

VILAS COUNTY PUBLIC BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
July 23, 2014

Present: Erv Teichmiller, Wally Beversdorf, Walt Maciag, Paul Hennes, Racquel Zortman-Bell, Katie Hom, Phillip Epping, and Randy Samuelson.

Also Present: Gina Egan; Wendy Budde, Mary Platner, Debra Bohn, and Martha Milanowski.

Absent/Excused: Michael Schaars, Laura Magstadt, and Deb Karow.

1. Call to Order:

- Meeting was called to order 9:32 a.m. on July 23, 2014 in Conference Room 2, 3 of the Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court Street, Eagle River, WI 54521.

2. Approve Agenda:

- **Motion** by Maciag, seconded by Hennes to approve the agenda to be discussed in any order by the Chair. Motion carried.

3. Approve Minutes of June 25, 2014 Meeting:

- **Motion** by Beversdorf, seconded by Maciag to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2014 meeting. Motion carried.

5. Dr. Katie Hom, DVM Introduction:

- Dr. Katie Hom from the Eagle River Animal Hospital introduces herself and talks a little about her background. She replaces Dr. Dan Paretsky on the Board.

4. New Board of Health Member Orientation:

- Egan has not been able to obtain the date of the next new member orientation. She will bring the information to the next meeting.

6. Joint Resolution with Social Services Committee Regarding Medicaid/Badgercare:

- Teichmiller gives the committee background of the resolution being proposed.
- **Motion** by Samuelson, seconded by Hennes to approve the joint resolution regarding Medicaid/Badgercare.
- Discussion.
- Walt Maciag votes no. Wally Beversdorf abstains from voting. All others vote aye. Motion Carried.

7. Part Time Community Health Specialist Position:

- Egan tells committee that through the LEAN Coalition (Linking Education Activity and Nutrition), there is need for a Community Health Specialist to help do the work in Vilas County. It would be a part-time position involving 8 hours a day for 1 day a week for the next 3 years. The position would be paid for through the grant that was obtained by the LEAN Coalition.
- **Motion** by Zortman-Bell, seconded by Hennes to approve the position.
- Discussion.

- All voting aye. Motion carried.

8. Review Humane Officer Applications:

- Egan reviewed the two applications received with the Corp. Counsel. Her recommendation was to accept the proposal of Melissa Klessig.
- Egan reads to the proposal options to the committee.
- **Motion** by Epping, seconded by Zortman-Bell for Egan to work with Corp. Counsel and Human Resource Manager to finalize a contract for the Humane Officer and bring it back to the committee.
- All voting aye. Motion carried.

9. Program Updates:

- Postponed until next month.

10. Legislative Update:

- This was discussed at #6 under the Medicaid/Badgercare joint resolution.

11. Directors Report:

- Two bats that were sent to the State Laboratory of Hygiene came back positive for rabies.
- The Strong Women/Strong Bones exercise program has 20 participants. In the Fall Northland Pines Wellness Center will take over the program at the school.
- A large number of animal bites have been reported. One in particular was a vicious dog that had to be surrendered by the owner and euthanized.
- We have been working on a number of cases with Social Services involving homebound chronically ill individuals who are not able to care for themselves but refuse help. The EMTs are called to assist them after taking falls but they then refuse to go to the hospital.
- There has been an outbreak in a local camp where 50 campers are sick.

16. Letters and Communications:

- Thank you letter from Eagle River Chamber for \$100.00 donation to Guides/Kids day.

13. Next Meeting: Thursday, August 14, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.

20. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m. Carried.

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