

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING  
May 6, 2015**

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

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

Board of Health Members Absent: Ms. Wade, WHNP

Staff Members Present: Marie-Noel Sandoval-Health Officer; Tim Banwell-Environmental Health Director; Janet Zoellner – Public Health Nursing Director; Sancee Siebold – Nursing Supervisor South Office; Deborah Erickson – Nursing Supervisor North Office; Elizabeth LaBelle-Administrative Secretary; Tony Farrell, SR-Outreach Coordinator.

**Adopt Agenda**

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

**Approval of Minutes 4/1/15**

Supervisor Peer and Supervisor Addie made a motion to approve the minutes of the 4/1/15 Board of Health meeting. MOTION APPROVED.

**Citizen Participation**

None at this time.

**Unfinished Business**

None at this time.

**New Business**

**Administrative Division**

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

Mr. Gresens and Dr. Peterson made a motion to approve the bills for February 2015 and Pre-Approved Encumbrance. MOTION APPROVED.

There were no questions on Pre-Approved Encumbrance or bills.

**Health Department Report**

Health Officer Sandoval shared that the Health Department conducted two mass clinics in April, one in Clinton and one in Beloit. The mass clinics took place at a school and served as an opportunity for emergency

preparedness, training for our Edgewood Student Nurses, and opportunity to improve immunization rates. At both clinics, TDAP and Meningitis vaccines were given.

Health Officer Sandoval shared that on May 12 at the Pontiac Convention Center the Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) breakfast will take place. Hospitals, colleges, and various service agencies will be in attendance to discuss the health of Rock County.

Health Officer Sandoval and Environmental Health Director Banwell shared the 2015 Environmental Health Profile for Rock County. The purpose of this report is for tracking and comparison of Rock County to the state level. A need identified from this report is carbon monoxide education, thus the Health Department will be conducting public education this fall. The ratings can also be used for a tool to identify grant opportunities. Dr. Winter inquired if a report is released by the state for all counties and if we receive other county reports. Environmental Health Director Banwell stated that yes, all Wisconsin Counties receive this report and we can compare counties.

The Edgewood Nursing Students completed their rotations this week. Health Officer Sandoval explained that two groups of students rotate through the Health Department as a part of their Edgewood Clinical requirements. The students work on a public health project and collaborate with the Health Department and other community organizations. The two projects presented by students this rotation include: immunization rates and barriers in Rock County and prescription drug abuse in teenagers. The Health Department has this data and can use it to identify service needs and programs.

Health Officer Sandoval shared an update on the avian flu and measures the Health Department is taking in preparation if cases occur in Rock County. The Department of Agriculture takes the lead of avian flu cases. The Health Department is in contact with UW Extension to identify large egg and bird farms in Rock County. Precautions that other counties are taking were discussed. Precautions, prevention, and preparedness efforts include: respiratory fitting, Public Health Nurses monitoring workers and testing workers in contact with sick birds, and giving Tamiflu as a preventative. Discussion among Board Members occurred regarding the avian flu.

Health Officer Sandoval asked the Board of Health what information or reports they would be interested in hearing monthly. After discussion among members, the following topics were mentioned: department events, nation and worldwide events that could impact Rock County on a scale, staffing concerns (including turn over), and budget items.

### **Public Health Nursing**

Nursing Director Zoellner presented to the Board of Health on 'Lighten Up', which is a grant program that provides the opportunity for older adults and those with disabilities to meet as a support group. The intent of this group is to improve mental health through improved outlook, take on memories, and building relationships. Each support group has 8-10 people and meet for eight 90 minute sessions. The Health Department works in collaboration with Council on Aging (COA) for 'Lighten Up'. COA handles the marketing, recruitment, and sign-up processes. Discussion among Board Members occurred on the benefits and importance of this program.

### **Environmental Health**

Environmental Health Director Banwell provided an update on the Town of Fulton Water Sampling event that took place early April. This was coordinated with the April 7 election and bottles were available for pick up at

the election through the Thursday after the election. 12% of the wells tested unsafe for bacteria and 17% tested unsafe for nitrates. Chair Kraft inquired if the results will be shared with the town. Environmental Health Director Banwell stated, yes the results will be shared with the town next week. The Health Department will keep working on moving the Town Sampling Program forward.

### **Communications and Announcements**

Environmental Health Director Banwell received the award of ‘Environmental Health Professional of the Year’ from the Wisconsin Environmental Health Association. The plaque received was displayed for viewing at the Board of Health Meeting.

The Health Department received a United Way Silver Award from United Way. This award was based on dollars raised at fund raising events.

### **Adjournment**

Supervisor Addie and Dr. Peterson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. MOTION APPROVED. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth LaBelle, Recorder

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