

VILAS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH BOARD MEETING

DATE: July 31, 2013

Present: Erv Teichmiller, Linda Thorpe, Gary Peske, Emil Bakka, Phillip Epping, Michael Schaars, MD and Randy Samuelson.

Also Present: Gina Egan, Pam Pedersen, Erin Hinton and Wendy Budde.

Absent/Excused: Al Bauman, Dan Paretsky, Laura Magstadt, 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 July 31, 2013 at the Vilas County Courthouse Conference Rooms 2 and 3, 330 Court Street, Eagle River, WI 54521.

2. Approve Agenda:

- **Motion** by Peske, 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 June 26, 2013 meeting. Carried.

Introduction of Student Nurse Erin Hinton.

4. Certificate of Appreciation for Michael Orlowski:

- A Certificate of Appreciation was prepared and signed by Chairman Teichmiller. It will be mailed to Michael. Erv reads a letter written by Michael that was addressed to the Board.

5. Humane Officer Report:

- No report was provided this month.

6. Animal Control Sub-Committee Report:

- Gary Peske informs the board that there will be a training in August for the Vilas County Animal Control Officers.

7. Resolution for Increased Municipal Compensation for Vilas County Dog License Issuance:

- **Motion** by Peske, second by Thorpe to forward to full County Board for approval. Carried.

8. Recover Animal Control Costs:

- Egan spoke with the Stark Collection Agency about working with us to collect unpaid animal control costs. They would like to propose a contract with Vilas

County so that any office that needs their services could use them. The contract was not available for this meeting. This issue will be discussed again next month.

9. Resolution Approving the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIPS):

- **Motion** by Peske, second by Thorpe to forward to full County Board for approval. Carried.

10. Egan Appointment to UW Oshkosh Environmental Health External Advisory Board:

- Erv reads an email Egan received from Dr. Gregory Kleinheinz from the Environmental Health program at UW Oshkosh requesting her to serve on the External Advisory Board.
- **Motion** by Thorpe, second by Peske approving Egan's request to serve on this Board. Carried.

11. Environmental Health:

- Certified letters are going out to people who have not renewed their Lodging Licenses.
- We have been inundated with reports of bats, dogs and cats bites.

12. Legislative Update:

- Governor Walker vetoed the tobacco surcharge on health insurance premiums for state employees that smoke
- The raw milk bill. WPHA/WALHDAB is part of Safe Milk Coalition opposing legislation.
- AB 247 – Influenza vaccination – Prohibits health providers from requiring flu vaccinations for health care workers. Dr. Schaars speaks to the board about this.
- AB 61/SB 46 – Proposal allows alcohol retailers to collect money (\$1,000) from underage youth or their parents if they attempt to purchase alcohol. AB 61 has passed the Assembly, but SB 46 is not on the fast track right now. WPHA and WALHDAB oppose this bill.
- Bed sharing (parents with infants) Rep. Samantha Kerkman plans to circulate legislation that would make it illegal if a parent is intoxicated and injures or kills their baby while co-sleeping.

13. Director's Report:

- Egan gives board members handouts regarding alternative tobacco products. Chairman Teichmiller would like the board to present a Resolution concerning alternative tobacco products being displayed behind the counter at retail stores.
- Egan gives board members handouts from the Northwood's Dental Project containing 5 year statistics for the program.
- Land O'Lakes has received a grant to help with fluoridation of their public water system.
- The ADRC, Commission on Aging, Social Services, Human Service Center and Mapping will be participating in Incident Command training sponsored by the Health Department.
- The county is looking into having a fleet of cars in 2014 for use by employees attending to county business. Public Health may find it beneficial for their employees.

- There is a push for back to school immunizations.
- Public Health website renovation is being facilitated by the Marathon County Public Health IT person. The cost will be paid through grant funds.
- A home in Lac du Flambeau was placarded and designated unfit. We received a written request from Tribal Chairman Tom Maulson for assistance with this issue.
- Egan informs board that the Public Health grant employees are not being considered in the County wage increase. She requests that one of the board members make a request from the floor of the County Board meeting for the increase to include those 4 grant employees. The increase would come directly from the grant money at no cost to the county.
- Discussion regarding employees being asked to use their personal credit cards to pay for hotel stays, meals and mileage while on county business. Thorpe says this is a Finance Committee issue.
- Pam Pedersen gives a short presentation and provides handouts on blue green algae and swimmers itch.

14. Expenditure and Revenue Reports: No discussion.

15. Letters and Communications:

- Email from Dan Paretsky read by Teichmiller regarding his absence from meeting.

12. Next Meeting:

- **Wednesday, August 28, 2013 at 10:00 a.m., Conference Room 2 and 3**

20. Adjournment:

- **Motion** by Bakka, seconded by Peske to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

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