

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) September 2, 2009

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

Visitors: SE Assistant Regional Office Director Georgia Cameron, County Attorney Kimberly Nass, Assistant Director Shari Winter, Environmental Health Specialist Margaret Anderson
Excused: Doreen Buntrock, Christian Klemmer

Chairperson, Charlene Brady, called the meeting of the Washington County Board of Health to order at 10:40 a.m. Notice of Posting was given.

Minutes from Previous Meeting:

Motion by William Meyers, **Seconded** by Melvin Ewert to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2009 meeting. **Motion Carried.**

Food Safety and Recreational Licensing code-2nd draft presented by Kim Nass:

County Attorney Kim Nass presented another draft of the ordinance for Food Safety and Recreational Licensing services. An overview of the changes that were made between drafts was explained and discussion and questions followed. Attorney Nass will continue to work on the document and have Linda mail out the next draft to be discussed at the October 7th Board of Health meeting.

Presentation of State DPH 5 year HFS 140 Review/Audit – Level II designation:

On behalf of State Health Officer Seth Foley, Georgia Cameron presented a plaque to Linda Walter and Charlene Brady certifying the Health Department for another 5 years as a Level II Health Department per Wisconsin Public Health Status and Administrative Rules. She noted that it represents the hard work the Health Department has accomplished the past 5 years towards meeting its Public Health responsibilities and serving the citizens of the county.

Updated Public Health Emergency Response (PHER) grant resolution:

The Board previously approved accepting new phase I funding last month for Public Health Emergency Response (PHER) for the H1N1 pandemic. Linda updated the Board that phase II funding was now announced and a third phase of funding would be announced shortly. A revised resolution that incorporated the supplemental funding was distributed. The request is on the September 23rd Finance Committee agenda for review. The state DPH has developed 4 deliverables including development of an updated response plan for H1N1 due by September 30, 2009. Linda stated the Health Department may have to limit or suspend regular services during the fall pandemic vaccination campaign response. A packet of H1N1 information was distributed as well as available community seasonal flu schedules.

Monthly reports:

The Board of Health received the YTD Health Department Activity and Communicable Disease reports. Review and discussion will take place at the October meeting.

Director's Announcements:

- Linda noted that the WIC caseload continues to increase and there is limited available space to serve clients. The discussion of the less than ideal situation of serving clients from the hallway and confidentiality followed. Linda informed the Board the only space available is Room 1101A which is the current location of the loan closet. This space is adjacent to the WIC office and could easily be used as a confidential area for certifications and an additional interview room. Linda informed the Board that her analysis was that the Health Department could no longer provide loan closet services. Planned closure of the service has been included in the 5 year strategic plan and discussed previously. The WIC Supervisor is inquiring about allowable use of additional WIC grant funds recently received for the increasing caseload to pay for the costs of modifying Room 1101A to provide a more confidential area for clients. Linda asked the Board for approval to modify Room 1101A. The Board requested more information about costs of modifying the room and specifics on the plan to discontinue the service.
- A pool WIC Dietetic Technician will be hired as soon as possible to assist in meeting the increased needs of the WIC program. The pool position is an existing ordinance position. The need for an additional part time WIC Dietetic position was anticipated and is included in the 2010 budget proposal.
- Earned media articles were distributed for review as well as a packet of H1N1 information mailed to daycares and churches in the county.
- Tobacco update – Fond du Lac Health Department is considering applying to become a lead fiscal agency for 2010 and has inquired about interest of the 3 counties in the current Quad Counties Public Health Consortium – Washington, Ozaukee, Fond du Lac and Sheboygan. In 2010 only 12-15 multi-jurisdictional coalitions will be funded in the state. Linda stated the 4 counties mentioned above had a history of working effectively together and could easily partner for public health tobacco control efforts. All Health Departments had 2009 tobacco funding decreased by \$7,000 due to state cut backs.

Next Meeting & Adjournment:

The next meeting for the Board of Health is scheduled for October 7, 2009 with a revised start time of 1 p.m. with room to be determined. **Motion** by William Meyers, **Seconded** by Melvin Ewert to adjourn at 12:30 p.m. **Motion Carried.**