

WASHINGTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING HEALTH & AGING LIAISON COMMITTEE December 1, 2005

Members Present: Charlene Brady, Delores Kruepke, Ralph Hensel, Pat Hrobsky, and Mary Callan and Doreen Buntrock.

Chairperson, Charlene Brady, called the meeting of the Washington County Board of Health to order at 8:36 a.m. Notice of Posting was given.

Minutes From Previous Meetings: **Motion** by Ralph Hensel, **Second** by Doreen Buntrock to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2005 meeting. **Motion Carried.**

Monthly Activity Report:

The board reviewed the monthly activity report. There has been an increase in pertussis activity primarily in the Germantown area. The Division of Public Health has advised health departments that the new vaccine which includes pertussis for children aged 11-18 will be available soon and those aged 11-12 years old should be targeted as they come in for their scheduled tetanus booster.

Mass Clinic Plans:

The board previewed a slide show prepared for local municipalities concerning the Health Department's Mass Clinic Plans. These presentations will be coordinated with the County's Emergency Management Coordinator, Rob Schmid. Starting in January 2006 joint meetings will be set up with local officials to answer questions and discuss issues that jurisdictions may have on the mass clinic plan and other emergency procedures.

Review of proposed statement for inclusion in County Emergency Operations Plan:

The board reviewed a letter from the Washington County Health Department to both hospital systems that proposes a similar statement be added to the County Emergency Operations Plan, the Health Department's Mass Clinic and Pandemic Influenza Plans and Hospital Emergency Operations Plans concerning possible resource sharing and a predetermined Health Department medical decision making panel. **Motion** Doreen Buntrock, **Second** Delores Kruepke to approve proposed statement for inclusion in Health Department plans, the county Emergency Operations Plan and to request hospitals to consider inclusion in their plans.

2005 Wisconsin County Health Rankings:

The 2005 Wisconsin County Health Rankings snapshot document was distributed. Washington County ranks the 10th healthiest of 72 counties in health outcomes. Members were asked to look over the document and come prepared with questions for the January meeting when Jenny Evertsen, Quad Counties Epidemiologist will be present to discuss the entire document published by the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute, Department of population Health Sciences from the University of Wisconsin Medical School.

2001-2005 Health Department Strategic Plan:

The 2001-2005 Strategic Plan and goals were discussed and reviewed. No change in format was suggested at this time. Linda will begin development of the 2005-2010 Strategic Plan and anticipates that Health Department staff will contribute input before a first draft is presented to the Board. Communicable Disease Surveillance and Control including preparedness efforts continues to be a priority area.

Animal/Agriculture Terrorism:

Margaret Anderson, Environmental Health Specialist reported on the Urban Area Security Initiative Animal Health and Agro Terrorism Workgroup that was started in 2004 and has members from Milwaukee, Waukesha and Washington Counties.

Director's Announcements:

- A new Rabies brochure has been developed and will be distributed to hospitals, clinics and veterinarians. Margaret Anderson will also forward the brochure to all municipalities on what to do in the event an animal bite occurs.
- The vacant Public Health Nurse position has been filled and the new nurse will start on January 12, 2006.
- Several media articles were reviewed.
- An email was received from Jacqueline Kowalski, Regional SEDPH Immunization Consultant offering thanks and appreciation to our Health Department. November 21st marks the nation's first Public Health Thank-You Day.
- Update on Consolidated Grant negotiations with state DPH – negotiations continue and the contracts are locked. It is anticipated that contracts will be mailed in late December. The federal prevention block grant has not yet been finalized.
- A letter was sent to Supervisor John Kohl, Chairperson of the County Radio Committee with a summary of the Communications Recommendations for Hospitals and Local Health Departments recently received from the state DPH.
- There has been no resolution of the anticipated change in cell phone service carriers yet.

Next Meeting & Adjournment: The next meeting for the Board of Health is scheduled for January 5, 2005 at 8:30 a.m. in room 1000A of the PAC. Members were asked to come with suggestions for rescheduling the April 2006 meeting due to identified conflicts. **Motion** by Doreen Buntrock; **Second** by Delores Kruepke to adjourn at 10:10 a.m. **Motion Carried.**