

VILAS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH BOARD MEETING

DATE: 6/6/2008

Ron DeBruyne called to order the regular meeting of the Vilas County Public Health Board at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, June 6, 2008 in Conference Rooms 2 & 3 at the Vilas County Courthouse, Eagle River, WI.

Present: Ron DeBruyne, Linda Thorpe, Al Bauman, Ed Bluthardt, Jim Behling, Dan Paretsky, Colleen Gorrilla, Randy Samuelson, Becky DeMuth, Gina Egan, and Wendy Budde.

Absent/Excused: Dr. Terrance Moe, excused.

Motion by Bauman, second by Thorpe to approve today's agenda. Carried.

*Ed Bluthardt arrives 9:32 am

Motion by Thorpe, second by Bauman to approve minutes of May 9, 2008 meeting. Carried.

Approve Staff Attendance at Upcoming Meetings: Egan requests to add Wendy Budde and Anna Kessro to attend trainings July 21, 2008 in Minocqua and July 23, 2008 in Wausau for Forward Health interchange (Medicaid billing). Motion by Bluthardt, second by Paretsky to approve all staff attendance at meetings as requested. Carried.

Introductions: Visitors attending meeting: Mark Janko from Dept. of Health and Family Services, John Sager from Dept. of Natural Resources, Henry Nehls-Lowe from Dept. of Health and Family Services, and John Robinson from Dept. of Natural Resources. Also, new members Becky DeMuth attending for Dawn Gapko from Eagle River Memorial Hospital, Randy Samuelson from Peter Christensen Health Care, and Colleen Gorrilla citizen member.

Introduction of 2008 UW Oshkosh Crew: Introducing themselves and telling the committee about their studies and the programs they are working on this summer are: Don Tatalovich, Sara Kaiser, Meaghan Robbins, and Andrew Wolff.

Chairman DeBruyne gives new members to the committee an overview of the Well Water Testing Program and Beach Monitoring Program.

Appointments to the Board of Health: Appointments have been made by the County Board Chairman as follows: Colleen Gorrilla, RN, Dan Paretsky, DVM, Randy Samuelson, Tribal Advisory Member, Dawn Gapko and Terrance Moe, MD as citizen members.

Self Sustaining Programs: A Memorandum as requested by the County Clerk was prepared and read by Egan. Auditors have made suggestions as to how grant accounts are

to be set up as far as reimbursements obtained from the Health Department billings to Medicaid. Motion by Behling, second by Bauman to amend memo to state “pending approval of Finance Committee”. Carried. Motion by Behling, second by Bluthardt to send memo to Finance Committee. Discussion. Carried.

Pharmaceutical Resolution: Proposed Resolution drafted by Martha Milanowski was read to committee regarding a centralized database for prescription drugs to help prevent prescription drug abuse. Discussion. More information is needed before committee will make a recommendation. Motion by Behling, second by Bauman to add to July agenda. Carried.

Environmental Health: Egan recaps a situation in Manitowish Waters regarding a fuel oil spill in the basement of a residence. Mark Janko speaks about tests that were conducted to check air quality in the home. John Sager speaks. Henry Nehls-Lowe speaks about water tests conducted. Discussion and questions.

*Martha Milanowski joins meeting 10:30 am. She speaks on this issue. John Robinson speaks.

Motion by Behling, second by Bluthardt to declare this house a human health hazard until there are no longer any fuel oil odors left in the house. Discussion. Carried.

*11:00 am Bauman leaves meeting.

John Robinson gives information to committee about a DNR Town Social being held June 11, 2008 at the Plum Lake Library. Motion by DeBruyne, second by Bluthardt that Public Health Board members be allowed to attend.

*Martha Milanowski, Dan Paretsky, Mark Janko, John Sager, Henry Nehls-Lowe and John Robinson leave meeting.

Memingitis Presentation: This presentation will be given at the July meeting.

CATCH Program: Egan went to a meeting on June 2, 2008. She informs committee about what she learned. Vilas County ranks 67th in the State for health concerns.

Public Health Preparedness: Egan gives committee synopsis of School Closure Exercise conducted on May 30, 2008.

Director’s Report:

- 1) NEWCAP is no longer part of the WWWP Program.
- 2) NALBOH Information given to committee regarding 2008 Public Health Partners Conference in Madison July 22-24, 2008. Motion by DeBruyne, second by Behling to allow Public Health Board members attend. Carried.

- 3) Public Health Dept. offers radon test kits to the public. The supplier has changed and the cost has changed. Motion by Thorpe, second by DeBruyne to charge \$8.00 for radon kits. Carried.
- 4) Meningitis Presentation was given to the Northern Regional Meeting and it was a huge success.
- 5) The dental program bought rolling cards and had to use personal credit cards as the County has no means to pay in advance. Discussion.
- 6) Poison Control Newsletter handed out.

Review Monthly Budget: Discussion. Motion by Behling, second by Bluthardt to approve the budget.

Letters and Communications: Chairman DeBruyne was given contracts to renew grants for his signature.

Approve Vouchers: Motion by Thorpe, second by Bluthardt to approve vouchers. Carried.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 9, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. in Conference Rooms 2 and 3.

Motion by Bluthardt, second by Thorpe to adjourn at 11:42 am. Carried.

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