

WASHINGTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING (HEALTH AND AGING LIASON COMMITTEE) November 15, 2010 in Room 1023 PAC Building

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

Visitors: Assistant Director/Deputy Health Officer Joni Whitehouse, County Board Chairperson Herbert Tennies

Excused: Dr. Laura Radke

Chairperson Joan Russell called the meeting of the Washington County Board of Health to order at 8:02 a.m. Notice of Posting was given.

Minutes from Previous Meeting:

Motion by Doreen Buntrock, **Seconded** by Patricia Hrobsky to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2010 meeting. **Motion Carried.**

At 8:08 a.m. Christian Klemmer arrived.

Update on state consolidated grant negotiations:

The 2011 grant objectives were reviewed. Discussion followed on radon, lead poisoning and immunization services. Linda reported on a letter in the Board's packet received last week from DPH notifying local health departments (LHDs) that starting in August 2011 they would no longer be required to participate in preparedness consortium as a condition of receiving preparedness funds.

Update on WIC improved client services project:

Linda reviewed with the Board of Health the updated drawing for the WIC service area. The Administrative Services Committee reviewed the plan last week with the architect and the outlay request is going to Finance Committee this Thursday, November 17th. The state WIC program has agreed to approve extended use of the funds into January 2011 and directed the Health Department to encumber the funds at year end. The anticipated timeline is for bids to be back by December 6th and work to be completed by the end of January.

Distribution of Monthly reports:

The Board reviewed the October YTD Reportable Disease Cases report and Activity Report. Discussion followed.

Director Announcements:

- a) A document from Mr. Johnson labeled “Targeted Issues for 2010-12 County Operations” report #1 dated November 8th was distributed. Linda pointed out this is an update on key county issues. The third bullet pertains to the new Food Safety and Recreational Licensing (FSRL) program. Linda noted a report is due when the financial year closes to demonstrate the expectation that program revenue meet or exceed the cost of the two new Environmental Health positions added to the 2010 staffing plan. She anticipates no significant changes from last month’s FSRL financial update to the Board which did demonstrate the expectation.
- b) Health Department staff participated in a Washington County Tactical Interoperable Communications (TIC) planning webinar and workshop September 17th and November 10th hosted by the Sheriff’s Department and lead by the Department of Homeland Security, Office of Emergency Communication. The plan will become an annex to the Public Health Emergency Plan (PHEP).
- c) Health Department staff are participating on two planning teams for the regional City Readiness Initiative (CRI) preparedness exercise being held in spring 2011
- d) The annual joint meeting of the Washington County Health Care Partners Coalition and the Washington County Immunization Coalition is being held December 1st at the PAC and the survey results distributed to the Board last month on the public’s perceptions of the H1N1 pandemic will be discussed and distributed.

Chairman Russell reminded the Board that 2012 may be another difficult budget year and asked the Board to consider ways now to continue quality services from the Health Department in meeting its mission. After a brief discussion Linda offered to share at the December BOH meeting the results of two internal staff strategic planning sessions held this fall with Paul Roback UW-Extension Community Development Educator. She noted that completion of the next 5-year strategic plan is not anticipated until mid 2011, but that Board of Health input was welcomed now as well as when a final draft is developed. An update on the 2011-2015 Washington County Health Department Strategic Plan will be added to the December BOH agenda.

Next Meeting & Adjournment:

The next meeting for the Board of Health is scheduled for December 20, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. in room 1023 of the PAC. **Motion** by William Meyers, **Seconded** by Doreen Buntrock to adjourn at 9:08 a.m. **Motion Carried.**