

# WASHINGTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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## WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING HEALTH & AGING LIAISON COMMITTEE May 5, 2005

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

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 Delores Kruepke second by Ralph Hensel to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2004 meeting. **Motion Carried.**

**Pandemic Influenza Plan Presentation:** Quad counties Public Health Consortium Director, Kathy Riehle, presented a power point presentation outlining the Quad Counties Consortium pandemic influenza plan that is based on the State plan. The plan is formatted in three stages and outlines roles at the State and local level for preparation, implementation and evaluation under the six sections of: command and control, surveillance, emergency responses, communication, vaccine and antiviral medications. Ms. Riehle emphasized the need to be prepared for all eventualities, to know and work with community partners and to promote public awareness. Preparedness mass clinic training will be held at Washington County Fair Park on June 29, 2005 for area public health departments. This is one of several trainings being offered around the state.

**Tobacco Update:** Dianna Forrester, Washington County Tobacco Control Specialist, advised the board of the success of 2004 tobacco prevention and control programs. Dianna has formed working relationships with local Friends of Abused Families and AODA programs that now offer tobacco information and referrals for those seeking assistance to quit smoking. Dianna described proposed legislation that would increase the tobacco tax by \$1 per pack that has bipartisan support and is also endorsed by the Wisconsin Medical Society in their spring 2005 edition of "*Your Doctor Your Health*". Funds raised would support continued tobacco control programs and be used to reduce the Medicaid deficit. The Tobacco-free Coalition urges support of the Gottlieb Smoke-Free Workplace Act (LRB-1764/2796).

**Preliminary Discussion of Position Needs/Requests:** As a preplanning guide for the 2006 budget Linda Walter discussed with the board possible staffing plan changes to provide the department with needed flexibility during episodic events that require additional staff. Any changes would be implemented within the 2006 budget process.

### **Directors Report:**

- The Board of Health discussed the Health Department activity report for April 2005. Health Department Assistant Director, Shari Winter and Data Specialist Bruce Jordan will attend an upcoming meeting to provide the board with insight to available data now being collected by the department on the Lotus Notes System.

- A recent letter from Linda Walter to Washington County health care providers addresses privacy standards relating to HIPAA compliance when reporting animal bites to local law enforcement. The Health Department is in the process of resigning Animal Bite Follow-up Memorandums of Understanding with the Washington County Sheriffs Department and all municipalities in Washington County that have local law enforcement. These agreements were last signed five years ago.
- Board members were invited to attend the Wisconsin Public Health Association (WPHA) and Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards (WALHDAB) joint conference that will be held May 17-18, 2005 at the Marriott Madison West in Middleton Wisconsin.

**Next Meeting & Adjournment:** The next meeting for the Board of Health will be June 2, 2005 at 9 a.m. in room 1000A of the PAC. Patricia Hrobsky advised she would be unavailable on that date. **Motion** by Doreen Buntrock, **second** by Patricia Hrobsky to adjourn at 10:50 a.m. **Motion Carried.**