

VILAS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH BOARD MEETING

DATE: 12/05/2008

Ron DeBruyne called to order the regular meeting of the Vilas County Public Health Board at 9:31 a.m. on Friday, December 5, 2008 in the Lower Level Training Room of the Justice Center at the Vilas County Courthouse, Eagle River, WI.

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

Absent/Excused: Randy Samuelson, Terrance Moe, M.D., Dawn Gapko, and Dan Paretzky.

Also Present: Joe Fortmann from Commission on Aging, Kelly Haverkamp from UW Extension, Kris Duening from County Clerk, and Randy Athens Trig's Pharmacist.

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

Motion by Thorpe, second by Bluthardt to approve minutes of November 7, 2008 meeting. Carried.

Approve Staff Attendance at Upcoming Meetings:

Motion by Bauman, second by Thorpe to approve meeting requests. Carried.

Introductions were made around the table.

*Kris Duening arrives at 9:37 a.m. and leaves at 10:05 a.m.

Sharps Disposal:

Kelly Haverkamp informs committee that Oneida County is losing their funding for sharps collection for 2009. They have budgeted \$4,000.00 for 2009. They will be collecting sharps and are accepting only laundry detergent and bleach bottles labeled sharps with the covers taped shut. Trigs had been participating in the Oneida County sharps disposal collection program in the past. They will not be able to collect sharps after 12/31/2008. Becky DeMuth tells committee that the Eagle River Hospital and Howard Young are sharps collection sites. Randy Athens says that the cost of sharps containers is \$5.00. Trig's is selling a self-contained sharps collection unit with syringes. Discussion.

Motion by Bauman, second by DeBruyne to create a subcommittee consisting of a couple of members of the Public Health Board and Solid Waste Committee to evaluate this issue. Carried.

Motion by Bluthardt, second by Thorpe to have the Health Dept. contact Stericycle to create a new contract to include sharps pickup sites at locations besides the Public Health Dept. and Jail. Carried.

*Kelly Haverkamp leaves meeting at 10:05 a.m.

NACO Pharmaceutical Program:

Egan reads a News Release regarding the NACO Pharmaceutical Program. Randy Athens speaks, indicating that pharmacies have to pay a fee for each transaction using the drug card. In addition, in most cases savings aren't 20% as advertised. Joe Fortmann speaks. Discussion. Motion by Bluthardt, second by DeBruyne to participate in the NACO Pharmaceutical Program. Discussion. Voting aye are DeBruyne, Bluthardt, Behling, Bauman, Thorpe and DeMuth. Voting nay is Gorrilla. Carried.

Egan is directed to contact NACO for a supply of cards and information, and distribute them through Commission on Aging, Dept. of Social Services, Public Health and the Food Pantries. She will also issue a News Release.

*Randy Athens leaves meeting at 10:28 a.m.

Environmental Health:

1. Nothing new to report on property in Eagle River which Egan is working with the City of Eagle River on.
2. Discussion on outdoor woodburning stoves. A public hearing was held in Oneida County. It is decided to wait to see what happens in Oneida County on this issue. A letter was received by the Health Dept. complaining about a woodburner on a neighbor's property. Discussion. Egan will talk to the neighbor if she feels they are burning garbage.
3. Regarding the property in Manitowish Waters with the fuel oil spill in its basement, final testing was done by DNR. We are waiting to hear the results.

*Joe Fortmann leaves meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Tobacco Policies:

Egan requested and received Tobacco Policies from three other counties. Discussion. Complaints were received by the Public Property Committee regarding current smoking practices on Vilas County property. Matter taken under advisement.

Pam Pedersen will give a presentation at the January meeting with the results of the tobacco survey that was taken during the flu clinics.

Approve Vouchers:

Motion by Bauman, second by Thorpe to approve vouchers. Carried.

Director's Report:

1. Badgercare to be offered to childless adults.
2. Courthouse Christmas Party will be held on December 19th.
3. Priority Medical Practices
4. Individual with TB has been detained
5. Money for Inspection Lodging???
6. HIV Aids MOU presented for Chairman's signature
7. AHEC Volunteer application submitted
8. January the Community Health Improvement Project will be starting
9. Stomach flu is going around

10. 2009 Meeting calendar – Discussion. It was decided to meet the first Monday of each month at 11:00 a.m.

11. Wage for Clerical Support person was approved at \$12.55 per hour

Motion by Thorpe, second by Behling to convene into closed session at 11:43 a.m. pursuant to Wis. Stats. Sec. 19.85(1)(c) for the purpose of considering employment of a public employee over which the Public Health Board exercises responsibility, and for the purpose of conducting interviews for the Tobacco Free Coalition Coordinator position. Carried unanimously. All say aye.

*Becky DeMuth leaves meeting at 12:30 p.m.

*Al Bauman leaves meeting at approximately 1:45 p.m.

Motion by DeBruyne, second by Gorrilla to return to open session at 2:55 p.m. pursuant to Wis. Stats. Sec. 19.85(1)(c). Carried unanimously. All say aye.

Motion by Bluthardt, second by Thorpe that based on interviews, comments, and top scores, the decision of who to hire should be left up to Egan's discretion between the top 2 applicants. Carried.

Next Meeting:

Monday, January 5, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. in Conference Rooms 2 & 3.

Motion by Bluthardt, second by Thorpe to adjourn at 3:10 p.m. Carried.

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