

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING  
November 2, 2011**

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

Board of Health Members Present: Chair Kraft, Supervisor Bostwick (left at 7:00 p.m.), Supervisor Peer, Dr. Best, Mr. Rooney, Dr. Winter, Dr. Peterson, and Ms. Wade.

Board of Health Members Absent: Supervisor Thompson.

Staff Members Present: Karen Cain – Health Officer; Tim Banwell – Environmental Health Director; Sancee Siebold – Nursing Supervisor South Office; Deborah Erickson – Nursing Supervisor North Office; and Carol McComb – Public Health Support Specialist.

Others Present: Mary Young, Regional Director, Madison/Southern Region Division of Public Health.

**Adopt Agenda**

Supervisor Bostwick made a motion to adopt the agenda. Dr. Peterson seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED.

**Approval of Minutes 10/05/11**

Supervisor Peer made a motion to approve the minutes of the 10/05/11 Board of Health meeting. Dr. Winter seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED.

**Citizen Participation**

None at this time.

**Unfinished Business**

None at this time.

**New Business**

**Administrative Division**

**Approval of Bills/Transfer of Funds**

Dr. Winter asked what the bill from the Rock County Humane Society for sacrificing of a wild animal meant. Mr. Banwell and Ms. Cain stated the bill was for the euthanization of a wild animal that had bitten someone and had to be sent up to the WSLH for rabies testing.

Supervisor Peer made a motion to approve the Health Department bills for the month of October 2011 in the amount of \$11,302.19 and bills for the Consortium Funds in the amount of \$343.00. Supervisor Bostwick seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED.

Transfer of Funds: The health department needs to purchase 2 small freezers for the storage of varicella vaccine. Varicella vaccine needs to be stored frozen. The health department currently uses dry ice to try to maintain the proper temperature for the varicella vaccine, but the dry ice doesn't always keep the vaccine at the proper temperature to keep it in a frozen state. In order to prevent having to waste vaccine that has not been kept at the proper temperature, the department will purchase these freezers. We currently spend approximately \$70 per month making dry ice, so the freezers should pay for themselves in less than 2 years.

The funds are available for transfer due to the dissolution of the Southern Wisconsin Consortium #10. Funds from the dissolution of the consortia may be used to purchase needed equipment. Ms. Cain stated that there were no funds available in the Capital Assets account.

Supervisor Peer made a motion to approve the transfer of #1,608 from account# 31-3008-0000-63110; Consortium Funds to account# 31-3000-0000-67172; Capital Assets. Supervisor Bostwick seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED.

### **Mary Young, Regional Director-WI Division of Public Health**

Ms. Cain introduced, Mary Young, Regional Director, Madison/Southern Region Division of Public Health to the Board of Health. Mary will be retiring in December 2011. Ms. Cain stated that Ms. Young has been a tremendous asset to the local health departments in the southern regional division. She advocates and has a good understanding at what happens at the local health department level. She is a great resource for questions that local health department may have. Ms. Young has come to give some insight on what has been happening at the State.

\*Contracting: The loss of several employees, many in financing, has resulted in a struggle to keep contracts caught up.

\*The loss of the Prevention Block Grant: Funding was used more in the environmental health division. The funding change has been recommended at the federal level. The new Prevention money is aimed at chronic disease prevention.

\*Community Transformation Grant: Millions of dollars directed towards local health departments. This grant is aimed towards good nutrition, obesity prevention, and making a healthy environment.

\*Maternal Child Health: This is now focused on systems building.

\*Infrastructure Grant: The National Accreditation Standards helps local health departments perform at the best level that they can. There are a few health departments in the State that are close to being able to apply for this: Polk County, West Allis, and Wood County. Accreditation is for 5 years. There are 5 regional offices in the State (Green Bay, Rhinelander, Eau Claire, Madison, Milwaukee) and there are 92 health departments.

Qualifications you must have:

1. Strategic Plan
2. Community Health Assessment
3. Community Improvement Plan

Ms. Young stated that money and finances would be issues to look at in the future. She stated that it would be best to maintain the current structure of having public health separate from human services.

Ms. Young stated that she has enjoyed working with the local health department and that the Rock County Health Department has a strong Board of Health with a lot of continuity.

On behalf of the Board of Health, Chair Kraft thanked Ms. Young for her services

### **2012 Budget**

Ms. Cain went over the 2012 Health Department budget with the Board of Health. The department had to work with \$100,000 over a 0% tax increase. The department's grant money has mostly been lost or cut in half. The department had an open FTE registered sanitarian position, with the retirement of that employee. Since nobody was holding that position, Ms. Cain requested that it be eliminated. The impact on the health department with the loss of this position would have been in the Private Sewage Program. Since the building industry is down with only about half of the permits being issued, the registered sanitarian had been helping the environmental health director with other staff projects. To become more efficient, the environmental health division has been cross training sanitarians. This will allow the same service to be provided as before even with the loss of that position. They however, will not be able to address any extra environmental issues. In essence, the public will not see any change in services, but the staff will see a change in their projects assigned.

Chair Kraft reported that 13 positions would be lost in the County 2012 budget. Registered nurses will get a 1% increase by 12/31, which had been agreed upon. The County health insurance cost did not go up and the county employees do not have to contribute to the premiums, however they do have to contribute 5.8% into their State retirement.

