

**VILAS COUNTY PUBLIC BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**  
**March 26, 2014**

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

**Also Present:** Gina Egan; Pam Pedersen; Jason Hilger, Finance Manager; Gayle Van Kirk, Student Nurse; Mary Platner, Animal Control Sub-Committee

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

**Introductions around the table.**

**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 March 26, 2014 in Conference Room 2, 3 of the Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court Street, Eagle River, WI 54521.

**2. Approve Agenda:**

- **Motion** by Epping, second by Bauman to approve agenda to be discussed in any order by the Chair. Carried.

**3. Approve Meeting Minutes:**

- **Motion** by Bauman, second by Thorpe to approve minutes of February 19, 2014. Carried.

**4. Board of Health Members-Service Recognition:**

- Emil Bakka and Linda Thorpe retiring from County Board service. Thanks and recognition plaques given by Teichmiller on behalf of BOH.

**5. Humane Officer Report:**

- No annual report available.

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

- Platner submitted 3 articles for publication in newspaper
- 3/22/14 meeting held for animal control officers. Informational folders, vests and citation booklets distributed. Good response to recognition of roles.
- Barking dog complaints identified as large issue for officers
- Platner retiring from her position on sub-committee. Thanks given by Teichmiller and BOH.

**7. Legislative Update:**

- NACCHO reports huge upcoming cuts to Public Health Preparedness, WWWP, and Immunization; elimination of Prevention Grant funding

**8. Directors Report:**

- 37 confirmed cases of Mumps at Ohio State University

- Egan and Magstadt attended the Leadership Academy in Atlanta for LEAN Coalition; total of 4 members from Vilas and Oneida; only WI team in attendance. Doing a yearlong project on garden based nutrition for school age children. Academy promotes a systems approach to community change; prepares leaders around health and health care delivery.
- Vilas/Oneida County LEAN Coalition continues to add diverse partners to group to effect healthy changes in community
- 4 summer interns for Environmental Health this year. Will distribute Lyme and Blue Green Algae related info with inspections.
- Shared Services Grant grantors coming for site visit May 2014
- Virtual Northern Regional Preparedness Exercise held in collaboration with State 3/13/14. Included Vilas County partners such as ADRC, EM, Hospital/EMS, Social Services, Tourism, Commission on Aging, Coroner. Exercise showed the need for continued planning around Functional/Special Needs sheltering, Fatality Management, and Family Reunification Centers. Need to have Human Service Center involved as a partner.
- Grief Seminar re: Adolescents Coping with Loss will be held at HYMC 4/16/14
- Mental Health Summit will be held May 9<sup>th</sup> at The Waters of Minocqua. Community Mental Health Foundation donating \$1000 to Summit to fund student scholarships.
- Tickborne Disease training in Merrill 4/10/14
- Cancer Conference will be held in Lac du Flambeau on 5/8 and 5/9/14. PHD will have display/educational table re: Radon
- Part time dental hygienist needed for Northwoods Dental Project. Item to be placed on April agenda, as well as Personnel Committee agenda.
- Per Jason Hilger, \$1000 of dog licensing fees can be retained by county. Approximately \$1200 will go back to townships and Eagle River, based on money that they contributed.

**12. Letters and Communications:**

- Vilas County does a good job of providing services around the entire county, not just a specific area

**13. Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 23, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.**

**20. Adjournment:** Motion by Ritter, second by Magstadt to adjourn meeting at 11:00 a.m. Carried.

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