

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

May 12, 2015

The Vernon County Board of Health met Tuesday, May 12, 2015 in the 2nd Floor Conference Room, Erlandson Office Building. Members present: JoAnn Nickelatti, Glenda Sullivan, David Banner, Shawn Redington, Rhonda Peterson, RN, BSN

Others present: Elizabeth A. Johnson, RN, BSN, Director/Health Officer, Troy Moris, RS, Environmental Health Consultant, Dave Geske, Vector Control Manager, LaCrosse Co Health Department.

Excused: Brian Turben, Sherrie Seidel

Absent: Frank Easterday

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 April 10, 2015 BOH meeting were presented and reviewed. David Banner moved to accept 4/10/15 minutes as presented. Seconded by Rhonda Peterson. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

No visitors present.

REVIEW AND VOTE ON VOUCHERS

Bills for April 2015 were presented and reviewed. Shawn Redington moved to allow payment of bills for April 2015. Seconded by David Banner. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS

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

- School Immunization Clinics are being done at Kickapoo and Westby as a Public Health Preparedness Exercise. All vaccines are being offered.

- The Ebola exercise with Vernon Memorial Hospital scheduled for April 14, 2015 has been rescheduled for May 18, 2015.

WIC Program Update

- Equipment/Supplies

- The WIC participant count for April 2015 was distributed to the Board of Health.
- Outreach worker – interviewed five applicants 4/14/15 with the individual starting May 4, 2015.

Public Health

- Discussion and vote on Kickapoo School Nursing Contract for 2015-16 school year

- Kickapoo School Board approved the contract for 2015-16 school year at their regular meeting May 11, 2015 with the same contingencies as last year. David Banner moved to approve the school nursing contract with Kickapoo Schools for 2015-16 school year. Seconded by Glenda Sullivan. Motion carried.

● Update and possible vote on Environmental Health Activities and Programs

- **Dave Geske, LaCrosse County Vector Control Manager – Mosquito Control Program** – Dave Geske presented his report on the Vector Control Activities his team did in Vernon County in 2014. He discussed the different species of ticks and the diseases that can result from their bites such as Lyme, Babesiosis, Powassan Virus. Surveillance, habitat control and public education are the essence of the control program. The team continues to monitor sites where there were previous cases of LaCrosse Encephalitis in Vernon County as well. County Health Departments have chosen to fund prevention instead of allowing human infection, the cost of treating disease and living with the consequences. The Board of Health thanked Mr. Geske for all of the work put into this program to keep our residents as healthy as possible.

- **TNC Program – Water Testing Lab – Fees for Program** – Discussion on setting fees for postage/UPS charges to send samples to State Laboratory of Hygiene when testing for bacteria and cost of postage/UPS charges and testing for Nitrate and Nitrite when sending samples to UW Oshkosh. UW Oshkosh will not bill the owner/business for the cost of the Nitrate/Nitrite testing so the Health Department will do it. David Banner moved to set the fee at \$35.00 to cover postage/UPS charges and cost of Nitrate/Nitrite testing. Seconded by Shawn Redington. Motion carried.

- Troy Moris reported on the Environmental Health activities he has been involved with in Vernon County during the past month. Discussion followed on a property he has been dealing with in the Valley area for over a year. Area residents have been contacting him regarding the clean-up and according to Vernon County's Health and Sanitation Ordinance #30, the property owner is responsible to get rid of any item that would hold water as it becomes a mosquito breeding area and well as rotting lumber etc. Scrap metal, bikes, mowers are not covered because they do not hold water. He asked the BOH for their recommendations and they unanimously agreed that it is OK to ask the property owner to remove rotting lumber and other water holding containers but not scrap metal unless it is capable of holding water. The Ordinance does not deal with junk cars.

- **Budget Reports April 2015.** Budget reports for April 2015 presented and reviewed. David Banner moved to approve the April 2015 budgets as presented. Seconded by Rhonda Peterson. Motion carried.

- **Public Health Report.** Miss Johnson distributed the report for April 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.

Miss Johnson met with Finance and Personnel Committees regarding a Limited Term Employee to cover the Financial Administrative Assistant position that is now vacant due to long term illness. The Finance Committee moved to allow the Health Department to go over budget up to \$15,000 to cover an LTE during 2015 and the Personnel Committee also gave their approval to hire an LTE.

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

- Next Meeting

- The June 2015 meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2015 @ 1:00 PM
- The July 2015 meeting is scheduled for July 9, 2015 @ 1:00 PM

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ADJOURN

Shawn Redington moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Dave Banner. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Glenda Sullivan, Secretary