

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)

May 6, 2009

Members Present: Supervisor Charlene Brady, Supervisor Melvin Ewert, Supervisor William Meyers, Supervisor Joan Russell, Doreen Buntrock, Patricia Hrobsky, Dr. Laura Radke and Health Officer Linda Walter

Excused: Christian Klemmer

Others attending: Doug Johnson, County Administrator; Herbert Tennes, County Board Chairperson

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 Melvin Ewert to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2009 meeting. **Motion Carried.**

Update on swine influenza:

Linda provided a brief summary of the past 2 weeks activities related to swine flu. The CDC and state Division of Public Health threshold of one case triggering school closures was modified yesterday. She stressed that the federal level and state public health officials took appropriate action for a novel virus outbreak of this proportion. Public health officials will continue to monitor the situation. She stated the working relationships between the Washington County Health Department, health care providers and schools resulted in cooperation and aided everyone in following the guidance direction given. Testing will continue for H1N1 Influenza but not at the same level of the past 2 weeks. Discussion followed as Linda took questions from the Board. She recommended the website, pandemic.wisconsin.gov for more information. She also advised the Board that the Washington County Health Department employees responded appropriately and utilized the preparedness training and plans previously developed. Linda noted that the Board of Health should be proud of the way the Health Department team responded to both the H1N1 Influenza outbreak and a local outbreak of Pertussis in the West Bend area which occurred at the same time.

Update on Washington County Injury Prevention Coalition activities:

The 2009 Safe Kids Southeast Wisconsin Awards Breakfast meeting took place recently. Two awards were received, one each in the supportive agency and individual categories. Janice Hahn, Public Health Nurse and Michelle Large, Public Health Technician were recognized as a dynamic duo working with the WC Injury Prevention Coalition. April 29th was the mock alcohol auto accident which took place at West Bend HS this year. This is the fourth year the WC Injury Prevention Coalition has planned this event to demonstrate to students the tragedy and aftermath of an alcohol related vehicle crash. Linda said later in the year she will have Michelle and Janice

come and share a DVD of the “Every 15 Minute” program that the HS students developed and talk about the event. Next year the event is proposed to take place in Kewaskum.

Approval of proposal for agent status for local food safety and recreational licensing services:

Motion by Bill Meyers, **Seconded** by Laura Radke to approve the proposal to expand environmental health services for local food safety and recreational licensing services in 2010 as presented. **Motion Carried.** The proposal will be forwarded to the Executive Committee for review before it can be sent to the County Board. Discussion about summarizing the lengthy financial backup materials provided for the Board followed. The anticipated revenue and costs of providing new services has been analyzed using several different sets of assumptions to determine under what conditions revenues would cover new expenses. The variables that were analyzed include the growth in number of facilities, the number of facilities requiring re-inspections and the number of pre-inspections. Since the proposal involves hiring new employees a very conservative set of assumptions was used. New revenue will cover new costs and when sufficient may cover the cost of a pool position for an additional inspector as needed.

Approval of 2010 new employee requests for 2010 budget process:

Motion by Mel Ewert, **Seconded** by Pat Hrobsky to approve the promotion of an existing employee to Environmental Health Supervisor and request 3 new positions, 1-FTE Environmental Health Specialist, 1-TQ Environmental Health Technician, 1-Pool Environmental Health Specialist to be included in the 2010 budget preparation contingent on approval of the new proposed service food safety and recreational licensing. **Motion Carried.**

Outlay request for new copier:

Motion by Doreen Buntrock, **Seconded** by Mel Ewert to approve outlay request in the amount of \$21,000 for new copier and 3 tablet computers with accessory equipment from grant funds. **Motion Carried.** No levy funds are being requested.

Monthly reports:

The Board of Health reviewed the latest Health Department Activity report and Communicable Disease reports. Linda stated there were 3 Pertussis cases from January through April and 5 more this month. The Health Department is working with the community sites and families involved. Linda also noted that the WIC caseload continues to increase. Discussion followed on how the information is obtained for the reports. More data is available from the state DPH systems and the Health Department is relying less on its own internal system for monthly data.

Director’s Announcements:

- Linda distributed registration material for the Worksite Wellness Tool Kit Workshop on Wednesday May 20th offered by Economic Development/Washington County (EDWC). Employers will receive information on starting, adding to, or maintaining a wellness program for their employees.
- On April 18, 2009 4.78 tons of unused medication from four counties – Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine and Washington County was collected in a regional effort to protect the environment. All 20 Washington County municipalities participated with 677 households bringing in 1,566 pounds of non-controlled substances disposed of by Veolia Environmental Services and 624 pounds of controlled substances that were turned over to the Washington

County Sheriff's Department. This is the second year the WC Health Department has participated in this regional effort.

- Linda will be available next week May 12th to present the 2008 annual report at the County Board meeting and will use the PowerPoint presentation the Board viewed last month to introduce the new service, local food safety and recreational licensing to the Board. She will encourage any Supervisor with questions to contact her or a Board of Health member.
- The book, "The Culprit and The Cure" which was distributed during Public Health week last month was also shared with Board of Health members. Linda noted it is common sense approach to promoting eating better and getting more physical activity.
- Shari Winter, Assistant Director told the Board that the Healthy People Project of Washington County is working with the City of West Bend, Park and Recreation Center and the city engineer on striping the streets for bike lanes in an effort to connect the city with current bike paths. The coalition is also encouraging local businesses to offer fresh fruits and vegetables to their employees by partnering with local farmers.

Next Meeting & Adjournment:

The next meeting for the Board of Health is scheduled for Wednesday, June 3, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. in room 1145 of the PAC. **Motion** by Patricia Hrobsky, **Seconded** by Bill Meyers to adjourn at 11:53 a.m. **Motion Carried.**