

VILAS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH BOARD MEETING

DATE: February 27, 2013

Chairman Erv Teichmiller called to order the regular meeting of the Vilas County Public Health Board at 10:00 a.m. on February 27, 2013 at the Vilas County Courthouse Conference Rooms 2 and 3, 330 Court Street, Eagle River, WI 54521.

Present: Erv Teichmiller, Linda Thorpe, Al Bauman, Gary Peske, Michael Schaars, Phillip Epping, and Laura Magstadt.

Also Present: Michael Orlowski student, Mary Platner, Gina Egan, Wendy Budde.

Absent/Excused: Emil Bakka, Dan Paretsky, Becky DeMuth, Randy Samuelson and Julie Balocca.

2. Motion by Bauman, second by Magstadt to approve agenda to be discussed in any order by the Chair. Carried.

3. Motion by Peske, second by Bauman to approve minutes of January 9, 2013 meeting. Carried.

4. Approve Staff Attendance at Upcoming Meetings:

3/7&3/8 – Laurel and Lori to attend WALC Breastfeeding Conference in Appleton.

3/12&3/13 – Gina to attend Public Health Preparedness Mass Fatality Seminar in Wausau.

3/26 – Gina and Pam to attend Hoarding Seminar in Rhinelander.

4/2&4/3 – Laurel and Lori to attend Living Well with Chronic Disease Training in Madison.

4/8 – Laurel, Lori and Anna to attend Be Person Centered Training in Wausau.

4/11 – Gina to attend Pest and Sanitation Management Seminar in Milwaukee.

Motion by Bauman, second by Peske to approve trainings presented. Carried.

5. Introduce Sabrina Spets: Sabrina Spets is a nursing student currently schooling online through UW Green Bay. She will be job shadowing with the nurses for 30 hours of credit.

7. Humane Officer Report: Erv Teichmiller reads report submitted by Candy Grambow, Vilas County Humane Officer.

- Grambow wonders what can be done to protect the veterinarians from being “stiffed” by pet owners, if she requires veterinary care through an abatement order.
- Grambow would like the board to consider adding animal hoarding issues to the animal ordinance, (maybe requiring spay or neuter if you own more than 5 cats).
- Grambow would like the board to consider adding penalties for leaving pets in vehicles on hot summer days.
- Grambow would like to see necropsy costs be included in payments for vets.

Chairman Teichmiller would like to create a subcommittee to look into the issue of animal control. He also would like to see a more detailed report from the Humane Officer. The committee needs to know what she does on a day to day basis.

8. 2012 Distribution of Dog License Fees: Chairman Teichmiller informs the board that 2011 dog license fees of \$391.96 was transferred to 2012 budget. At the end of 2012 \$780.00 will be transferred to 2013 budget. \$266.10 was sent to the State. There was also money sent to the Towns.

9. Budget Adjustment Resolution: **Motion** by Bauman, second by Peske to forward Resolution to full County Board. Carried.

10. Shared Services Grant: This grant was received through the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation through a collaboration between 18 counties and 1 tribe. It is required that a board member accompany Gina to a future of grant partners meeting. More on this at a later date.

11. Silent Sports Association Representative: The Vilas County Silent Sports Association (VASSA) would like someone from the health board to be part of the committee which meets once a month. Discussion. Phillip Epping volunteers. **Motion** by Peske, second by Bauman to appoint Phillip Epping to attend the VASSA meetings as a representative of the Board of Health. Carried.

*Human Resource Director Janna Kahl attends meeting for closed session.

12. Closed Session: **Motion** made by Bauman, seconded by Thorpe to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. Section 19.85(1)(c) for the purpose of considering employment evaluation data of a public employee over which the Public Health Board exercises responsibility at 10:35 a.m. Unanimous motion carried.

13. Motion by Bauman, second by Thorpe to adjourn closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. Section 19.85(1)(c) and return to open session at 11:35 a.m. Unanimous motion carried.

14. Motion by Thorpe, second by Bauman to approve the performance evaluation. Carried.

6. Meeting Dates: Discussion. A decision was made that the Board of Health will meet on Wednesday, November 20th at 10:00 a.m. and Monday, December 16th at 10:00 a.m.

15. Legislative Update: Nothing to report.

16. Director's Report:

- Letters were sent out to area churches warning them about the danger of spreading flu and colds through handshaking and the use of the communal cup.
- WALHDAB member surveys passed out.
- Egan passes around pictures of the health department building in which icicles and icy sidewalks are pictured. The owners were notified of the situation.

- Egan passes around a list of questions and concerns the department has in the event the supervisors decide to outsource the IT Department. One big concern is the updating of the website. Peske will check into the possibility of the health department updating their own website.
- Baby clothes and other baby items were received from St. Alberts, St. Peters and St. Marys churches to give to WIC clients.
- Data for the 2012 annual report is being compiled. There were 72 animal bites reported and 40 environmental health issues investigated in 2012.
- The CDC estimates 20 million new sexually transmitted infections in the US each year, costing the healthcare system nearly \$16 billion in direct medical costs. Vilas County has reported 35 cases of Chlamydia and 1 case of Gonorrhea.
- The health department will sponsor an Adoption Awareness Training.
- Egan passes around information about asthma rates in Vilas County.
- 300 radon kits were sold.
- There are currently 32 swimming pools in Vilas County and only 2 certified pool operators.

*Mike Schaars leaves meeting at 11:52 a.m.

18. Letters and Communications: Mary Platner passes out statistics regarding number of dog licenses issued in 2012 in Vilas County Municipalities. She gives a 1 minute presentation.

19. Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 27, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

20. Adjournment: Motion by Thorpe, second by Teichmiller to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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