Supervisor Peer asked if the interpreter service would level off since it seems to have doubled. Ms. Cain stated that it would be hard to say since 25% of our clients are Hispanic at this time.

Ms. Cain stated that there would be a public hearing on the 2012 budget next Wednesday.

### **Health Department Report**

WALDHAB: Ms. Cain invited the Board of Health members to the WALDHAB Christmas party on December 7, 2011 at 10:00 am. Any members that wished to go could ride up with her.

Environmental Health Professionals and Health Educator Day: Ms. Cain stated that 11-11-11 is the day that the Health Department will be hosting a potluck luncheon in honor of our sanitarians and health educator. These staff provide services necessary for the promotion of life, health and well being of the citizens and communities of Rock County. Appreciation certificates were made for each of them and all Board of Health members signed them and they would be presented to them at their potluck. All Board members were invited to the potluck.

Rx Prescription Drug Roundup: Ms. Cain stated that the drugs that had been collected at our Rx Drug Roundups would be collected by December to be destroyed. The controlled substances would be picked up on November 8, 2011 and the non-controlled substances will be picked up in the first week of December 2011. The total amount collected of combined drugs was 3,200 lbs. The senior fair collection amounts were down possibly due to the availability of the 24/7 drug drop-off stations now operating in several different towns in Rock County.

Dr. Peterson stated that he feels that these Rx Prescription Drug Roundups and 24/7 drop-offs are a great program.

National Public Health Survey: Ms. Cain stated that she participated in a National Public Health Survey put on by the University of Illinois. There was a drawing and our health department won a \$200 gift card.

African-American Infant Mortality: Ms. Cain reported that the African-American Infant Mortality rate in the City of Beloit is at 18.2 % and Rock County total is at 19.1%. The totals did not seem to add up so about six weeks ago Ms. Zoellner asked the Infant Death Center to run the statistics again to double check the totals. The Janesville rate was at 39, which is two times higher than Beloit, and the Beloit rate was at 16, which had dropped. This means that for every 1,000 births, 39 infants die before the first year. The department is looking further into the statistics.

### **Public Health Nursing/Environmental Health**

#### **Joint Report – Recent Outbreak Investigation**

Mr. Banwell and Ms. Erickson gave a joint report on a recent *Cryptosporidium* outbreak that occurred in a restaurant in Rock County.

*Cryptosporidium* is a parasite that affects the GI tract. Since it is sometimes difficult to find, 2-3 stool specimens are needed for testing. The parasite is protected by an outer shell that allows it to survive outside the body for long periods of time and makes it very tolerant to chlorine disinfection. It can withstand the heat and cold temperatures. While this parasite can be spread in several different ways, (fecal to oral, person to person, and animal to person, water (drinking water and recreational water) is the most common method of transmission. *Cryptosporidium* is one of the most frequent causes of waterborne disease among humans in the United States.

*Cryptosporidium* is a reportable disease to the Center for Disease and Control (CDC). The environmental health and public health nursing staff worked together in an effort to place a source of this outbreak. They did a review of the CDC line list which lead to a common link. They did a call back of recent cases that had *cryptosporidium* and found that there was a specific restaurant listed in these cases with the same onset date of sickness. A visit was made to the restaurant to interview workers, inspect the facility, and get names of food distributors. A second visit was done and a risk plan was developed for the food processing line starting from the receiving the product to the point of serving it to the public.

EH/Nursing reported out their findings/status update:

- \*\*Re-interviewed sick and well individuals with an expanded food history and symptom questionnaire
- \*\*Collected two sets of stool specimens on all the restaurant workers
  - did a GIS mapping of people infected and talked with City of any possible water problems in that area
  - 1 worker came back positive for *Cryptosporidium* – did genotyping on the person. Two came back positive for *Giardia*
- \*\*Proceeded with the health department's plan for enhanced education of food handling and hand washing
  - noted that in July 2011, restaurant had food temperature issues – after follow-up inspection at that time food temps were made into compliant temps
- \*\*Suggestion at the State level was to pull credit card records of others that ate at the restaurant in the time

period in question and “cold call” for illness history. This was referred to the health officer for consideration

was denied for privacy reasons

\*\*Workers infected didn't do any food handling until two stool samples came back negative

No new cases in over a month, owner has been communicating with RN/RS everyday and restaurant is fully staffed again.

Difficulties with the investigation were:

Fear among the workers

Turnover in restaurant staff due to quitting may result in new staff with less training/experience going forward.

Resistant to the specimen collection

Unexpected organisms in the second stool collection

Had to look at risk versus benefit of using old credit card records

Mr. Banwell stated that a registered sanitarian will follow-up with the restaurant staff on hand washing contact. Ms. Cain stated that Mary Young had worked with our department at the State level with their Food Program.

### **Communications and Announcements**

Dr. Peterson did an update on animal control. He now has a focus group together and had one general meeting with the town and city representatives. Looking to have another meeting with all county representatives on December 8, 2011 with Dr. Belay. He stated that the Humane Society would stop doing animal control services soon. The City of Janesville is trying to get them to extend this service for another year.

### **Adjournment**

Ms. Wade made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Best seconded the motion. MOTION APPROVED. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol McComb, Recorder

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