

WASHINGTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING (HEALTH AND AGING LIASON COMMITTEE) October 7, 2009

Members Present: Supervisor Charlene Brady, Doreen Buntrock, Christian Klemmer, Supervisor William Meyers, Supervisor Joan Russell, Patricia Hrobsky, and Health Officer Linda Walter

Visitors: County Attorney Kimberly Nass, Assistant Director Shari Winter and County Board Chairperson Herb Tennes

Excused: Supervisor Melvin Ewert, Dr. Laura Radke

Chairperson, Charlene Brady, called the meeting of the Washington County Board of Health to order at 1 pm. Notice of Posting was given.

Minutes from Previous Meeting:

Motion by Joan Russell, **Seconded** by William Meyers to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2009 meeting. **Motion Carried.**

Proposal to modify 1101A

Proposal accepted as presented to create 2 spaces from R1101A (formerly the loan closet) to provide a more private area for WIC clients and an additional interview room to help alleviate the overlapping need for interview space for the WIC and Public Health services. **Motion** to forward to Administrative Services Committee made by William Meyers and **Seconded** by Doreen Buntrock. **Motion Passed.**

ARRA funds for immunization

Linda reports that she anticipated \$20,039 of stimulus funds for immunization services will be available soon. She noted that she thinks that due to H1N1 issues the state DPH may be behind in processing these funds. Linda asked for permission to accept when they become available. **Motion** by William Meyers to accept stimulus funds when available and **Seconded** by Patricia Hrobsky. **Motion Passed.**

DOT grant for \$4,000

There is again available \$4,000 of DOT funds to support the permanent fit station established in 2005. The Board continues to support use of these funds when available for car seat purchases for eligible clients of the Health Department maternal child services. A report will be made to the Finance Committee on October 14th of the grant. **Motion** made by William Meyers and **Seconded** by Christian Klemmer to approve and make the report to the Finance Committee as required. **Motion Passed.**

Outlay request for vaccine refrigerator

Emergency purchase of an additional vaccine refrigerator identical to the one purchased last year was done by Linda in anticipation of need for additional cold storage space for H1N1 vaccine. This request has been approved by the Finance Committee already and uses preparedness grant funds only. **Motion** to approve by William Meyers and **Seconded** by Christian Klemmer. **Motion Passed.**

Food Safety and Recreational Licensing code-3rd draft presented by Kim Nass:

County Attorney Kim Nass presented another draft of the ordinance for Food Safety and Recreational Licensing services approved by the County Board in June. Attorney Nass suggested that the final details be completed by herself and Health Department staff before the October 27th County Board meeting with no substantive changes made only editorial for ease of reading. The Board agreed. Discussion followed on possibility of linking electronically the administrative rules referenced in the new county code to the state website so that readers would have better access to intended information. **Motion** by Patricia Hrobsky and **Seconded** by Doreen Buntrock to approve the county code chapter 8 for expanded Environmental Health Services related to food safety and recreational licensing with editing changes, but no substantive changes. The conditions are that no changes to substance would be had. **Motion Carried.**

Updated on Public Health Emergency Response (PHER) grant resolution:

The resolution to accept the Public Health Emergency Response grant was updated again to include phase III funds. The Finance Committee approved the total amount of \$271,463 for phases I, II and III on September 23. The Board of Health originally approved phase I on August 12 and phase II on September 2 knowing that phase III would be announced later. These funds need to be expended and then reimbursement requested for H1N1 response. Linda gave a brief update on H1N1 response activities. The first shipment of vaccine was received this week and is being distributed to Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel and healthcare workers with direct client contact. Health Department services are being suspended and prioritized to meet the needs of the H1N1 response. It has been frustrating for all involved as there are many unknowns yet and frequent changes, but everyone is cooperating and doing their best. The trailer from Emergency Management is being stocked and Parks and Planning is providing a vehicle to pull it when the school based clinics start. The best estimate is still the end of October for receiving regular shipments of vaccine.

Monthly reports:

Not reviewed due to time.

Next Meeting & Adjournment:

The next meeting for the Board of Health is scheduled for November 4, 2009 **Motion** by Doreen Buntrock to adjourn at 2:15 pm **Seconded** by Pat Hrobsky. **Motion Carried.**