

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) November 1, 2006

Members Present: Supervisor Charlene Brady, Supervisor David Radermacher, Supervisor Melvin Ewert, Pat Hrobsky, Doreen Buntrock, Linda Walter, Director/Health Officer

Chairperson, Charlene Brady, called the meeting of the Washington County Board of Health to order at 08:33 a.m. Notice of Posting was given.

Minutes From Previous Meeting: Motion Melvin Ewert, **Seconded** by David Radermacher to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2006 meeting. **Motion Carried.**

Resolution for Utilization of County Employees in Declared Emergencies:

Motion by Melvin Ewert, **Seconded** by Pat Hrobsky to accept and forward to County Board the resolution for Utilization of County Employees in Declared Emergencies. **Motion Carried.**

Water Analysis Laboratory:

Follow up discussion from Strategic Plan on the possibility of development of a water analysis laboratory at the Health Department was lead by Margaret Anderson, Environmental Health Specialist. Currently, Washington County does not have a water lab. Coliform bacteria testing which is relatively easy to conduct and recommended annually for private wells was discussed. The possibility of nitrate testing which is more complicated was also briefly discussed. Margaret has had contact with other local health departments setting up labs and estimates that the minimum set up costs for equipment would be \$5,000 - \$6,000. Linda added there is a possibility that grant funds could be utilized for the initial equipment costs. Washington County has 7,228 private wells. Space considerations for a lab would need to be addressed. Linda stated the water lab would be a service to the community and at this time is not being evaluated as a significant stream of revenue. Margaret would be qualified to oversee the lab. The possibility of additional staff was briefly discussed. The water analysis lab discussion was preliminary and the Board encouraged Linda and Margaret to continue gathering information and report back as appropriate.

“Healthy People – That’s the Bottom Line”:

A letter and flyer with information for the upcoming December 8th Save the Date community forum “*Healthy People - That’s the Bottom Line*” was distributed. The event is co-sponsored with the YMCA and Health Department. This is a united commitment to increase physical activity and good nutrition for Washington County residents. The Board was invited to attend. The planned speaker is Barbara Stitt from Natural Ovens Bakery, Manitowoc. This new initiative addresses one of the three priorities in the 2006 – 2010 Community Health Improvement Plan.

County’s Comprehensive Planning Process

Deb Sielski from Planning and Parks Department has requested to be on the December, 2006 and January, 2007 agendas to discuss the County's Comprehensive Planning Process. Discussion followed with Dave Radermacher explaining the purpose of a comprehensive plan.

Monthly Activity Reports:

Linda reviewed the October 2006 Activity and Communicable Disease reports. The national salmonella outbreak was briefly discussed. Currently, there are two linked cases in Wisconsin; none in Washington County. The vaccine administration activity is higher this month due to influenza vaccine. Linda reported that all the injectable vaccine from the state VFC program for children has been distributed and more has been requested from DPH.

Director's Announcements:

- Thank you notes were circulated that were received from the public.
- A link has been added to the county website for flu vaccine information from other health care partners in the county.
- Recent media articles were circulated.
- On November 9th, Linda will speak to the Leadership class in Hartford.
- The state's annual ranking document will be released in mid-November.
- Charlene shared a thank you letter from DHFS to local health departments and boards for their efforts with the recent E. coli outbreak.
- Ten DVDs entitled "Condition Red" were purchased with grant funds relating to community and family preparedness.

Next Meeting & Adjournment: The next meeting for the Board of Health is scheduled for December 6, 2006 at 8:30 a.m. in room 1000A of the PAC. The following meeting will be held January 3, 2007 at 8:30 a.m. in room 1000A. Members were advised to plan on these two meetings to be extended. **Motion** by Doreen Buntrock, **Seconded** by Melvin Ewert to adjourn at 9:43 a.m. **Motion Carried.**