

VILAS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH BOARD MEETING

DATE: 02/04//2009

Ron DeBruyne called to order the regular meeting of the Vilas County Public Health Board at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 4, 2009 in the Vilas County Justice Center meeting room Eagle River, WI.

Present: Ron DeBruyne, Linda Thorpe, Al Bauman, Jim Behling, Ed Bluthardt, Dr. Terrance Moe, Becky DeMuth, Pam Pedersen, Heidi Nykolayko, Gina Egan, and Wendy Budde.

Absent/Excused: Randy Samuelson, Dawn Gapko, Colleen Gorrilla, and Dan Paretsky.

*Ed Bluthardt and Dr. Moe arrive at 9:35 a.m.

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

Motion by Thorpe, second by DeBruyne to approve minutes of January 5, 2009 meeting. Carried.

Approve Staff Attendance at Upcoming Meetings:

In addition to those trainings set out on the agenda there is a request for the following: Pam Pedersen to attend Well Women's Meeting in Minocqua on 2/6/09. Pam Pedersen to attend CHIP Meeting in Rhinelander on 2/12/09. Pam and Heidi to attend Northern Region Tobacco Meeting in Tomahawk on 3/9/09. Discussion. Motion by Bluthardt, second by Bauman to approve meeting requests. Carried.

Tobacco Presentation:

Pam Pedersen and Heidi Nykolayko pass out information and results of the Snapshot Survey from the Vilas County flu shot clinics. Discussion regarding Smoke Free Wisconsin. This topic will be returned for more presentation at the March meeting.

Board of Health Meeting Dates:

After discussion it was decided to hold meetings the first Wednesday of every month at 11:00 a.m. in the Justice Center.

WPHA Conference:

Egan informs committee that WPHA Annual Conference will be on May 5, 6 and 7 in Appleton. Rooms are on stand-by. She will bring a brochure to the next meeting.

Donations:

Egan reports that St. Mary's Church in Phelps, St. Albert's Church in Land O'Lakes, and St. Peter's Church in Eagle River donated baby clothing, diapers, blankets, and other items to the health department to give to WIC participants. Motion by Bauman, second by Thorpe to present Certificates of Appreciation to the churches. Carried.

Sharps Disposal:

Egan and Bluthardt attended Solid Waste Committee Meeting where this topic was discussed. Bluthardt gives overview. Becky DeMuth says that Eagle River Memorial Hospital and Howard Young ~~may be a source for funding of a local place~~ will continue to be a local place for dropping off of sharps. Discussion. This item will be set as an agenda item at the March meeting.

Environmental Health:

1. Fuel oil spill in Manitowish Waters; remediation completed. House still smells strongly of fuel oil. Property continues to be a Human Health Hazard. Discussion.
2. Outdoor woodburner issue in Arbor Vitae. Egan visited the property in question. Stove is located behind the house and white smoke was emitting. Letter sent to complainant.
3. A person was bitten by a cat at the senior meal site in Boulder Junction. The person has finished with the rabies shots and has over \$7,000.00 in medical bills.
4. Egan visited a home with Social Services and had to remove a person from their home due to health issues. Discussion.

Equipment Purchases:

1. Request for purchase of Hemocue Analyzer and cuvettes for a total of \$604.00. Bids cannot be obtained as Hemocue is the only company that makes this item. Motion by Bluthardt, second by Bauman to approve this purchase. Carried.
2. Request for purchase of Dreamweaver software for \$416.02. Again, bids cannot be obtained. Motion by Bluthardt, second by Bauman to approve this purchase. Carried.
3. Request for purchase of Quarkxpress software for \$745.03. Egan is asked to get more information from the IT Department.

Closed Session:

Motion by DeBruyne, second by Behling to convene into closed session at 11:28 a.m. pursuant to Wis. Stats. Sec. 19.85(1)(c) for the purpose of considering employment or performance evaluation data of a public employee over which the Public Health Board exercises responsibility. Carried unanimously. All say aye.

Motion by Bauman, second by Behling to return to open session at 11:43 a.m. pursuant to Wis. Stats. Sec. 19.85(1)(c). Carried unanimously. All say aye.

Motion by Behling, second by Bauman to instruct Egan to provide strong positive feedback to the employee in question. Carried.

*Ed Bluthardt leaves meeting at 11:30 a.m. while in closed session.

Director's Report:

- 1) Town Hall meeting was a success.
- 2) 6 applications were received by Greg Kleinheinz for sanitarian position being advertised through UW Oshkosh.

- 3) Wendy gave an interview on Channel 12 for radon awareness. Lori and Kelley will be interviewed on Channel 12 also for the dental program.
- 4) Ryan Wozniak visited our office from the Northern Regional Office. He is a new employee in the hazardous waste area.
- 5) A letter from Michael Morgan was passed around detailing budget cuts.
- 6) Dental goodie bags for children were filled by a UW Oshkosh student.

Budget Review: Nothing noted.

Approve Vouchers:

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

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, March 4, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. in the Justice Center meeting room.

Discussion. Motion by Bluthardt, second by DeBruyne to negotiate a new date and time for meetings.

Motion by Bauman, second by Behling to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned 11:56 a.m.

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