

## **VILAS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH BOARD MEETING**

DATE: August 8, 2012

Chairman Erv Teichmiller called to order the regular meeting of the Vilas County Public Health Board at 9:00 a.m. on August 8, 2012 at the Vilas County Courthouse Conference Rooms 2 and 3, 330 Court Street, Eagle River, WI 54521.

**Present:** Erv Teichmiller, Linda Thorpe, Emil Bakka, Gary Peske, Dan Paretsky, Phillip Epping, Michael Schaars, Laura Magstadt and Randy Samuelson.

**Also Present:** Niki Kostrova, Mary Platner, Kelley Moran, Barb Garrett, Gina Egan, Laurel Dreger, and Wendy Budde. Also present were three members of the Cranberry Country Quilters organization.

**Absent/Excused:** Mary Kim Black excused, Becky DeMuth and Julie Balocca.

**3. Motion** by Bakka, second by Magstadt to approve agenda to be discussed in any order by the Chair. Carried.

**4. Motion** by Thorpe, second by Peske to approve minutes of July 10, 2012 meeting. Carried.

### **5. Approve Staff Attendance at Upcoming Meetings:**

7/25&7/26 – Gina to attend Northern Regional Office Director Interviews in Madison.  
8/9 – Gina and Kelley to attend Grant Writing Basics at UW Stevens Point Library.  
9/11 – Gina, Kelley and Barb to attend Wisconsin Oral Health Coalition in Stevens Point.  
10/4-6 – Kelley to attend Wisconsin Dental Hygiene Association Indigo Conference in Wisconsin Dells.

Discussion.

**Motion** by Bakka, second by Thorpe to approve requests as presented. Carried.

### **22. Cranberry Country Quilters Presentation:**

Three members of the Cranberry Country Quilters were present. Egan tells the committee that they have donated quilts to the department for WIC participants. A certificate of appreciation is presented to them by Chairman Teichmiller and pictures taken. They also donate to Angel on My Shoulder and the Children's Museum.

### **6. Board of Health Letter in Support of Shared Services Grant Application:**

Egan explains different ways that the department shares services with other counties. The Northwood's Dental Project serves 4 counties. We also participate in the Nine County Consortium for Preparedness and with Upper Peninsula Michigan Border Counties Preparedness.

There is \$125,000.00 grant available, the Robert Wood Johnson Shared Services Community Grant. The Preparedness Consortium is asking for letters of commitment and support from County Health Boards to apply for this grant. Marathon County will administer the grant if it is received.

**Motion** by Magstadt, second by Peske that Chairman Teichmiller submit a letter of support on behalf of the committee. Carried.

**7. Board of Health Letters to Dept. of Health Services, CDC and Local Legislators Regarding Changes to 317 Vaccine Policy:**

Dreger explains the current process used to administer children's immunizations using vaccine provided through 317 funds available through the CDC. With the new legislation we will not be able to immunize children with insurance. If they have insurance they will have to go to their medical provider and pay for the shots. The State is working on an extension of the October 1<sup>st</sup> date for implementation. We have provided a map to the State showing the distance people would have to travel to receive vaccinations from their providers.

Egan states that at this time it is premature to write a letter, until we get more information from the State.

**12. Tobacco Presentation:**

Nikki Kostrova, the Coordinator for Tobacco Free Coalition gives a presentation on the Wisconsin WINS Compliance Check Program. Discussion.

**Motion** by Thorpe, second by Peske to have Egan prepare a document authorizing citations to non-compliant businesses. Carried.

**8. Set Flu and Pneumonia Prices:**

Dreger surveyed some surrounding counties to find out what they charge for Flu and Pneumonia vaccinations. The counties surveyed are charging \$25.00 for flu shots. She informed the committee that our cost to purchase the pneumonia vaccine has risen from last year. Discussion.

**Motion** by Peske, second by Thorpe to set flu shot cost at \$25.00 and pneumonia shot cost at \$75.00. Carried.

**9. Budget Amendment Resolution:**

Discussion. **Motion** by Thorpe, second by Bakka to approve resolution and forward to County Board. Carried.

**10. LTE Position for Dental Program:**

Kelley Moran explains the need for sustained qualified help for the Northwood's Dental Program. She provides committee members with a handout. Discussion. The committee authorizes Egan to forward this matter to Human Resource and Financial Director for feasibility study.

**13. Introduction of Environmental Health Summer Interns:**

The interns were not available as they had to be out in the field.

**14. County Grant Writer:**

Egan informs committee that there is a need for a grant writer to look for grant funds that could be available to our programs. State money is drying up and we are receiving less each year. Discussion.

**15. Equipment Purchases:**

Egan received bids from two companies for an alarm system to monitor security for the health department building and also to monitor the vaccine freezer and refrigerator. Discussion.

**Motion** by Epping, second by Peske to accept the proposal from Logix. Carried.

**16. Legislative Update:**

Egan has nothing to report as no one is in session at this time.

**17. Director's Report:**

- The department received a payment from the County insurance Company for \$1,921.63 as reimbursement for vaccine loss.
- We have received some shipments of flu vaccine.
- Northwood's Dental Project applied for a grant from the ADA and was denied.
- A press release went out about the effects of blue green algae.
- Pertussis was reported by area camps. 5 camps in Oneida County and 3 camps in Vilas County were tested.
- The State Dept of Health is changing the method for determining license fees for tourist rooming houses. In the past the fee was determined by the number of rooms. They propose to count keys instead. This change will change revenue taken in by \$6,000.00 - \$7,000.00 per year. The committee directs Egan to send letter protesting this.
- Public Health Orientation for New Public Health Employees is available in Rothschild on October 17 and 18, 2012.
- Egan is a new board member for Daybreak.

**18. Review of Monthly Budget:**

Discussion.

\*Linda Thorpe leaves meeting at 11:08 am

**19. Letters and Communications:**

A letter was received from Dr. Bodewes stating he will compensate Candy Grambow \$547.50 for Rabies Pre-Exposure Vaccination.

Mary Platner requests for time at the next board meeting to discuss dog and cat licensing fees. She will provide handouts to go out with agenda.

**20. Next Meeting:** Wednesday, September 12, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

**21. Adjournment:** Motion by Bakka, second by Magstadt to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

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