

WASHINGTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING (HEALTH AND AGING LIASON COMMITTEE) December 17, 2008

Members Present: Supervisor Charlene Brady, Supervisor Melvin Ewert, Supervisor William Meyers, Pat Hrobsky, Dr. Laura Radke, Doreen Buntrock, Director/Health Officer Linda Walter
Excused: Christian Klemmer and Supervisor Joan Russell
Others attending: Administrator Coordinator Doug Johnson, Environmental Health Specialist Margaret Anderson, Assistant Director Shari Winter and Public Health Data Specialist Bruce Jordan.

Chairperson, Charlene Brady, called the meeting of the Washington County Board of Health to order at 10:32 a.m. Notice of Posting was given.

Minutes from Previous Meeting:

Motion by Melvin Ewert, **Seconded** by Doreen Buntrock to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2008 meeting. **Motion Carried.**

Monthly Reports –Communicable Disease and Activities:

The Board of Health reviewed the monthly Health Department Activity and Communicable Disease reports. The Communicable Disease report format will change in 2009 when the state's electronic data system for communicable disease reporting between labs, hospitals and public health departments is implemented. The Health Department and others will receive training from the state in January for the new system called WEDSS for Wisconsin Electronic Disease Surveillance System.

Approval of Keeping Kids Alive in Wisconsin \$5,000 grant to develop a child death review team: Discussion and **Motion** to postpone by Melvin Ewert, and **Seconded** by Patricia Hrobsky. **Motion Carried**

Distribution of new newsletter from DHS/DPH for Board of Health members: Members reported receiving at their home addresses already.

Discussion of draft proposal previously distributed concerning inspection and licensing services: The draft proposal did not get distributed before the meeting as planned. Copies were distributed and Linda noted the financial section in the draft copy was not accurate due to using an outdated state fee schedule. Clearinghouse Rule 08-073 was signed on November 25, 2008 and establishes a new state fee schedule for licensed facilities that will be effective April 1, 2009. Discussion followed with suggestions for additional information needed. Specifics of a proposal for a local health department program will be an ongoing agenda item after the January meeting. Linda stated a January 21, 2009 meeting has been scheduled with a representative from the state's

Food Safety and Recreational Licensing (FSRL) program to obtain more specific information on technical assistance available and other questions. No action taken today by the Board.

Director's Announcements:

- Local health departments have been notified by the DHS/DPH that the five year statutory review process will take place in 2009, not 2010. Linda noted that considerable preparation is needed for these 5 year reviews and Board participation in the review has been favorably perceived and noted by the review team in previous years.
- The \$4,000 car seat grant application approved in November was accepted by the DOT.
- Two thank you notes were received from schools in the jurisdiction.
- The 2008 Wisconsin Counties Rankings document was distributed and will be discussed at a later meeting. Washington County was ranked 6th healthiest of the 73 jurisdictions reviewed, but Linda noted there is considerable room for improvement.
- A summary of the 2008 Aurora Community Health survey was distributed and will be discussed at a later meeting. The full survey is available on the website.

Next Meeting & Adjournment:

The next meeting for the Board of Health is scheduled for January 7, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. in room 1145 of the PAC with Linda Walter's annual evaluation scheduled at that time. At the January meeting Margaret Anderson will provide a brief update on radon activities as January is National Radon Month. Shari Winter will provide an update on the Healthy People Project of Washington County. **Motion** by Doreen Buntrock, **Seconded** by William Meyers to adjourn at 12:10 p.m. **Motion Carried.**