

VILAS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH BOARD MEETING

DATE: May 29, 2013

Present: Erv Teichmiller, Linda Thorpe, Al Bauman, Gary Peske, Emil Bakka, Michael Schaars, Dan Paretsky.

Also Present: Kyla Wakmonski, Mary Platner, Gina Egan, Laurel Dreger, and Wendy Budde.

Absent/Excused: Phillip Epping, Laura Magstadt, Randy Samuelson and Julie Balocca.

1. Call to Order:

- Chairman Erv Teichmiller called to order the regular meeting of the Vilas County Public Health Board at 10:00 a.m. on May 29, 2013 at the Vilas County Courthouse Conference Rooms 2 and 3, 330 Court Street, Eagle River, WI 54521.

2. Approve Agenda:

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

3. Approve Meeting Minutes:

- **Motion** by Thorpe, second by Peske to approve minutes of April 24, 2013 meeting. Carried.

4. Approve Staff Attendance at Upcoming Meetings:

- Laurel to attend WIR User Group meeting in Rhinelander on 6/19/2013.
- Laurel and Lori to attend Living with Chronic Disease Training in Duluth/Superior on 7/16 & 7/17.
- **Motion** by Bauman, second by Thorpe to approve trainings as presented. Carried.

5. Tobacco Coalition Presentation – Kyla Wakmonski:

- Kyla Wakmonski is introduced to the committee. She works with the Oneida County Tobacco Coalition. Oneida County is Coordinator for a 6 county coalition, which receives grant money from the State. One of the objectives for the grant is to educate the community about other tobacco products.
- Wisconsin went smoke-free in 2010. Tax was increased to 75¢ per pack of cigarettes in the 2009-2011 budget.
- Tobacco companies are now targeting youth by selling alternative products; packaging them like candy, with flavoring like candy and pricing them cheaper than cigarettes. These products do not have to be sold from behind the counter like cigarettes. They are often placed in areas right next to the candy aisle and accessible to everyone.
- WI WINS Compliance Checks are still being done to ensure tobacco products are not being sold to minors.

- Discussion was had regarding issuing citations to those establishments that are selling illegal tobacco products to minors.

6. Recovering Costs of Animal Control Program:

- Three options were discussed to recover the costs of quarantining and treating animals. 1) Small Claims action, 2) Adding the cost as a special assessment on the property owner's real estate taxes, 3) Contracting with a Collection Agency.
- Discussion. This agenda item will be discussed again at the June meeting. We will request that the Corp. Counsel attend to join in the discussion.

7. Review Vaccine Costs:

- The committee was provided with a handout of proposed immunization charges. Discussion. This agenda item will be discussed again at the June meeting for approval.

8. Legislative Update:

- Egan attended the WPHA Annual Conference in Wisconsin Dells. The keynote speaker was the Mayor of Kansas City, Kansas. He was surprised to learn that his city was ranked 72 of 72 on the health ratings. He initiated changes that were remarkable. He used County Health Ranking information to promote economic development.

9. Director's Report:

- The Town of Phelps water is not fluoridated. Kelley will contact Phelps Municipal Water Supervisors to talk about fluoridation.
- Hospitals need to complete the CHIP and Community Needs Assessment every 3 years.
- Egan saw a blue green algae presentation on WPHA that was very informative. She wants to be more proactive and get information out to lake associations. She would like to arrange a training for the health department employees.
- Margaret Schmelzer attended a Rotary Club function with Erv Teichmiller in place of Egan who was at WPHA. She wrote an email thanking Erv for the opportunity.
- We are working on putting together an Oral Health Coalition to focus on community education.
- May was Mental Health month. We are part of a task force. There are posters in our waiting room colored by school children.
- Egan and Dreger went out on an inspection of a property in St. Germain. While parked in the road they were approached by three men who threatened and intimidated them, cussing and screaming at them. They were told to call law enforcement in the future.
- Cassidy had a bad experience with the owner of a local marina. He refused her attempt to inspect the property. The matter was cleared up with a phone call from the Corp. Counsel and the inspection was performed.
- We will be purchasing computer monitors for Lori, Laurel and Pam with Preparedness Grant dollars. Discussion. Egan offered to help pay for the new speaker system that County Board needs.

- There will be a Blue Mass on June 22nd honoring EMS personnel at Holy Family Catholic Church in Woodruff.
- Humane Officer's Report – Candy visited a home where it was reported that there was possible mistreatment of pets.
- Kelley Moran registered late for the WPHA Conference and was charged full price for her room. Egan is requesting approval of payment of this voucher.
Motion by Peske, seconded by Schaars to approve payment of the excess charges above the State rate. Carried.

10. Expenditures and Revenues Report:

- Copies of report provided to each board member.

11. Letters and Communications:

- Thank you card and letter received from Vilas County Commission on Aging and the ADRC for help given by Lori Bergum at the Stepping On workshop.

12. Next Meeting:

- **Wednesday, June 26th, 2013 at 10:00 a.m., Conference Room 2 and 3**

20. Adjournment:

- **Motion** by Peske, seconded by Thorpe to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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