

VILAS COUNTY PUBLIC BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
May 13, 2014

Present: Erv Teichmiller, Wally Beversdorf, Walt Maciag, Michael Schaars, Phillip Epping, Laura Magstadt, Deb Karow.

Also Present: Gina Egan; Wendy Budde, Kelley Moran, Barb Garrett, Jason Hilger, Joe Fath, Beth Moore, Marian Rozwenc and Mark Dascalos.

Absent/Excused: Racquel Zortman-Bell, Dan Paretsky, Randy Samuelson, and Dave Poupart.

1. Call to Order:

- Gina Egan, Health Officer called to order the regular meeting of the Vilas County Public Health Board at 9:30 a.m. on May 13, 2014 in Conference Room 2, 3 of the Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court Street, Eagle River, WI 54521.

2. Introductions/Review Public Health Standing Rules:

- Egan passed around copies of the Public Health Standing Rules, along with Confidentiality Agreements. Egan read portions of the Standing Rules.

3. Election of Board of Health Leadership:

- Wally Beversdorf suggests that the three board members present should give more detailed introductions of themselves. This is done with Erv Teichmiller going first, then Walt Maciag who states that he is not interested in being the Chairman, and Wally Beversdorf also stating he is not interested in being the Chairman.
- Walt Maciag nominates Erv Teichmiller as Chairman. Phil Epping moves to cast a unanimous ballot for Erv. All voting aye. Carried.
- Wally Beversdorf moves to delay voting for the Vice-Chairman position until the next meeting when other members are present. All voting aye. Carried.

4. Approve Agenda to be Discussed in any Order by the Chair:

- **Motion** by Beversdorf, second by Magstadt to approve agenda. Carried.

5. Approve Minutes of March 26, 2014 Meeting:

- Only those who were present at the March 26th meeting can vote to approve the minutes of this meeting. **Motion** by Magstadt, seconded by Epping. Carried.

9. Free Telephones for Hearing Impaired Presentation:

- Marian Rozwenc speaks about a government program that is available for hearing impaired individuals to apply for free telephones. He will help people with the application process which is very difficult to maneuver. The phones are called Clear Sounds. He gives his phone number out (715) 547-3860 for people to call for help. He also gives the number of a woman named Ann (715) 547-3155 who works for a Hearing Aid Manufacturer.

11. EMS (Emergency Medical Services) Presentation – Eagle River Memorial Hospital:

- Deb Karow and Mark Dascalos speak about the history of the EMS at the Eagle River Memorial Hospital. Five years ago the level of care for the EMS was increased to the status of paramedics which is advanced life support. They are the only provider in the area with this high level of service.
- The towns of Eagle River, Cloverland, Washington, Hiles and Lincoln receive the services of the EMS from the ER Memorial Hospital. A total of \$68,000.00 is received yearly from these 5 communities. The EMS receive approximately 894 calls per year. The cost to run the EMS per year is \$515,000.00. They collect about \$200,000.00 with subsidies. In 2013 the operating loss was \$255,000.00 which was absorbed by the Eagle River Memorial Hospital (Ministry Health). By the end of 2014 they may have to discontinue services as they cannot maintain with such losses.
- They have come to the Health Board only to provide information. They will be meeting at the Eagle River City Hall with the Boards of the communities they serve.

10. Humane Officer Resignation and Transition:

- Candy Grambow has resigned her position as Humane Officer for Vilas County.
- Sheriff Joe Fath indicates that we should advertise and hire a person to fill this position. He indicates that one of his officers, Shyla Belzer plans to become certified.
- **Motion** by Maciag, seconded by Schaars to advertise for Humane Officer. Carried.

6. What is Public Health?:

8. Overview of Board of Health Member Orientation:

- Egan provides members with handouts and gives a brief overview of Public Health.

7. Introduction of Staff and Brief Description of Public Health Programs:

- Egan discusses the programs that Public Health administers.
- Introduction of Kelley Moran and Barb Garrett from Northwoods Dental Program. They provide the Board with a video presentation of their program. Kelley speaks to them about the CHAW Seal A Smile sealant program and Healthy Smiles varnish program.

12. Resolution – Budget Adjustment:

- A resolution is presented to the Board for signature increasing the WIC and Tobacco funds. **Motion** by Maciag, seconded by Beversdorf to approve the resolution as presented. Carried.

13. Budget Overview:

- The Board is provided with handouts showing approved expenditure and revenue for Public Health.

14. Legislative Update:

- Workplace Wellness has passed. There will be an Administrative Rule to enact it.
- Raw milk, co-sleeping while intoxicated, and e-cigarettes continue to be issues.

15. Directors Report:

- Pam Pedersen is on Family Medical Leave

- Wisconsin WINS is moving to cite owners of establishments who sell tobacco products to minors.
- There are 2 active cases of TB in Vilas County. A Public Health nurse must administer meds to them every day to make sure that they are complying. Utilizing Parish Nurses may be an option.
- Oshkosh students will be arriving on Monday to start the summer season of Inspections of Tourist Rooming Houses and Campgrounds.
- We had a radon information table at the Cancer Conference in Lac du Flambeau.
- License renewals have been sent out.
- Human health hazard calls are on the increase.

16. Letters and Communications:

- A letter to appoint Citizen Board Members was presented to the Chairman.
- Mission Possible running club sent a thank you card for the \$100.00 donation.
- Thank you letters from the two UW Green Bay student nurses were received.

13. Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 25, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.

20. Adjournment: Motion by Beversdorf, second by Magstadt to adjourn meeting at 11:35 a.m. Carried.

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