

WASHINGTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING (HEALTH AND AGING LIASON COMMITTEE) November 5, 2008

Members Present: Supervisor Charlene Brady, Supervisor Melvin Ewert, Supervisor William Meyers, Supervisor Joan Russell, Pat Hrobsky, Doreen Buntrock, Christian Klemmer, Director/Health Officer Linda Walter

Excused: Dr. Laura Radke

Visitors: Administrator Coordinator Doug Johnson, County Board Chairperson Herbert Tennes, Environmental Health Specialist Margaret Anderson, Assistant Director Shari Winter

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 William Meyers, **Seconded** by Mel Ewert to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2008 meeting with a correction under motion to approve request of increase in hours for 2 part time WIC employees and forward to the finance administrative services committee. **Motion Carried.**

Monthly Reports –Communicable Disease and Activities:

The Board of Health reviewed the monthly Health Department Activity and Communicable Disease reports. Linda noted the format would continue the same for next year.

Ongoing agent status discussion:

Linda distributed Division of Public Health (DPH) correspondence concerning her communications about licensed facility services. Linda wrote a letter to the Department of Health Services Secretary Karen Timberlake and received a response from Tom Sieger, DHS/DPH Administrator on her behalf. The state is hiring temporary help to catch up on the backlog of licensed facility inspections not done in high risk facilities. The state continues to request local health departments develop local food safety and inspection services to assist with assuring all licensed facilities are inspected at least annually. The Board discussed pros and cons and Margaret Anderson, Environmental Health Specialist, was available to discuss and answer questions about her responsibilities and experiences with the limited agent contract that started in 2007 under which the Health Department inspects 69 of the facilities considered low risk. Linda provided an estimate of costs and compared them to the revenue projections received from the state just this week. It appears likely that the state proposed fee increases currently being considered by the legislature would cover the estimated costs of the services. Mr. Johnson noted that a review by the Executive Committee may be done as soon as the spring or summer of Y2009 but that no specific timeline was developed yet. The Board suggested preparing a proposal or business plan to be ready whenever the Executive Committee reviews the request for new services.

Distribution of letter from WDNR to Highway J Citizens Group dated October 10, 2008:

Linda noted the final paragraph of the letter which included the statement, “Our review did not find the levels of groundwater contamination that might cause impacts to human health in this area.” No discussion followed.

Distribution of 2009 DPH grant objectives and values:

Linda stated negotiations are near completion on all ongoing programs.

Director’s Announcements:

- WDPH 2020 State Health Plan process is starting -- Linda attended first regional meeting.
- Previous outlay request was approved at Finance Committee on 10-21-08.
- Request for increasing WIC hours approved at the October Board of Health meeting will go to Administrative Services Committee on November 13TH.
- The grant guidance for WI PAN Initiative discussed in October has been received and Shari Winter, Assistant Director, is working with Healthy People Project of Washington County to consider possible fiscal agent(s) for the grant.
- The SE Regional Smoke Free newsletter was distributed.
- SHOW – Survey of the Health of Wisconsin will be in the area October/November meeting with residents to conduct health evaluations that include physical exams and blood tests. Linda attended a presentation at this summer’s Wisconsin Public Health Conference on this new research initiative through the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health.
- Article/picture of the *Walk Your Child to School Day* national event held October 8th was shared. The Health Department in cooperation with the SE Safe Kids Coalition and the Washington County Injury Prevention Coalition again participated in this event.
- The Y2009 \$4,500 grant for medication disposal will be submitted by the City of West Bend Waste Treatment Department and the Health Department will again participate in this regional event to protect ground water and provide safe dispose of unused medications.
- The \$4,000 Car Seat DOT grant is in the process of being submitted.
- Lighten Up Wisconsin meeting to be held November 18th and the Board was invited to attend meeting. Reservations are required. Linda suggested the Board visit the website, lightenupwisconsin.com to watch the video and learn more about the second year of an internet based physical activity and nutrition program.

Next Meeting & Adjournment:

The next meeting for the Board of Health is scheduled for December 3, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in room 1145 of the PAC. This meeting will start a half hour earlier than usual due to some with conflicts on normally scheduled time. The following meeting will be on January 7, 2009 with Linda Walter’s evaluation scheduled at that time. **Motion** by Doreen Buntrock, **Seconded** by William Meyers to adjourn at 11:53 a.m. **Motion Carried.**