

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) December 5, 2007

Members Present: Supervisor Charlene Brady, Supervisor Melvin Ewert, Dr. Laura Radke, Pat Hrobsky, Doreen Buntrock, Linda Walter, Director/Health Officer

Excused: Supervisor David Radermacher

Chairperson, Charlene Brady, called the meeting of the Washington County Board of Health to order at 10:38 a.m. Notice of Posting was given.

Minutes from Previous Meeting:

Motion by Doreen Buntrock, **Seconded** by Melvin Ewert to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2007 meeting. **Motion Carried.**

Request to apply for WI-DOT car seat grant - \$4,000 – Janice Hahn:

Janice Hahn, Public Health Nurse, and Washington County Injury Prevention Coalition chairperson requested permission to apply for a \$4,000 grant from the Department of Transportation to provide car seats and education for clients who are income eligible. **Motion** by Doreen Buntrock, **Seconded** by Pat Hrobsky to approve applying for the WI-DOT car seat grant in the amount of \$4,000. **Motion Carried.**

Monthly Reports:

The Board of Health reviewed the Health Department Activity and Communicable Disease reports for November 2007 YTD. Linda advised the Communicable Disease cases year-to-date are up 100 cases over last year. She noted more Varicella or chicken pox is being reported and that there are known unvaccinated children in the area. Unvaccinated children impact others who may be too young or unable to be vaccinated for medical reasons. An informational press release is being developed.

2007 County Health Snapshot from the UW Population Health Institute's Wisconsin County Health Rankings:

Linda distributed to the Board the 2007 Wisconsin County Health Rankings from the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health. This is the 5th year this annual document has been published. She stated the goal is to stay in the top quartile of the categories health outcomes and health determinates. Washington County is ranked 8th and 4th respectively for the previously mentioned categories. A model that depicts health as being influenced by 4 components is utilized. The four components of health are not equally weighed. Individual health behaviors and socioeconomic factors each account for 40% of the total score and health care and the physical environmental each account for 10% of the total score.

Continuation of ongoing discussion concerning assuming agent status for licensed facilities in 2009:

Linda discussed recent changes concerning agent status. The state DPH and Department of Agriculture are both proposing to raise the percentage that agents reimburse the state programs. A meeting was held last Friday to discuss current agent concerns with DPH. Margaret Anderson attended.

Continuation of review of NALBOH (National Association of Local Boards of Health) booklet, "Being an Effective Local Board of Health Member":

Linda reviewed with the Board "The Ten Essential Public Health Services" discussed in the NALBOH publication for Board of Health members.

Department Director's Announcements:

- Outlay request for purchase of two WIC scales was approved by Finance Committee
- Comments were made on previously distributed media articles
- NALBOH newsletter was mailed to the Board for review
- Discussion on draft CDC Pandemic Flu vaccination target groups handout
- December 4th all staff in-service training day was a success
- 197 employees received influenza vaccine to date
- Charlene requested a copy Dr. Shepherd's Tobacco presentation and suggested showing to the Board at a later meeting

Next Meeting & Adjournment:

The next meeting for the Board of Health is scheduled for January 2, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. in room 1145 of the PAC. **Motion** by Laura Radke, **Seconded** by Melvin Ewert to adjourn at 11:55 a.m. **Motion Carried.**