

Board of Health Committee

February 9, 2012

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Carol Pederson, Marge Saari, Jackie Cody, Greg Berard, Dr. Joanna Gudel

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Romelle Vandervest, Jim Sharon

STAFF PRESENT: Linda Conlon, Ann Ovsak, Linda Pipgras, Todd Troskey

OTHERS PRESENT: Marcus Neemann, River News

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Vice-Chairperson Carol Pederson at 12:30 PM at the New Dept of Aging/ Health Dept Building, 100 W Keenan St.

The Vice-Chairperson noted that this meeting of the Board of Health Committee had been properly posted in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.

Motion made by Saari, seconded by Berard to approve today's agenda allowing items to be moved around as needed. Motion carried.

Motion made by Gudel, seconded by Saari to approve minutes of January 12, 2012 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Date of next meetings: March 8, 2012 at 12:30 p.m. (Gudel has excused absence.)

Monthly Environmental Health Complaint Summary: Summary given by Todd Troskey, Registered Sanitarian.

- Rhinelander restaurant investigated for water dripping onto food over several days. Water was not dripping onto food prep or food storage areas. A leak from apartment above was repaired. No other evidence of dripping water was noted.

Discussion only, no action taken.

PHN Vacancy Review Appeal: Linda Conlon proposed decreasing the public health nurse vacancy from 100% to 80% due to a decrease in flu revenue. This will amount to a savings of at least \$14,000 a year. Motion made by Gudel, seconded by Saari to approve public health nurse position, waving 6 month waiting period and forwarding to LRES. Motion carried.

San Tech Increase from 60% to 80%: The Board of Health and LRES had approved an increase in Kyla Waksmonski's hours to work on accreditation. Due to personal reasons, she will only be increasing her hours by 10 hrs/week not 15 hrs/week. Conlon is requesting those 5 hours be moved to the san tech's position. The San Tech position will increase a total of 7.5 hrs/week with 5 hours being covered through the Chronic Disease grant and will be used to work on chronic disease prevention and management and coalition building. The hours will end when the grant runs out. The remaining 2-1/2 hours will be funded by sanitarian revenues to support

the increased workload in the sanitarian program. Motion made by Gudel, seconded by Saari to approve san tech increase from 60% to 80% and forward to LRES. Motion carried.

Accreditation Update: Oneida County Health Department is moving forward with accreditation activities and is using grant dollars for most of the work. They have communicated with other health departments who are also working towards accreditation and are currently looking at documentation to be uploaded to the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). Discussion only, no action taken.

Legislative Update: Linda Conlon briefly discussed legislative issues at the state level.

- AB 469: Bill would exclude electronic smoking devices from the smoke free law. Public Health is taking a stance that they should not be excluded.
- Family Care legislation: Bill removes family care caps. Public Health supports this legislation.
- AB 93: Bill prohibits sale of all tobacco products to minors. Senate Public Health Committee held hearing and vote is expected soon.
- AB 386/ SB 331: Bill would limit funding for the Wisconsin Well Woman program. This bill has not moved through Committee yet.

Discussion only, no action taken.

Biking & Walking Trails:

- Linda Conlon spoke with the Department of Transportation about the Hwy 51 reconstruction project. There was a town meeting held of which the results are not known at this time. The town was in support of biking and walking paths on both sides of Hwy 51 but there was concern by businesses regarding snow removal. A small handful of business owners did not want the biking and walking paths cutting off their driveways. The town recognizes, however, that trying to get tourists and people to move to the area is important economically and these people want to see recreational activities. The town was not in favor of the DOT's proposed location of or even the need for a HAWK light. The Town stated they would like to do further study related to the need and placement for a HAWK light.
- The Biking & Walking Trails Council will be attending a meeting in Vilas County to see if they are interested in joining forces with Wisconsin Headwaters Invasives Partnership in trail building and maintenance of trails.

Discussion only, no action taken.

Relocation Update/Tour of new building: Health Department construction is nearing completion but they are still waiting for WPS approval on fiber installation. A tour of the new health department was given at the end of the meeting. Discussion only, no action taken.

Communicable disease update: 6 Chlamydia, 1 Cryptosporidiosis, 2 Ehrlichiosis, 1 Hepatitis B, 4 Hepatitis C, 8 Lyme, 1 Mumps, 1 Parapertussis, 2 Pertussis.

Health Hazard Update: Summary given by Assistant Director.

- Minocqua residence with animal feces, hoarding and rotten food was investigated. Allegations unfounded and case closed.

- Pelican business investigated for no heat in apartments. Case closed.

Requests for Meetings/Workshops: Motion made by Berard, seconded by Gudel to approve meetings and workshops as presented. Motion carried.

Line item transfers: Motion made by Gudel, seconded by Berard to approve line item transfers as presented. Motion carried.

Vouchers and purchase orders: Motion made by Gudel, seconded by Berard to approve vouchers and purchase orders as presented totaling \$24,821.57. Motion carried.

Public comment/communications: Neseemann, from the River News, asked if there were any flu outbreaks. Conlon responded there were none. He also asked about Friendly Village being quarantined. Conlon responded there are two wings under isolation. The Health Department had not yet gotten lab results back from the State Lab. She went on to say that it is most likely norovirus which is common for schools, nursing homes and cruise ships. Conlon also stated that Friendly Village is following the CDC recommendations for long-term care facilities during a Norovirus outbreak. These precautions will cover most other illnesses so it is a good step to take.

Motion by Saari, seconded by Berard to adjourn at 1:08 p.m. Motion carried. Tour of new building followed.

Committee Chairman

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