

WASHINGTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING HEALTH & AGING LIAISON COMMITTEE January 5, 2006

Members Present: Charlene Brady, Delores Kruepke, Ralph Hensel, Pat Hrobsky, and Doreen Buntrock. Mary Callan was excused.

Chairperson, Charlene Brady, called the meeting of the Washington County Board of Health to order at 8:31 a.m. Notice of Posting was given.

Minutes From Previous Meetings: Motion by Ralph Hensel, Second by Doreen Buntrock to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2005 meeting. **Motion Carried.**

2005 Wisconsin Health Rankings:

Jennifer Evertson, Quad Consortium Epidemiologist, presented a PowerPoint presentation on 2005 Wisconsin Health Rankings published by the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute, Department of Population Health Sciences from the University of Wisconsin Medical School. Jennifer shared a summarization of the study and outlined the comparison to 2004 rankings. This is the third consecutive year the state has completed this type of study. A snapshot of 2005 and 2004 rankings showing the four counties gave an overview of health outcomes and health determinants. No significant differences were noted. Washington County continued to be in the top 10% of counties. A new feature in 2005 was a map showing county rankings by quartiles.

Quad Counties Public Health Consortia update:

Kathy Riehle, Quad Counties Public Health Consortium Director, shared 2005 Highlights and accomplishments. She distributed a handout developed by the consortium. Quad Counties was the first Consortia of the 12 to organize a work group of member staff that meets on a monthly basis to help build our partnerships within the counties. The 2006 Objectives were also reviewed.

Monthly Activity Report:

The Board of Health reviewed the Health Department activity report for December 2005. This report may be slightly different when year-to-date totals are completed. Again, investigations of Pertussis increased slightly. The Wisconsin Well Woman Program (WWWP) enrollments increased in December, which could be partly due to the state's plans to limit enrollment in 2006.

Director's Announcements:

- The full time Public Health Nurse vacancy has been filled. The limited term (8 hours per week) position for a WIC Dietetic Technician is currently vacant.
- The Nextel representative was here January 3, 2006 to train staff on usage of new cell phones with walkie-talkie functionality.
- Margaret Anderson, Environmental Health Specialist applied for free radon kits from National Association of Counties and Cities (NACCO) and received 200 kits to be distributed during January, National Radon Action Month. An article was published December 13, 2005 in the paper and another ad is planned for January.
- Dianna Forrester, Tobacco Control Specialist has requested to attend two out-of-state conferences in 2006. A conference that was previously approved was canceled in 2005 and now has been rescheduled. Only one request was made as part of the 2006 budget. The second out of state travel request will be on the February agenda.
- An email thank you was shared with the Board of Health concerning appreciation for the Health Department's work on blood pressure standards.
- Update on Consolidated Grant negotiations with state DPH – The Tobacco Prevention and Control grant was signed today and it is anticipated that the Consolidated contract will arrive soon for signatures. Federal prevention block grant funds have been included by the state at a slightly lower level than 2005.

Next Meeting & Adjournment: The next meeting for the Board of Health is scheduled for February 2, 2006 at 8:30 a.m. in room 1000A of the PAC. Members rescheduled the April 6, 2006 to April 13, 2006 tentatively due to identified conflicts. **Motion** by Doreen Buntrock; **Second** by Delores Kruepke to adjourn at 10:12 a.m. **Motion Carried.**