

WASHINGTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING HEALTH & AGING LIAISON COMMITTEE

February 3, 2005

Members Present: Charlene Brady, Ralph Hensel, Delores Kruepke, Patricia Hrobsky, Mary Callan 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 Delores Kruepke, second by Doreen Buntrock to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2004 and the January 6, 2005 meetings. **Motion Carried.**

Report on Wisconsin Counties Health Rankings 2004: Quad Counties Epidemiologist, Jennifer Evertsen was unable to attend the meeting due to illness. Linda Walter presented the power point presentation prepared by Ms. Evertsen on the recent publication *Wisconsin County Health Rankings 2004* by the Wisconsin Public Health & Health Policy Institute, Department of Population Health Services, University of Wisconsin Medical School comparing the 72 Wisconsin Counties based on health outcomes and health determinants. The Healthy Washington County Committee recently approved an updated Improvement Plan brochure, which also included the model from the same document and Washington County rankings. Washington County ranked 11th in health outcomes and 3rd in health determinants. Discussion followed.

Approval of Non-lapsing Accounts From 2004: Motion by Ralph Hensel, second by Patricia Hrobsky to approve non-lapsing the 2004 balances of the Quad Counties Consortium, Indoor Radon and Consolidated Contract grant funds. **Motion Carried.**

Agent Status Update: Environmental Health Specialist, Margaret Anderson, reviewed the current state fee structure for restaurants and compared them to fees charged in Sheboygan County. She will continue to monitor available sources of funding that may be offered by the State. Interested Board members were advised of a public forum in Ozaukee County on February 16, 2005 addressing the potential agent status program in Ozaukee County.

Director's Report:

- The 5-year state DPH certification review is scheduled for Friday, July 29, 2005. Board members are encouraged to save the date and plan to attend. This site visit and review will determine the Health Department's compliance with Wisconsin public health statutes and Administrative Rules. The level designation determined by this review in turn affects future funding from the state. There is a separate self-study tool for each of the 3 levels that must be prepared prior to the site visit. These tools will be

- reviewed with the Board before the site visit. The Health Department is currently a Level II and anticipates maintaining that designation.
- Herb Bostrom, Interim Administrator of the DHFS, issued a written status report on the February 3, 2004 public health restructuring plan previously distributed to the Board. Moving restaurant inspections and other environmental programs to local health departments continues to be included in the plan. The status report was distributed to Board members. Discussion followed.
 - The Board reviewed and discussed graphs prepared by the Quad Counties epidemiologist illustrating the 2004-pertussis rates for Ozaukee, Washington, Sheboygan & Fond du Lac counties. Washington County had the second highest rate of disease per 100,000 population in the state for 2004 – the state rate was 97.3 and the county rate was 240.9 per 100,000.
 - On February 7, 2005 the SERO contract monitor will review the 2004 year-end Consolidated grant objectives during a site visit to verify completion of stated outcomes.
 - The Health Department is participating in the annual *Celebrate Families* event on February 13 at Fair Park – featured programs include injury control, WIC and tobacco this year.
 - The current statewide air quality advisory was discussed.

Next Meeting & Adjournment: The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Board of Health is March 3, 2005 at 8:30 a.m. in room 1000A of the PAC. Per committee consensus, subsequent meetings will be scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. Chairperson Brady adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.