

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
Friday, July 1, 2011
7:30 a.m.
Winnebago County Health Department
Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Shiloh Ramos.

ROLL CALL: Board members present were Chairman Shiloh Ramos; Vice Chairman Joanne Sievert; Tom Egan; Tom Ellis; Peggy Larson and Ken Neubauer.

EXCUSED: Dr. Joseph Bachman, and Jill Collier.

Also present were Doug Gieryn, Health Department Director; Cindy Draws and Mary Jo Turner, Public Health Nurse Coordinators; Jeff Phillips, Environmental Health Officer; and Ann Marshall, League of Women Voters.

APPROVE MINUTES: Motion to approve the minutes from May 6, 2011. Sievert/Ellis to approve. Motion carried 6-0, voice vote.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC: There had been a complaint received by the Health Department from a Town resident regarding the noise generated from Country USA, claiming it was impacting health. Doug spoke to the Town Chairman. No decibel levels were taken, but this could be done for future events. There are no ordinances or contract language to address the noise, therefore nothing to enforce at this time. The Sheriff's Dept has a decibel meter if needed.

BUSINESS

A. Director's & Staff Report –
Funding for 2012 - Doug

- A 3.6 to 3.7 % reduction in levy is anticipated to be offset by a 5.8% fringe decrease due to employee contributions to pensions. We are expecting 0% levy increases for the next few years. Labor is 90% of our budget.
- We currently have two staff vacancies. One is for a WIC Aide, the other for an Environmental Health Specialist. We are unable to fill the Environmental position at this time due per the County Executive and requests to leave all positions that become open unfilled until consolidation discussions address them. This is a fee funded position and workload is determined primarily by the number of licensed facilities. EH Supervisor Jeff Phillips has enlisted the help of UWO students for temporary assistance.
- The process of considering consolidation should be completed for inclusion or not in the 2012 budget.
- Tom Geske was not available today for a Health Department budget update. Doug will send Board members an e-mail report. Tom will not continue with the Health Department in 2012.
- The county has new accounting software that we are in the process of learning.

Mary Jo Turner –

- CDRT (Child Death Review) has reviewed 2 suicides since April.
- Through re:TH!NK, the Health Department is looking at mental health issues and held a meeting/share shop with area professionals. They plan to do another meeting.

- Mid Year Reports for Consolidated Contracts were reviewed by Becky Hovarter of the State Regional office. We are meeting our objectives. Becky is leaving for a new position. Her current position may not be filled.
- Parents are Key is a program that enables parents and teens to enter into a “contract” where teens agree not to drive drunk or under the influence of drugs. We will have a presence at Lifest.
- We expect PNCC (Pre Natal Care Coordination) clients to increase due to co-locating with WIC. We are only able to serve those clients who live in the WCHD jurisdiction at this time but are looking to determine feasibility to offer to all WIC clients.
- We currently have a student nurse from Mankato doing a Public Health rotation with us. She is going out with the nurses on visits.
- Carseat vouchers are given out to WIC clients. Last year we ran out of carseats. This year we ordered more and tightened up the requirements. Vouchers are given, but people don’t always follow through. We may have to open it up to more people.

Jeff Phillips

- The Sanitarian license year runs from July 1 to June 30. We begin a new year today. Inspections have been completed for the last cycle.
- Summer is busy with festivals. Many food vendors receive education, although many are repeats. The campgrounds were an issue this year with all the mud and rain. Property owners have been cooperative.
- Safety issues at CUSA are being addressed with the Sheriff’s Dept. The Health Department, through the DFC Grant, has offered Responsible Beverage Training at CUSA. Discussion regarding sidewalks, overpasses, lighting and reflective arm bands followed. Promoters need to work with landowners.
- UWO students and some of our nurses have been helping out with well inspections. Testing of samples is being done at UWO. Students are doing beach monitoring as well. These results are posted on our website www.co.winnebago.wi.us/health
- The Public Health Preparedness Contract is in mid-year. The Regional Consortiums are being dissolved by August. There is a push to complete grant objectives by that time. We will recoup the money that remains for the Consortium. Local Health Departments will now be responsible for their own preparedness issues. Efficiencies may be realized in this area through consolidation of Health Departments.

Cindy Draws –

- The Older Adult Falls Coalition has had their second meeting. They will work on receiving referrals from local Fire Departments.
- A volunteer has stepped forward to introduce the “Strong Bones” class.
- CHIP Healthy Lifestyles Group has developed an Active Recreation Guide for Winnebago County. Find it on www.rethinkwinnebago.org. It has links to area businesses.
- Communicable Disease has been quiet. There have been cases of measles reported, but not in Winnebago County at this point.
- We will have a presence at Rock USA to offer sexually transmitted infection prevention education, condoms and to solicit support for less accessibility of soft drug paraphernalia.
- We are pushing for more HIV testing. A gradual increase in the incidence of HIV has been noticed.

Doug -

- We are recruiting two more Americorps employees for next year. The cost to us is \$8,000 each. Our current Americorps people have worked well for us.
- The State has mandated a 10% cut across the board for all programs, except the Well Women's Program. MA funding for Family Planning is being cut for all males, and to those agencies who do abortion referral or provide abortion services. Planned Parenthood is the primary provider of family planning services in Winnebago County. We will meet with Planned Parenthood soon to discuss impacts locally.
- We are expanding lead testing at WIC due to co-locating. About 1.6% of children test high for lead in our area.
- The State is not willing to support or apply for federal dollars for prevention. The Prevention Block Grant is going away. Wisconsin is ranked 49th in terms of spending for Public Health. We can expect to see programs disappearing. Doug will forward a link to an article that appeared in the Milwaukee Journal/Sentinel to the Board.

Consolidation –

- Board members received an e-mail regarding the Baker Tilly Consolidation Study. An accurate article on the consolidation was in today's Oshkosh Northwestern.
- The County and Oshkosh have agreed to seek more funding to continue the study. There is concern among Board members as to why the study was not completed.
- Completion was to be accomplished at the last meeting, but was not because the municipalities could not reach a conclusion.
- Doug feels we need the study to continue to identify primary fiscal benefits and programs. Baker Tilly is in the best position to lead the process. The study became more complicated than anyone expected. Data given to Baker Tilly was varied. Menasha had concerns due to partly being located in Calumet County, and their contract with the School District to do School Nursing.
- Funds are needed proceed. Baker Tilly is looking for \$15,000 if it includes 4 Health Departments and \$22,000 if it includes 3, plus extra for presentations to municipal entities.
- A proposal to fund and additional \$10,000 will go before the P&F committee, then on to the County Board for approval.
- A drop in clients has not been noticed since moving to the Oshkosh facility. There is a question as to where to locate the "New Health Department" after consolidation.

Mark Harris joined the group to clarify the Baker Tilly proposal for additional funds. Issues noted were:

- Differences between Health Departments
- Special issues with the City of Menasha being in 2 counties and serving their school district.
- The study was based on lowest cost among the health departments.
- Harris will be meeting with the Mayors and City Mangers on July 5th.

Next Meeting: August 5, 2011, 7:30 a.m. 112 Otter Ave, First Floor Conference Room. Meeting date dependent upon need. Doug mentioned that he will be contacting Dr. Bachman, Jill Collier and Peggy Larsen as to whether they wish to continue for another term on the Board of Health.

Motion to adjourn: Egan/Ellis, motion carried 6-0, voice vote. 9:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Baeten, Recording Secretary