

# VILAS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH BOARD MEETING

DATE: August 28, 2013

**Present:** Erv Teichmiller, Linda Thorpe, Emil Bakka, Phillip Epping, Michael Schaars, MD, Randy Samuelson, Al Bauman, Dan Paretsky

**Also Present:** Gina Egan, Pam Pedersen, Mary Platner, Kate Wilson

**Absent/Excused:** Laura Magstadt, Deb Karow and Julie Balocca.

**Resigned:** Teichmiller notified board that Gary Peske has officially resigned as member due to personal reasons. No alternate at this time.

## 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 August 28, 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 Bakka to approve minutes of July 31, 2013 meeting. Carried.

## 4. **Humane Officer Report:**

- Review of Candy Grambow monthly report.

## 5a. **Animal Control Sub-Committee Report:**

- Gary Peske will no longer be chair of sub-committee due to resignation.
- Mary Platner shared handout with group re: recommendations of animal control officers in county.
- Humane Society now fully accredited.
- Platner to possibly have education booth at 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Conference 9/25/13 in St. Germain.

## 5b. **Resolution to appoint Linda Thorpe as new chair of Animal Control Sub-Committee:**

- **Motion** by Bakka, second by Bauman to approve resolution. Carried.

## 6. **Blue Green Algae Update:**

- Greg Kleinholz at UW-Oshkosh doing a data study on Blue Green Algae on Anvil and Kentuck Lakes. Pam Pedersen trying to get training in place with DHS/DNR and local lake associations; to contact Ralph Sitzberger for possible assistance.

Big Arbor Vitae Lake experiencing BGA bloom, and Pam will contact Greg to possibly add into lake study.

**7. Collection Agency Contract:**

- Changes to contract would be county wide. Martha Milanowski edited contract, and edits will be reviewed and brought back to September agenda as possible action item.

**8. Committee Consolidation Discussion:**

- Recommendations for consolidation will go to county board September or October. Potential of 9 committees proposed, with possibility of sub-committees. Meeting restructuring and board member education will be needed.

**9. Legislative Update:**

- Handouts given re: state budget refresher.
- Employee Wellness Initiative is now a competitive grant.
- Raw Milk Bill still under discussion at state.
- Shared Services Grant: Board member invitation to nationwide trainings; San Diego 01/2014 or east coast Fall 2014

**10. Directors Report:**

- Grant writer recommendation to increase funding.
- Proposed county pay raises: unknown if some employees are getting bonus or wage increase, or both.
- Technology issues: ordered computers in June but it is unknown as to when they will be received; phones down 2 days in August during a camp outbreak.
- Summer interns through UW-Oshkosh are now done. 500 inspections completed.
- NEWCAP is moving from St. Germain to Eagle River end of September 2013. New staff hired.
- WSLH fee exempt account totaling \$1300 for rabies testing.
- 3 year review with DHS/DATCAP completed with positive results.
- ICS training provided for ADRC, COA, Social Services, HSC, with 50 participants attending.
- Brandy Lake has tested positive for E. Coli and is being posted with advisory.
- Meeting held with WPS contact re: employee wellness.
- Employee Health Fair will be held October 18, 2013 at courthouse, during flu shot clinic. Board members are invited.
- Mileage/costs are being compiled for Jason Hilger in consideration of possible fleet cars for county.
- New state contract period starting. Working on development of community systems in MCH.
- Consideration of more population based services. Propose nurse visits 1-2 hrs/week per town. Will do BP screenings, vaccinations, med review, health teaching, etc. Possibility of working on grant with hospital and EMS to address health factors that will potentially decrease hospital readmission rate.

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

**12a. Letters and Communications:** See below

**12b. Resolution to send letter to Personnel and Finance committees recommending a grant writer be hired by county:**

- **Motion** by Bauman, second by Bakka to approve resolution. Carried.

**12. Next Meeting:**

- **Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 10:00 a.m., Conference Room 2 and 3**

**20. Adjournment:**

- **Motion** by Bauman, seconded by Bakka to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

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