

# 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 6, 2006**

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

Chairperson, Charlene Brady, called the meeting of the Washington County Board of Health to order at 08:30 a.m. Notice of Posting was given.

**Minutes From Previous Meeting:** Motion Doreen Buntrock, **Seconded** by David Radermacher to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2006 meeting. **Motion Carried.**

### **Request for endorsement of resolution, *Supporting Smoke-Free Worksites:***

**Moved** by Melvin Ewert, **Seconded** by Doreen Buntrock to approve resolution, *Supporting Smoke-Free Worksites*, from Southeast Region Tobacco Control Coalition Coordinators' Network on behalf of the Washington County Board of Health. **Motion Carried.** Linda Walter, Health Officer, also signed in support of the same regional resolution.

### **Resolution for Utilization of County Employees in Declared Emergencies:**

Update on process: Linda announced Administrative Services approved the resolution on November 30<sup>th</sup>. The full County Board will vote on the resolution December 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **Request for approval of DOT Child Safety Grant Application:**

Janice Hahn, Public Health Nurse, and Washington County Injury Prevention Coalition chairperson requested permission to apply for a \$2,500 grant from the DOT to provide additional car seats for clients who are income eligible. The educational component of the existing Permanent Fit Station program will be continued. No additional Health Department staff positions are requested. **Moved** by David Radermacher, **Seconded** by Doreen Buntrock to approve applying for \$2,500 DOT Child Safety Grant for 2007 year. **Motion Carried.**

### **Introduction of Dr. Laura Radke:**

Her appointment to the Board of Health is scheduled for County Board confirmation at the December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Dr. Radke specialty is infectious diseases and she is based at Synergy Health Care hospital in West Bend.

**2006 Wisconsin Counties Health Snapshot:**

Linda distributed the Snapshot document from the *2006 Wisconsin Counties Health Rankings* to the Board. Washington County is currently ranked as the 7<sup>th</sup> healthiest of 73 places in health outcomes. For health determinants, Washington County is currently ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 73 places. The high determinants rank means that Washington County is likely to be able to maintain or improve its high level of outcomes. The outcome score is considered to be the single most important ranking from the full document. Linda expressed the goal is to remain in the top quartile for both measures since fluctuations are to be expected from year to year.

**County's Comprehensive Planning Process**

Debora Sielski, Assistant Administrator for Planning and Parks Department reviewed the Countywide Comprehensive Plan with the Board. This a multi-jurisdictional three year planning process, which includes 11 local government partners, and is to be completed by June 2008. The county has received a grant and requires completion of 14 planning goals. Debora provided fact sheets to the Board which covered a countywide survey, including trends and projections. Debora reviewed the nine elements of the Comprehensive Planning Law. On January 3, 2007, the next scheduled Board of Health meeting, Debora will be present to hear the Board recommendations on goals important to be included in the plan regarding these nine elements. Linda noted that the Board of Health has broad statutory basis to advocate for equitable distribution of resources, assure measures are taken to provide environments where people can be healthy and foster the understanding and promotion of social and economic conditions that support good health.

**Monthly Reports:**

The Board received the November 2006 Communicable Disease report. The monthly Activity Report was not available. A new fact sheet for use with the public has been developed on potluck etiquette. Supervisor David Radermacher expressed support on the need for this.

**Director's Announcements:**

- Media articles were distributed.
- Discussion of Thank you notes received from the public.
- Reminder on December 8<sup>th</sup> community forum, "*Healthy People - That's the Bottom Line*"
- To meet state and federal best practice compliance the annual staff in-service took place December 5<sup>th</sup>

**Next Meeting & Adjournment:** The next meeting for the Board of Health is scheduled for January 3, 2006 at 8:30 a.m. in room 1000A of the PAC. **Motion** by Pat Hrosbky, **Seconded** by Doreen Buntrock to adjourn at 10:15 a.m. **Motion Carried.**