

## VILAS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH BOARD MEETING

DATE: 8/12/09

Chairman Ron DeBruyne called to order the regular meeting of the Vilas County Public Health Board at 9:30 a.m. on August 12, 2009 in the Vilas County Justice Center Conference Room, Eagle River, WI.

**Present:** Ron DeBruyne, Al Bauman, Jim Behling, Ed Bluthardt, Linda Thorpe, Terrance Moe, Dan Paretsky, Colleen Gorrilla, Laurel Dreger, and Wendy Budde.

**Absent/Excused:** Dawn Gapko, Becky DeMuth, and Randy Samuelson.

2. Motion by Bauman, second by Behling to approve agenda to be discussed in any order by the Chair. Carried.

3. Motion by Behling, second by DeBruyne to approve minutes of July 1, 2009 meeting. Carried.

\*Colleen Gorrilla arrives at 9:44 am

4. **Approve Staff Attendance at Upcoming Meetings:** Motion by Thorpe, second by Bluthardt to approve staff attendance at upcoming meetings. Discussion. Thorpe amends motion to approve staff attendance at upcoming meetings with the exception of Heidi attending 5<sup>th</sup> National Summit on Smokeless & Spit Tobacco in Madison on 9/20-9/23, second by Bluthardt. Carried.

8/24 – Pam to attend Oneida County Influenza Coalition Meeting in Rhinelander.

9/3 – Lori, Kelley and Wendy to attend MA Billing Training in Park Falls.

9/16 – Sarah and Pam to attend Chemical Hazard Assessment in Tomahawk.

9/16 – Kelley and Gina to attend Oral Health Summit in Wisconsin Dells – overnight.

9/29-9/30 – Laurel and Lori to attend Domestic Violence-Barriers to Care in Marshfield – overnight.

9/30 – Pam to attend the Wisconsin Well Women’s Annual State Conference in Stevens Point – overnight.

10/1 – Pam, Lori and Laurel to attend WEDSS Training in Wausau.

10/2 – Gina to attend WEDSS Training in Wausau.

10/2 – Kelley to attend Wisconsin Dental Hygienist Conference in Wisconsin Dells – overnight.

5. **Seasonal and H1N1 Flu Clinics:** Dreger gives committee an update on H1N1 Flu in Wisconsin. She talks about tentative plan for area flu clinics. Discussion.

### 6. **Equipment Purchase:**

1) The Health Department will be receiving funding in the amount of \$10,600.00, of which \$1,000.00 goes to the Northwest Consortium for continued Public Health support. These funds are Public Health Emergency Response (PHER funds). The purchase of a new vaccine refrigerator is being requested to help store the additional vaccines necessary for the H1N1 vaccine, and the regular flu vaccine. The present refrigerator is not adequate. Motion by Bauman, second by Thorpe to approve purchase after obtaining 3 bids to forward to the Property Committee. Discussion. Motion withdrawn by Bauman,

and second withdrawn by Thorpe. Motion by Bluthardt, second by DeBruyne to table this item until September meeting. Carried.

2) The purchase of directional signs is being requested to be used at mass clinics to help direct the flow of people. Discussion. Motion by Bluthardt, second by Bauman to approve the purchase of signs at the lowest bid. Carried.

**7. Office Reconfiguration:** Dreger explains to the committee that Egan has requested exchanging the location of the WIC and immunization clinic with the well testing area. Discussion. Dreger is directed to bring this item back to the committee in September with costs.

**8. Director's Report:**

- The Health Department has received several calls about possible bat bites. August and September are the worse months for bat activity. Rabies testing was done on 2 bats with negative results.
- There is a new food package being implemented in the WIC Program, (i.e. fresh fruits and vegetables, whole grain bread and 1% or skim milk).
- Public Health is working on a joint resolution with Law Enforcement for a Drug Free Communities grant.
- Anti-viral prevention packets have been distributed to other departments in the courthouse, consisting of Kleenex, hand wash gel and masks to help prevent the spread of germs.

**9. Review of Monthly Budget:** No problems noted.

**10. Letters and Communications:**

Bauman refers to a letter received by towns from the Humane Society requesting each town purchase crates to keep dogs until normal business hours of the Animal Shelter. Discussion. This will be on agenda for September meeting.

**11. Approve Vouchers:**

Motion by Bauman, second by Bluthardt to approve vouchers. Carried.

**18. Next Meeting Date: Thursday, September 10, 2009 at 9:30 a.m.**

Motion by Bauman, second by Bluthardt to adjourn the meeting at 10:43 a.m.

Minutes reflect notations of the recorder, Wendy Budde, and are subject to approval by this Board.