

# WASHINGTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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## **WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING (HEALTH AND AGING LIASON COMMITTEE) March 15, 2010**

Members Present: Supervisor Charlene Brady, Supervisor Melvin Ewert, Supervisor William Meyers, Doreen Buntrock, Patricia Hrobsky, and Health Officer Linda Walter  
Visitors: Shari Winter and Joni Whitehouse  
Excused: Supervisor Joan Russell, Christian Klemmer, Dr. Laura Radke

Chairperson, Charlene Brady, called the meeting of the Washington County Board of Health to order at 12:05 p.m. Notice of Posting was given.

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

**Motion** by Melvin Ewert, **Seconded** by Doreen Buntrock to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2009 and February 3, 2010 meetings. **Motion Carried.**

### **Proposal for requested WIC positions:**

The WIC Supervisor position has no backup and a 0.75 FTE Registered Dietician position with pool substitution is being requested that will be funded entirely by the WIC grant. **Motion** by Doreen Buntrock, **Seconded** by Mel Ewert to approve addition of a ¾ Registered Dietician and pool position to the Health Department ordinance and forward the request to the Administrative Services Committee. **Motion Carried.**

### **Review draft of 2009 annual report to be presented at May County Board:**

Linda reviewed a draft of the 2009 annual report with the Board. The Board suggested common terminology where possible. Linda noted that the H1N1 influenza campaign had influenced prioritization of services during 2009 and that was reflected in the services' data. The Board unanimously approved the report as written with a **Motion** made by Doreen Buntrock, **Seconded** by William Meyers. **Motion Carried.**

At this time, Linda introduced Joni Whitehouse who will be the new Assistant Director. Linda also reported that a new full time Public Health Nurse, Lori Loof, started today in the vacant public health nurse position that had been filled by Joni Whitehouse. The Board welcomed Joni and thanked Shari for her 23 years of devoted years of service at the Health Department.

### **Review of Monthly reports:**

The Board reviewed the February Health Department Activity report and Communicable Disease report. The Health Department scheduled 15 H1N1 clinics in February and 3 in March. Vaccine will be available through the end of May for anyone requesting it. The H1N1 vaccine will also be included in the fall trivalent flu vaccine for regular flu season.

**Distribution and discussion of 2010 County Rankings document released 2/17/2010:**

Linda gave a PowerPoint presentation discussing the 2010 County Rankings sponsored by the Population Health Institute in Madison and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Linda noted that while Washington County ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in overall health outcomes amongst the 72 counties in Wisconsin, that improvement is still needed in areas such as obesity prevention and reduction. The Wisconsin average BMI for obesity is 25% and the average in Washington County is 27%. Obesity prevention is a priority for both the Health Department in the 2006-2010 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) and the Healthy People Project (HPP) of Washington County. Linda discussed adopting the implementation plans of the HPP in the next revision of the CHIP. Linda will be presenting the PowerPoint on the 2010 County Health Rankings at the next meeting of the HPP Advisory group on March 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Director's Announcements:**

- Pharmaceutical Clean Sweep brochure handed out covering the waste collection days of Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. The Health Department is partnering with Land and Water Conservation Division of Planning and Parks on the project.
- H1N1 update - After the final scheduled March 29<sup>th</sup> clinic the Health Department will be taking appointments or walk-ins only.
- Expanded Environmental Health Services update – Interviewing will take place soon for the Environmental Health Technician position. The state data system, Health Space, is up and running. Jim Kaplanek from Division of Public Health is coming on March 31<sup>st</sup> to review the procedure manual with Linda and Margaret Anderson, Environmental Health Supervisor.
- Kraemer Trust funds update – Linda stated the yearly receipt of funds was received and a short discussion followed on the planned needs and ideas for use of those dollars followed.

**Commendation for recognition of volunteer help:**

Linda reported that the Governor's office will send commendations for ten organizations that contributed significant time to the four largest H1N1 public clinics held at Fair Park Pavilion as requested by the Board of Health. The Board directed Linda to request that these commendations be presented at the April 20<sup>th</sup> County Board meeting which is during National Volunteer Week. A **Motion** by William Meyers, **Seconded** by Doreen Buntrock that a separate county resolution recognizing all volunteers and voluntary partnerships between organizations and groups that assisted the Health Department over the course of the pandemic be forwarded. **Motion Carried.** Linda mentioned that the Volunteer Center is developing an insert that will be distributed in the Post in celebration of National Volunteer Week April 18th through April 24th, 2010, and will feature the H1N1 Influenza pandemic volunteers.

**Next Meeting & Adjournment:**

The next meeting for the Board of Health is scheduled for April 19, 2010 at 12:00 p.m. in room 1023 of the PAC. **Motion** by William Meyers, **Seconded** by Mel Ewert to adjourn at 1:41 p.m. **Motion Carried.**