

VILAS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH BOARD MEETING

DATE: November 14, 2012

Chairman Erv Teichmiller called to order the regular meeting of the Vilas County Public Health Board at 9:30 a.m. on November 14, 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, Mary Kim Black, Gary Peske, Dan Paretsky, Phillip Epping, Randy Samuelson and Laura Magstadt.

Also Present: Michael Orlowski student, Mary Platner, Gina Egan, Laurel Dreger, Lori Bergum, and Wendy Budde.

Absent/Excused: Michael Schaars, Becky DeMuth, and Julie Balocca.

Introductions around the table.

2. **Motion** by Peske, second by Magstadt to approve agenda to be discussed in any order by the Chair. Carried.
3. **Motion** by Peske, second by Bakka to approve minutes of October 10, 2012 meeting. Carried.
4. **Approve Staff Attendance at Upcoming Meetings:** None to approve.
5. **Family Centered Programs:** Laurel Drager and Lori Bergum present the following:
 - **WIC Program** – WIC stands for Women, Infants and Children Nutrition Program. You are eligible if you are pregnant, breastfeeding or had a baby in the last 6 months, have children under 5 years of age and qualify for the income guidelines. WIC provides checks that are used to buy basic foods within the guidelines and formula for infants. WIC currently has 250 clients.
 - **PNCC** – PNCC stands for Prenatal Care Coordination. This program is run by Lori Bergum. Expectant and new mothers may come in for sessions where they can express questions and concerns they have about their pregnancy and what to expect after the baby is born. They are given information on breast feeding and birth control.
 - **Immunization Program:** - The Health Department provides required immunizations for infants and school children. We work with the schools to help them make sure that school children are compliant with State law. Reports are run through a Wisconsin statewide system called WIR (Wisconsin Immunization Registry) and reminder recalls are sent to those families with children behind schedule. The Health Department provides some adult vaccinations for fees. The nurses also provide TB skin tests to medical and fire department personnel.
 - **Lead Program:** Lead blood testing is done for children at their 1 and 2 year old checkups. Some older homes contain lead paint and may be a major health problem for infants if they ingest the paint chips. There have been 62 tests performed so far this year.
 - **Radon Program:** Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer next to cigarette smoking. Radon test kits may be purchased at the Health Department for

\$8.00 each. Results are sent to the Northcentral Wisconsin Radon Information Center in Wausau, Wisconsin and also provided to us. High readings of 4 or higher and above may need remediation. In the past the Health Department provided coupons in the local newspapers that could be used to purchase kits in January for \$1.00. State funding has been cut for 2013 so this program will not be available in 2013.

- **MCH** – MCH stands for Maternal Child Health. Gina Egan informs the committee that the Child Death Review Team was chosen to receive the funding for 2012. The team has come up with creative prevention programs for child death incidents: Keeping Kids Alive initiative, Kids Don't Float, Back to Sleep campaign, Snowmobile Safety - Public Safety Announcements, Suicide QPR training.

10. Director's Report:

- Mary Platner provides the committee with copies of a proposed Dog License Application and Brochure. Committee is asked to review and provide feedback to Mary. Discussion.
- The health department will be doing Holiday Food Safety PSAs.
- IT outsourcing is a major concern for the department. Discussion.
- The health department passed the Fire Department inspection.
- A new analog line will be installed soon for the alarm system. Egan will explore the idea of having our own modem which will attach to the line so that we can submit claims to Medicare.
- The travel line item was cut in the 2013 budget. Egan asks whether it is possible to get a vehicle from the county for health department use. Discussion.
- Rent for the Health Department building is increasing in January. The common area will increase in March.
- Wendy will be on medical leave starting November 26th. Egan requests permission to allow Anna Kessro work extra hours to help fill in. The committee gives a unanimous consensus of approval and tells her to forward to Personnel Committee.
- There may be changes to the Environmental Health Program. Iron County may move to receive services through Ashland County.
- The Health Department may be receiving an intern in 2014 through AHEC.
- Receipting issues were discussed. Egan was referred to talk to Financial Manager Jason Hilger for suggestions.

6. Strategic Planning:

Egan provides the committee with a handout outlining areas that have been identified through the Strategic Planning process. Discussion. Chairman Teichmiller would like one of the board meetings to be identified as a Strategic Planning process to get ideas from the committee.

7. 2013 Board of Health Meetings:

The conference room at the ADRC is available for meetings if our committee chooses to use it. After discussion it was decided that the space is limited so it probably wouldn't work for our committee. The committee decided to keep the Board of Health meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. Agendas and minutes can be emailed to

all Board members with the exception of Gary Peske. Randy Samuelson offered to have a meeting at the Pete Christensen Health Center and Laura Magstadt offered to have a meeting at the Eagle River Memorial Hospital.

8. Chronic Disease Coalition:

Laura Magstadt gives the committee an overview of the LEAN Coalition (Linking Education, Activity and Nutrition). Oneida County Public Health Department is acting fiscal agent for this coalition. The purpose is to identify chronic diseases and improve quality of life through education, activity and nutrition.

9. Legislative Update: Egan presented an article from Governing magazine describing innovative financial decisions based on prevention strategies.

11. Review of Monthly Budget: Nothing noted. Chairman Teichmiller would like the committee to be provided with a summary of expenses for them to approve and sign. We will request this report from the Financial Manager for next meeting.

12. Letters and Communications:

Phil Epping and Emil Bakka speak to the Committee about their experience at the Public Health Conference for new members. They found it very helpful in understanding the role of Public Health in the community.

13. Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 12, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.

21. Adjournment: Motion by Bakka, second by Magstadt to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

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