

WASHINGTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING HEALTH & AGING LIAISON COMMITTEE

April 7, 2005

Members Present: Charlene Brady, Delores Kruepke, Patricia Hrobsky, and Mary Callan.

Excused Absence: Ralph Hensel and Doreen Buntrock

Chairperson, Charlene Brady, called the meeting of the Washington County Board of Health to order at 9 a.m. Notice of Posting was given by Ms. Brady.

Minutes From Previous Meetings: Motion by Mary Callan second by Delores Kruepke to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2004 meeting. **Motion Carried.**

2004 Health Department Annual Report: Motion by Mary Callan, second by Patricia Hrobsky to accept the full and executive format of the 2004 Health Department Annual Report for presentation to County Board for approval on May 11, 2005. **Motion Carried.**

Review of Self Study Tool for HFS 140 State Review Site Visit: The Board reviewed sections of the Level I audit tool that pertain to local boards of health. The Washington County Health Department State audit review is scheduled for July 29, 2005. The Health Department anticipates a Level II designation and the Level II audit tool is not complete yet.

Influenza Planning for 2005-06: The Health Department anticipates providing flu vaccine for high-risk county residents at CBRF's as in prior years and will work in collaboration with the VNA who will continue to provide public influenza clinics held at the PAC in fall for adults and the Health Department will vaccinate children under the age of 13. Price increases are anticipated due to product increases that are currently 21-27% higher than last year.

Director's Report:

- April 4-10, 2005 is National Public Health Week. This year's theme is "Empowering Americans to Live Stronger, Longer"
- Environmental Health Specialist, Margaret Anderson, and Public Health Nurse, Gerry Austin have submitted an article on rabies prevention to the local news media. Also an informational article on tuberculosis was submitted before World TB Day, which was March 24, and in coordination with a state Division of Public Health release concerning the increase in statewide TB cases during 2004.
- Linda Walter distributed samples of possible formats for reporting monthly data on communicable disease statistics using the new Lotus notes data system currently under development by the Health Department.
- Funding through a one-time start up \$2500 Department of Transportation grant will fund a permanent child car seat fitting station at the Health Department. Parents or caregivers can receive education and assistance on proper installation and use of child safety restraints for their child by calling the Health Department for an appointment on Thursdays.

- The Health Department collaborated with SE Region Public Health Sanitarian, Ken Walz to investigate a complaint and issued a letter to schools for distribution to parents regarding regulations for tattoos and body piercing to minimize risk of serious infection for children aged 18 and younger. The letter is available on the newly revised county web site.
- As a beneficiary of the Elmore & Alyce Kreamer Charitable Trust, the Health Department has received a check in the amount of \$6,627.58. This was the first of 20 yearly distributions, which will terminate on March 31, 2024 at which time the principal, and any accrued income will be divided equally between the 27 charities named in the trust.
- Linda Walter shared with the board her correspondence with Margaret Taylor, Director of the Bureau of Local Health Support and Emergency Medical Services, regarding interpretation and clarification of the Wisconsin statutes Chapter 252 Communication Diseases as applicable to issues of isolation and quarantine.
- Linda Walter, Doug Johnson and Ken Miller attended a meeting with Aurora Health Care recently to discuss partnerships. During discussions the development of a format for a cooperative countywide medical advisory group that could be activated during community emergencies was discussed in response to the recently released state pandemic influenza plan.
- A comparison document showing selected data from the 2001 and 2003 county community assessments, state averages and federal *Healthy People 2010* target was distributed. This document will be available soon on the website. A follow up telephone survey in partnership with Aurora Health Care will be conducted soon with a press release this week.
- The new “Great 50” restaurant in West Bend will use children’s placemats provided by the Washington County Injury Prevention Coalition containing safety information.
- A letter from Dan Hopfensperger, Immunization Program Director for the DHFS, advised of the probable addition of the new meningococcal vaccine being licensed to the State Vaccine for Children Program. It will be offered at no charge when it becomes available through the state VFC program. There is no timeline available for shipment.
- Linda Walter anticipates attending the 2005-06 Midwest Leadership Institute starting in fall 2005.
- Linda Walter has participated on the West Bend School District Steering committee for a Wellness Initiative that will be reported on at the April 26 school board meeting.

Next Meeting & Adjournment: The next meeting for the Board of Health will be May 5, 2005 at 9 a.m. in room 1000A of the PAC. **Motion** by Delores Kruepke, **second** by Mary Callan to adjourn at 11 a.m. **Motion Carried.**