-6PM).

Adjournment

Dr. Konkol and Supervisor Addie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. MOTION APPROVED. Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth LaBelle, Recorder

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