

# 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 2, 2009**

Members Present: Supervisor Charlene Brady, Christian Klemmer, Supervisor Melvin Ewert, Patricia Hrobsky, County Board Chairman Herb Tennes and Health Officer Linda Walter  
Visitors: Danielle Vollendorf, Health Educator and Marilyn Gundrum  
Excused: Supervisor William Meyers, Supervisor Joan Russell, Doreen Buntrock, Dr. Laura Radke

Chairperson, Charlene Brady, called the meeting of the Washington County Board of Health to order at 1:45 pm. after a quorum was established. Notice of Posting was given.

### **Minutes from Previous Meeting:**

**Motion** by Mel Ewert, **Seconded** by Patricia Hrobsky to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2009 meeting. **Motion Carried.**

### **Update on Tobacco services:**

Danielle Vollendorf, Health Department Health Educator, gave an overview of the new tobacco laws in Wisconsin that were passed in spring of 2009 and will be effective in July 2010. The state Division of Public Health has not yet announced the membership of the new multi-jurisdictional tobacco coalitions for next year. The Health Department did not apply to be a lead agency, but will participate in the coalition it is assigned.

### **Presentation on Family Promise Program:**

Marilyn Gundrum gave an overview of a new proposed nonprofit program to assist homeless individuals in Washington County. She noted the average of homeless individuals is 9 years old as there are many homeless families with children in need of services.

### **Update on H1N1 response:**

Linda reported that approximately 7500 individuals have received H1N1 vaccinations through the Health Department and that vaccine is being transferred to private providers in the County who need it for high risk patients. The Washington County Health Care Partners Coalition and the Washington County Immunization Coalition held a joint meeting this morning that was well attended. Four representatives from pharmaceutical companies were available with H1N1 updates and were able to answer member questions. Outreach to the CDC target groups continues, but it has been determined that the Health Department will expand the next 3 clinics planned at the Health Department to include everyone to enhance participation at this time. Efforts to reach target groups will continue. Linda reported that volunteer participation has been appreciated and comments have been positive in general. A short survey was available at the December 1, 2009 clinic at Fair Park Pavilion, but results have not been summarized yet. The next 3 clinics will be

held in the Health Department offices. Space continues to be a barrier to offering services at the Health Department.

**Monthly reports:**

The Board reviewed the YTD Health Department Communicable Disease Report.

**Director's Announcements:**

Linda distributed the most recent Citizen Corps newsletter which contained an article about the volunteers that have assisted at the H1N1 clinics. The newsletter was also featured on the Office of Justice webpage.

**Next Meeting & Adjournment:**

The next meeting for the Board of Health is scheduled for January 6, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. in room 1145 of the PAC. **Motion** by Mel Ewert, **Seconded** by Patricia Hrobsky to adjourn at 2:50 pm. **Motion Carried.**