

# WASHINGTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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## **WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING (HEALTH AND AGING LIASON COMMITTEE) February 4, 2009**

Members Present: Supervisor Charlene Brady, Supervisor Melvin Ewert, Supervisor William Meyers, Supervisor Joan Russell, Doreen Buntrock, Pat Hrobsky, and Director/Health Officer Linda Walter

Excused: Dr. Laura Radke, Christian Klemmer

Others attending: SE Regional Office Deputy Director Georgia Cameron, Administrator Coordinator Doug Johnson, Assistant Director Shari Winter

Chairperson, Charlene Brady, called the meeting of the Washington County Board of Health to order at 10:30 a.m. Notice of Posting was given.

### **Minutes from Previous Meeting:**

**Motion** by Doreen Buntrock, **Seconded** by William Meyers to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2009 meeting with a correction to 2<sup>nd</sup> last paragraph name should have read Doreen Buntrock, not Donna Buntrock. **Motion Carried.**

Introductions and a welcome to SERO Deputy Director Georgia Cameron.

### **Review available Monthly Reports:**

The Board of Health reviewed the Health Department Activity report for Y2008. The January, 2009 Communicable Disease report was not available as the new state system called WEDSS (Wisconsin Electronic Data and Surveillance System) is being implemented. The Public Health Nurses have been trained and are all using the new system. Communicable disease reports will use data generated from WEDSS instead of the Lotus Notes Data Base now. The 2008 annual report is being compiled and is scheduled to be presented at the May County Board meeting.

### **Updates:**

- Wisconsin Electronic Data and Surveillance System (WEDSS) – Bruce Jordan, Public Health Data Specialist demonstrated a test site on the new system for the Board of Health.
- January was national Radon month – a media article on radon and a radon mitigation seminar brochure scheduled in February for contractors was distributed. Linda reported that approximately 600 kits were distributed free in Washington County and 200 kits in Ozaukee County through the Radon Information Center that serves both counties.
- Linda attended recent SE regional meetings and the reports that the plan is to move forward with the intention of reducing the current four consortiums into one by January 1, 2010 to comply with state direction.
- 2009 contract(s) completion - All 2009 contracts completed with the exception of Wisconsin Well Women Program (WWWP) contract. Waiting to receive contract from state yet. The

2008 state contracts have been reviewed and all deliverables were accepted as complete during a site visit on 1-28-09.

- New Health Department services satisfactory survey distributed. The Board made comments and suggestions. Linda stated that it is a means of gathering customer input and would be used to improve services.
- Germantown MCI – The Germantown Police Department press release dated February 3, 2009 concerning the mass casualty incident which occurred at the Germantown Wal-Mart on January 15, 2009, was distributed. Linda reviewed the Health Department's role and activities including providing information about the inspectors who needed to be notified to assure the public's interests were protected in relationship to retail food(s) sold in the deli, bakery and meat counters.

#### **Agent status planning and discussion:**

Linda distributed a packet of information from 2 meetings she attended with state representatives and other local health department personnel on January 21 and 30 concerning local health departments interested in assuming agent status for food safety and recreational licensing services. A new draft 2 page summary document was reviewed that was based on the more in depth proposal previously discussed. The summary included suggested changes from the January meeting and the Board again provided input and suggestions for modifications. The proposal was modified to reduce the request for new employees from 2 full time Environmental Health Specialists (EHS) and one 50% support position to 1 full time EHS and one 75% support position. Linda stated there was up to \$10,000 of start up funds available this year and next, but only to local health departments that have passed local ordinances assuring implementation of the service. The state recommends that local ordinances be passed 9-12 months before planned implementation of the service. Linda will develop a timeline to facilitate the process of approvals needed to implement a new service by April 1, 2010. The Board of Health will continue discussion of the anticipated new service as an ongoing agenda item.

#### **Director's Announcements:**

- American Heart Association – National Wear Red Day is February 6, 2009.
- The County has 10 Lighten Up Wisconsin County teams participating in a 100 day physical activity and nutrition challenge. The Health Department is participating on 2 teams.
- An updated listing of the Board of Health contact information was distributed.

#### **Next Meeting & Adjournment:**

The next meeting for the Board of Health is scheduled for March 4, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. in room 1145 of the PAC. **Motion** by Doreen Buntrock, **Seconded** by William Meyers to adjourn at 12:07 p.m. **Motion Carried.**