

VILAS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH BOARD MEETING

October 3, 2013

Present: Erv Teichmiller, Linda Thorpe, Emil Bakka, Carolyn Ritter, Alden Bauman, Phillip Epping, Laura Magstadt, Dan Paretsky

Also Present: Gina Egan, Mary Hilliker, Chris Dobbe, Joanne Noah, Mary Platner, Jennifer Primich, Joe Fath and Wendy Budde.

Absent/Excused: Michael Schaars, Randy Samuelson, Julie Balocca, and Deb Karow.

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 October 3, 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 August 28, 2013 meeting. Carried.

Introductions around the room for the benefit of the new Board member Carolyn Ritter and Joanne Noah who is job shadowing with Laura Magstadt.

7. **Shared Services Grant Update:**

- Chris Dobbe and Mary Hilliker present a slide show on the Northwoods Shared Services Project. This 2 year grant for \$125,000.00 from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is for public health officials, policymakers, and other stakeholders to explore how cross-jurisdictional sharing might better equip them to fulfill their mission of protecting and promoting the health of the communities they serve. The grant runs until January 15, 2015. The coalition is 18 public health agencies in northern Wisconsin. Discussion.

4. **Humane Officer Report:**

- Not much to report.

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

- Linda Thorpe reads report.
- One officer from the Sheriff's Department may be trained as an animal control officer per Joe Fath.

- The animal bite report will need some changes.
- The committee wants warnings to be given to people who are not in compliance with dog licensing requirements.
- Discussion as to Humane Society Agreement. Joe Fath, Gina Egan, Jennifer Primich and Mary Platner are to meet and make any changes needed to the proposed Agreement. They will then bring it back to the Health Board.

8. Part Time Grant Employees Wage Increase:

- Egan says that 3 of her grant people were not included in the wage increase approved by County Board.
- **Motion** by Bauman, seconded by Paretsky to add them to the increase. Carried.

9. Legislative Update:

- The Federal shutdown can affect food safety issues.
- Workplace Wellness will be a grant program.
- Raw milk controversy goes on.
- Bill for unfunded mandates.
- Backpack Tobacco Act for alternative tobacco products.

10. Directors Report:

- Egan would like to use the revenue from last year radon program to purchase radon kits for this year. Committee agreed.
- The Health Department received an additional \$500.00 in Tobacco grant money. A Resolution will be prepared for Erv's signature to go to County Board.
- Discussion on remodeling changes to the Health Department. The UW Oshkosh will pay for the changes requested to Brian's office.
- Discussion regarding changes that may be made to clinic area to reduce noise of children crying and screaming. No resolution.
- Employee Health Fair will be held October 18th in the courthouse conference rooms. Flu shots will be administered at that time.
- At the last Department Head Meeting a new training form was introduced. Discussion. Board of Health doesn't want to see these completed forms.
- The Health Department will be conducting a Living Well With Chronic Disease and Strong Women/Strong Bones series along with the Commission on Aging.

11. Expenditure and Revenue Reports: No discussion.

12. Letters and Communications: The County Board passed consolidation of committees to take effect in April, 2014.

6. Collection Agency Contract:

- Egan says that the Clerk of Courts does not use this agency any longer. They use other means for collection of fines. Discussion. This issue should be brought to the attention of the County Tribal Committee and brought back for more discussion.

12. Next Meeting: Thursday, October 30, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

20. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned 11:35 a.m.

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