

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

February 10, 2015

The Vernon County Board of Health met Tuesday, February 10, 2015 in the 2nd Floor Conference Room, Erlandson Office Building. Members present: JoAnn Nickelatti, Glenda Sullivan, Shawn Redington, Frank Easterday, Brian Turben, Sherrie Seidel,

Others present: Elizabeth A. Johnson, RN, BSN, Director/Health Officer, Troy Moris, RS, Sue Burkhamer, Zoning, Jerry Cade

Excused: David Banner, Rhonda Peterson, RN, BSN

Absent:

Meeting called to order by Chair JoAnn Nickelatti at 1:00 PM.

AFFIRMATION OF PROPER PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING

Public Notice of Meeting was properly advertised and posted.

REVIEW PROCEEDINGS OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the January 13, 2015 BOH meeting were presented and reviewed. Glenda Sullivan moved to accept 1/13/15 minutes as presented. Seconded by Brian Turben. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

No visitors present.

REVIEW AND VOTE ON VOUCHERS

Bills for January 2015 were presented and reviewed. Shawn Redington moved to allow payment of bills for January 2015. Seconded by Brian Turben. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON CHANGES TO ZONING, HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND BOARD OF HEALTH

Miss Johnson reported that the Financial Planning Committee has said that the sanitary permit portion of the Zoning Department will become part of the Health Department. This committee has asked the Health Department to work on putting the two departments together. Sue Burkhamer, Zoning Administrator, discussed her office responsibilities and how she operates. She is a one person department and has a part-time on-call clerical person that assists in entering data and maintaining some of the programs. Ms. Burkhamer stated she is in need of an individual to assist with inspections during peak periods as well.

BOH Minutes

2/10/15

Page 2

Discussion followed on how this merger would and/or could work. The Health Department presented information on several areas they are working on, but it will take time to get it put together. Frank Easterday moved to continue to investigate the idea of a merger between the Sanitation portion of Zoning and the Health Department. Seconded by Brian Turben. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS

-Discussion of Public Health Preparedness and Response, SouthWest Consortium update and purchase of equipment/supplies.

- Scholarships received from State Public Health Preparedness for staff to attend WALHDAB conferences again this year.
- Consortium members met recently to review and continue work on Capabilities around Community Recovery, Mass Fatality and Mass Care.

WIC Program Update

- Equipment/Supplies

- The WIC participant count for January 2015 was distributed to the Board of Health.
- The advertisement has been posted for the Outreach Worker with the plan to have the individual in place around May 1, 2015 as the new EBT cards will be starting in June, 2015 and there is intensive training during May.

Public Health

● Update on Environmental Health Activities

- Troy Moris reported on the Environmental Health Activities he worked on during 2014.
- Radon test kits continue to be available free of charge to Vernon County residents. Mr. Moris discussed the importance of testing and how it is mitigated if high levels are found in a home.
- TNC Program with DNR reviewed. Discussed the problems and issues in Trying to get the samples back to Viroqua to be mailed or shipped so they reach the State Laboratory of Hygiene within 30 hours. One solution presented is to develop a Water Testing Lab within the Health Department with assistance from UW Oshkosh. Mr. Moris has contacted other Health Departments that are doing it and received very favorable comments. Discussion followed on the feasibility of such a venture. Sherrie Seidel moved to continue to investigate the feasibility of starting a water testing lab in the Health Department. Seconded by Frank Easterday. Motion carried.

- **Budget Reports January 2015.** Budget reports for January 2015 presented and reviewed. Frank Easterday moved to approve the January 2015 budgets as presented. Seconded by Brian Turben. Motion carried.
- **Public Health Report.** Miss Johnson distributed the report for January 2015. Communicable Disease, Immunization and Referral Reports reviewed by BOH. No cases of Ebola or Measles reported in WI as of this date. DHS and CDC continue to provide up-to-date information and it is being shared with the hospitals, community partners and staff.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NEXT MEETING DATE AND ANY OTHER BUSINESS/DISCUSSION NOT REQUIRING A VOTE

- Next Meeting

- The March 2015 meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2015 @ 1:00 PM
- The April 2015 meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2015 @ 1:00 PM

ADJOURN

Frank Easterday moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Sherrie Seidel. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Glenda Sullivan, Secretary

