

WASHINGTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING (HEALTH AND AGING LIASON COMMITTEE) March 21, 2011 in Room 1023 PAC Building

Members Present: Supervisor Joan Russell, Supervisor Daniel Goetz, Supervisor William Meyers, Doreen Buntrock, Patricia Hrobsky, and Health Officer Linda Walter

Visitors: County Board Chairman Herb Tennes, Assistant Director/Deputy Health Officer Joni Whitehouse and a student nurse

Excused: Supervisor Melvin Ewert, Christian Klemmer, Dr. Laura Radke

Supervisor Joan Russell called the meeting of the Washington County Board of Health to order at 8:01 a.m. Notice of Posting was given.

Minutes from Previous Meetings:

Motion by Doreen Buntrock, **Seconded** by Patricia Hrobsky to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2011 meeting and the February 21, 2011 meeting. **Motion Carried.**

Discussion on state legislation and related meetings (i.e. NACo) and anticipated impacts on departments:

County Board Chairman Herb Tennes was present to give the Board an overview of the National Association of Counties (NACo) convention he attended recently and reported on at County Board last week. Chairman Tennes shared an issues brief published by NACo entitled County Health and County Park and Recreation Department Partnerships to Create Active, Healthy Counties that states it is an effort to engage county officials and key department staff on the issues of health promotion and obesity prevention. Mr. Tennes reported that county public health and parks and recreation departments are logical partners in local efforts to build healthy communities as they both focus on improving community livability and promoting healthy lifestyles. Chairman Tennes also reported that attention at the conference was given to the importance of community partnerships in prevention and reduction of childhood obesity through strategies to promote healthy eating and exercise. Linda mentioned that the collaboration between the Healthy People Project of Washington and the Washington County Planning and Parks Department last year in development of the website www.getmovingwashingtoncounty.org and the paper maps was an excellent example of that. She reaffirmed that obesity will remain a priority in the Community Health Assessment Process (CHIP) currently underway as it was reported by 60% of the adult survey respondents in October 2010 and she anticipates it will continue to be an area needing attention in the 2011 County Health Rankings due to be available next week on March 30th.

Chairman Tennes also reported there was considerable discussion about the importance of sustained preparedness for epidemics and the need for support by local Boards of Health to do this in challenging budget times.

Chairman Tennes left after his report. Linda continued the discussion by distributing a handout that Administrative Coordinator Johnson used at last week's County Board meeting on

implications of recent state legislation. Linda reported that local health departments were not as directly impacted as some other departments. She noted that if federal cuts were made to grant areas that would have a budget impact for the Health Department.

Action on minor grant opportunity - Strategies to Improve Vaccination Coverage of Children in Child Care Centers and Preschools:

Motion by Patricia Hrobsky, **Seconded** by Doreen Buntrock to apply for a minor grant of \$5,000 entitled “Strategies to Improve Vaccination Coverage of Children in Child Care Centers and Preschools” in partnership with City of Milwaukee Health Department. **Motion Carried** 4 to 1 with Supervisor William Meyers voting no.

Review and recommendations on unfunded ordinance positions:

The Health Department currently has four positions that are unfunded. Linda suggested two positions be removed at this time. The two positions that could be removed are one ¾ time WIC Dietetic Technician, and one part time limited WIC Dietetic Technician. She requested the other two positions, one FT Health Educator and one ¾ time Environmental Health Technician position stay on the books until the 2012 budget has been completed. At that time, she could make a better judgment on the need for either position. **Motion** by Doreen Buntrock, **Seconded** by Patricia Hrobsky to eliminate the two WIC Dietetic positions and retain the FT Health Educator and ¾ time Environmental Technician position at this time. **Motion Carried** 4 to 1 with Supervisor Daniel Goetz voting no.

2010 Annual Report:

Linda distributed the final draft of 2010 Annual Report which she will be presenting to County Board on May 10, 2011. The Board was asked to contact Linda if they had any questions or comments.

NALBOH Board of Health survey:

Chairperson Joan Russell will have Linda complete the survey.

Discussion on 2011 meeting schedule:

Linda handed out a tentative draft of future Board of Health meetings. Discussion followed on future dates and the Board was asked to bring their calendar next month to continue the discussion.

Distribution of Monthly reports:

The February 2011 Health Department Reportable Disease Cases report and Activity Report were distributed. Discussion followed.

Director’s Announcements:

- a) Linda discussed the likely event of some health insurance status changes she foresees in the near future that will have an impact on 2011 budget
- b) Will be no requests for 2012-2017 County Capital Improvement Plan
- c) Distribution of May 21 and October 15 Medication Collection announcement card
- d) Distribution of Healthy People Project newsletter and Get Fit Pledge Event taking place May 12th at Decorah Elementary School in West Bend
- e) Ride your bike to school event is scheduled for May 20th
- f) Reminder that March 30th is release date for 2011 County Health Rankings

- g) Linda and Margaret attended a tabletop exercise hosted by the Village of Jackson entitled – “Emergency Response for Drinking Water Systems” on March 1, 2011
- h) Assistant Director and a Public Health Nurse attended a regional child death review meeting on March 18th in preparation for the 2012 MCH requirement that local health departments facilitate a local team
- i) WIC focus group follow up concerning new food package conducted last week
- j) Nuclear Power Plant concerns handout distributed

Next Meeting & Adjournment:

The next meeting for the Board of Health has been moved a week later and tentatively scheduled for April 25, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. in room 1023 of the PAC. **Motion** by Doreen Buntrock, **Seconded** by Daniel Goetz to adjourn meeting at 9:43 a.m. **Motion Carried.**