

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

March 10, 2015

The Vernon County Board of Health met Tuesday, March 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, Rhonda Peterson, RN, BSN

Others present: Elizabeth A. Johnson, RN, BSN, Director/Health Officer

Excused: David Banner,

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 February 10, 2015 BOH meeting were presented and reviewed. Shawn Redington moved to accept 2/10/15 minutes as presented. Seconded by Sherri Seidel. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

No visitors present.

REVIEW AND VOTE ON VOUCHERS

Bills for February 2015 were presented and reviewed. Frank Easterday moved to allow payment of bills for February 2015. Seconded by Sherri Seidel. Motion carried.

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

Discussion followed on the possible merger of the sanitation portion of the Zoning Department with the Health Department and how it would fit into the Health Department and the Board of Health. Dennis Brault and Glenda Sullivan, members of the Financial Planning Committee explained how the committee envisioned it would be. With the Board of Health and the Health Department working towards Full Agent Status with the State Department of Health Services and the Department of Agriculture, the individual conducting the sanitary permit

inspections would have assistance when the Health Department has a Registered Sanitarian in place.

The Limited Agent program the Health Department is doing now could be in jeopardy when DHS and DATCP merge in 2016 so it appears the best thing to do is to move forward with becoming Full Agents at this time. Shawn Redington moved to go ahead with the merger of the Sanitation part of the Zoning Department and to pursue Full Agent Status. Seconded by Frank Easterday. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS

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

- The Mass Fatality Plan is almost complete with a few small additions needed before being finalized. The timeline has been extended another year because of the need for a Family Assistance Center plan to be completed.
- There may be additional funding for Health Departments to be used for Ebola preparations.
- An Ebola exercise with Vernon Memorial Hospital is planned for April 2015.

WIC Program Update

- Equipment/Supplies

- The WIC participant count for February 2015 was distributed to the Board of Health.
- There have been several individuals applying for Outreach Worker position. The plan is to interview and have the individual on board by May 1, 2015.

Public Health

● Update on Environmental Health Activities

- Full Agent Status – item discussed under #6 on the Agenda. See motion.
- TNC Program - Water Testing Lab. Troy Moris, RS has contacted at least two other counties who have the water testing lab set up and they expressed satisfaction with the venture. At this time the Health Department will continue to investigate the possibility.
- **Budget Reports February 2015.** Budget reports for February 2015 presented and reviewed. Frank Easterday moved to approve the February 2015 budgets as presented. Seconded by Brian Turben. Motion carried.
- **Public Health Report.** Miss Johnson distributed the report for February 2015. Communicable Disease, Immunization and Referral Reports reviewed by BOH.

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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 April 2015 meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2015 @ 1:00 PM
- The May 2015 meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2015 @ 1:00 PM

ADJOURN

Frank Easterday moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Shawn Redington. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Glenda Sullivan, Secretary