

WASHINGTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING (HEALTH AND AGING LIASON COMMITTEE) December 17, 2012 in Room 1023 PAC Building

Members Present: Supervisor Richard Gundrum, Supervisor Donald Kriefall, Supervisor Robert Milich, Supervisor Daniel Goetz, Doreen Buntrock, Patricia Hrobsky, Dr. Chad Tamez, and Health Officer Linda Walter

Excused: Cynthia Sieloff

Visitors: Aaron Schmidt, YMCA Associate Executive Director, Joni Whitehouse, Deputy Health Officer, Margaret Anderson, Environmental Health Supervisor and Adrienne Waters-Fechter, Public Health Nurse

Chairperson Rick Gundrum called the meeting of the Washington County Board of Health to order at 8:02 a.m. Notice of Posting was given.

Minutes from Previous Meeting:

Motion by Patricia Hrobsky, **Seconded** by Donald Kriefall to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2012 meeting. **Motion Carried.**

Environmental Health Services Update – Margaret Anderson, Environmental Health Supervisor: A handout reviewing environmental health services besides the Food Safety and Recreational (FSRL) agent program was distributed and discussed. The state's responses to the self evaluation submitted at the end of the license year for the FSRL program is anticipated back in early 2013 and will be presented to the Board when available.

Healthy People Project of Washington County (HPPWC) update on new grant received from St. Joseph's Community Foundation for school nutrition projects:

Joni Whitehouse and Aaron Schmidt who are the co-chairs of the HPPWC shared with the Board the coalition's history, achievements and future plans. The grant is for \$36,333 and will help school food service directors across the county implement farm to school projects and the Healthy Hunger Free Kid Act of 2010. Joni stressed the value of prevention and that the group's focus will continue to be on increasing physical activity and good nutrition to decrease obesity rates. She added that evidence shows that decreases in BMI can have significant impact on health care costs. Aaron noted the importance of engaging policy makers on all levels to assure healthy choices are available and that HPPWC would be creating a website in the future to increase awareness of the group's efforts and activities.

Distribution of communicable disease and activity monthly reports:

The monthly reports on Public Health Activities and Reportable Diseases were distributed.

Director's Announcements:

- a) One of 2 days of required annual in-service days for all staff was completed on December 4th with the second day scheduled on January 8th
- b) State grant negotiations have been completed for the next cycle with ½ of the 2012 funding level for radon information centers coming for the first 6 months of 2013 and funding for the last 6 months held up due to EPA delays over the exact level of funding available
- c) Distribution of resource materials: state press release on influenza activity, a new statement of policy from NACCHO concerning provision of clinical services by local health departments with the implementation of the ACA and other changes, a copy of a letter dated November 20, 2012 from 5 US Senators entitled Prevention Saves Money and Lives, copies of the 2011-2015 Community Health Improvement brochure, a summary of the 2020 state health plan components and a success story “Safe Routes to School a Success at Green Tree” submitted to CDC’s Division of Community Health by Christine Glaszcz from the HPP
- d) Linda and Joni attended the December 5th breakfast at St. Joseph’s for the official awarding of the grant check to the Healthy People Project of Washington County for the school nutrition project

Next Meeting & Adjournment:

The next meeting for the Board of Health is scheduled for January 21, 2013 at 08:00 a.m. in room 1023 of the PAC and will include a closed session for the annual evaluation of Linda Walter, Director/Health Officer. **Motion** by Donald Kriefall, **Seconded** by Robert Milich to adjourn at 9:38 a.m. **Motion Carried.**