

WASHINGTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Mission: Promote Health * Prevent Disease * Protect the Public

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING (HEALTH AND AGING LIASON COMMITTEE) February 7, 2007

Members Present: Supervisor Charlene Brady, Supervisor David Radermacher, Supervisor Melvin Ewert, Doreen Buntrock, Pat Hrobsky, Dr. Laura Radke, Linda Walter, Director/Health Officer

Chairperson, Charlene Brady, called the meeting of the Washington County Board of Health to order at 08:34 a.m. Notice of Posting was given.

Minutes From Previous Meeting: Motion by Melvin Ewert, **Seconded** by David Radermacher to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2007 meeting. **Motion Carried.**

Approve 2006 Non-lapsing Accounts:

Motion Pat Hrobsky, **Seconded** by Dr. Laura Radke to approve non-lapsing the 2006 balances of the Quad Counties Consortium, Tobacco Control, and Consolidated Contract grant funds. **Motion Carried.**

Update on Tobacco Activities:

Dianna Forrester, Tobacco Control Specialist spoke to the Board about Governor Doyle's recent tobacco proposals. Increased funding will allow more opportunity to further reduce smoking and savings in health care costs. Some of the current tobacco control programs are under-funded and increased funding will allow more work to be done. A resolution to reduce youth smoking from the Wisconsin Children's Initiative was distributed and discussed. Charlene Brady recommended that a resolution from the Board of Health supporting the new proposed anti-tobacco initiatives be prepared and forwarded to the full County Board. Discussion followed with full Board support for the Governor's new anti-tobacco initiatives. The Board directed Linda Walter to prepare a resolution supporting the statewide smoking ban and increased cigarette taxes to be used for health care related to tobacco. This resolution will be reviewed by the BOH on March 7th and then forwarded to the County Board.

County's Comprehensive Planning Process

Debora Sielski, Assistant Administrator for Planning and Parks Department was present to review the past months' discussions. The suggested recommendations by the Board of Health/Health and Aging Committee are compiled as a detailed list and as a summarized list. The Board reviewed and Deb asked for the Boards approval of the recommendations for inclusion in the County Comprehensive Plan. **Motion** by Doreen Buntrock, **Seconded** by Pat Hrobsky to approve and use either version as Deb deems appropriate in the County Comprehensive Plan. **Motion Carried.**

Monthly Reports:

The Board of Health reviewed the Health Department Activity report and Communicable Disease report for January 2007. The Communicable Disease Report will now include all legally reportable disease categories even if no cases are reported for the year. This report is being used more widely by health care partners and discussion followed on also posting it on the website. The revised format allows a four year comparison of disease rates that was not previously available.

Director's Announcements:

- Linda gave an update from the 2/1/07 Administrative Services Committee meeting where the continuing need for Spanish interpreters at the Health Department was discussed. After general agreement, Gary Moschea, Human Resources Director, was asked to prepare a proposal for the March meeting to establish a county pool of interpreters.
- A copy of a Letter to the Editor by Linda Walter supporting the Governor's new statewide anti-tobacco initiatives was distributed and discussed.
- Linda distributed a copy of the 2007 letter sent to transit non-community water system owners by the DNR informing them that the Health Department would now be handling their water samples. DNR staff has been providing training to Health Department staff during the transition. A brief discussion followed on the status of a water lab development by the Health Department. A joint meeting between the Board of Health and the PCPC was suggested to explore options before development proceeds.
- Kraemer Trust donations have been received for 2006.
- The newly developed brochure "Citizens' Guide to Public Health in Washington County" was distributed and will be made available to all supervisors at the next County Board meeting.
- February is National Heart Month and Carol Birkeland, WIC Program Director will present an educational Lunch and Learn session on "How to Pack a Heart Healthy Lunch" sponsored by the County Wellness Committee.
- The Washington County Heart Walk is scheduled for May 5, 2007, at the Washington County Fair Park. Contact Dianna Forrester for further information.
- Linda distributed Pre-pandemic Planning Guidance from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services which included the new CDC rating scale for pandemic influenza.
- Other Media articles were discussed.
- The Washington County Heart Association Board will host a Heart Healthy Valentine's Luncheon with guest speaker Dr. Robert Shepard at the Schauer Arts and Activities Center on Wednesday, February 14, 2007. Linda noted she has previously heard the speaker's partner speak on their research concerning the negative health affects of short term tobacco exposure.
- Linda distributed a letter from the Sheriff's department on a County Wide Communication System Survey and a response indicating interest in purchasing 2-6 radios when available.

Next Meeting & Adjournment: The next meeting for the Board of Health is scheduled for March 7, 2007 at 8:30 a.m. in room 1000A of the PAC. **Motion** by David Radermacher, **Seconded** by Laura Radke to adjourn at 9:58 a.m. **Motion Carried.**