

# VILAS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH BOARD MEETING

DATE: June 26, 2013

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

**Also Present:** Gina Egan, Laurel Dreger, Kelley Moran, Barb Garrett and Wendy Budde.

**Absent/Excused:** Michael Schaars, Deb Karow 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 June 26, 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 Bauman to approve minutes of May 29, 2013 meeting. Carried.

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

- 6/12 – Kelley attended Wisconsin Oral Health Planning Meeting in Madison.
  - 7/13&7/14 – Kelley to attend National Wellness Conference in Stevens Point.
  - 10/4&5 – Kelley to attend Wisconsin Dental Hygiene Conference in Wisconsin Dells (overnight)
- Motion** by Bauman, second by Magstadt to approve trainings as presented. Carried.

**\*Chairman Teichmiller says this item should be removed from the agenda next month.**

## 5. **Fluoride in Municipal Water Systems Presentation:**

- Kelley Moran presents a slide show about the benefits of Community Water Fluoridation.
- Fluoride is a mineral that occurs naturally in the earth and water.
- Fluoridation is the process of adjusting fluoride to the optimal level to prevent tooth decay.
- Fluoride counteracts tooth decay and strengthens teeth by fighting harmful acids and drawing calcium back into the enamel.
- Drinking water is an ideal vehicle for fluoride.
- Land O'Lakes, Phelps and Lac du Flambeau have discontinued adding fluoride to their public drinking water supply.
- The Northwood's Dental Project is working to change this.

Discussion.

**6. Budget Adjustment Resolution – WIC Grant:**

- The Resolution is not available for this meeting as it is in the process of being approved by Corp. Counsel.

**7. Humane Officer Report:**

- Humane Officer Candy Grambow received 3 calls in the month of June. The first call was about 2 stray dogs. The second call was a call of neglect of a dog. The third call was in regard to 2 possible cat hoarders.

**8. Animal Control Subcommittee Report:**

- Gary Peske provides the Board with copies of a written report submitted by Mary Platner.
- The report is about a meeting held May 30 at Cloverland Town Hall. 21 people attended the meeting. Discussion was around a Proposed Dog Licensing Procedure for Vilas County. The new Dog License Application Forms will be mailed with the real estate tax forms.

Discussion.

**9. Recovering Animal Control Costs:**

- Corporation Counsel will not be able to attend this meeting as she has other commitments. Egan spoke with her and she says she was not opposed to using Small Claims Court or using a Collection Agency to recover animal control costs.
- Egan is directed to contact the Clerk of Court to get information on the Collection Agency they use and what the process is.
- This agenda item will be discussed next month.

**10. Approve Proposed Vaccine Cost Changes:**

- The Board is provided with a list of vaccine charges being proposed by the Health Department staff. Cost of Shingles (Zostavax) vaccine has gone up. Other vaccine charges have not been increased since the 1970s.
- **Motion** by Thorpe, seconded by Paretsky to approve the proposed changes. Discussion. Voting aye are Teichmiller, Thorpe, Bakka, Peske, Paretsky, Epping, Magstadt and Samuelson. Voting nay is Bauman. Carried.

**11. Legislative Update:**

- Egan says that Transient Well Water Grant may be reduced for the next year.

**12. Director's Report:**

- Nursing student Erin Hinson from Phelps has been shadowing for credits.
- We would like to make some equipment purchases using money available through the Public Health Preparedness Grant. The grant ends June 30<sup>th</sup> so the money must be used before that date. Items requested are as follows:
- 4 Laptops, Monitors, Speakers, and Microphones for computers. External Defibrillators for Commission on Aging and the Health Department, a projector, and a ceiling mount projector for the County Board Conference Room. **Motion** by Peske, seconded by Bakka and Thorpe to allow the Health Department to

purchase the laptops, monitors, speakers, microphones and defibrillators out of the grant money. Carried.

- Egan found the County Board training very informative regarding meeting rules.
- Pam and Gina attended a Border County Meeting with Michigan. There will be an exercise in October regarding, “How do we communicate across the border?”
- Nursing staff attended a tabletop exercise with the Dept. of Social Services and various other emergency services personnel to talk about the need to discuss each agencies role and expectations in the event of an emergency in the county.
- Egan, Dreger and Budde met with Hartland, the new IT provider. They are in the process of doing a needs assessment.
- Pam Pedersen was elected to the NATH Board of Directors.
- Public Health Department will be piloting the Fleet Policy for Jim Galloway.
- A meeting was had with NEWCAP, Family Planning. They have new staff and are looking at having an office in Eagle River as well as the one in St. Germain. They are asking to possibly partner with the Health Department for PNCC and Family Planning Services.
- Dreger and Bergum attended the Health Fair at the Eagle River Memorial Hospital. They administered 15 Tdap (tetanus) shots. They also had handouts for other programs that we do.
- The licensing program is going well.
- The Health Department was notified of a potential outbreak at a local restaurant. 2 people reported GI symptoms. Investigation was completed and complaint was unfounded.
- The water testing at beaches has been positive this year. There has been no need for posting.
- A training on blue green algae was attended by the students in Rhinelander.

**13. Expenditure and Revenue Reports:** No discussion.

**14. Letters and Communications:**

- Thank you received from Mission Possibles Running Club for the donation we gave for Journeys Marathon.
- Peske brings up a need for an Employee Assistance Program to advise employees who are in a crisis situation and need advice. Discussion.

**12. Next Meeting:**

- **Wednesday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013 at 10:00 a.m., Conference Room 2 and 3**

**20. Adjournment:**

- **Motion** by Magstadt, seconded by Bakka 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.