

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

January 12, 2016

The Vernon County Board of Health met Tuesday, January 12, 2016 in the Second Floor Conference Room, Erlandson Office Building. Members present: JoAnn Nickelatti, Glenda Sullivan, Frank Easterday, Sherrie Seidel, Rhonda Peterson, RN, BSN, and Shawn Redington.

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

Excused: David Banner, Brian Turben

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 December 10, 2015 BOH meeting were presented and reviewed. Sherrie Seidel moved to accept 12/10/15 minutes as presented. Seconded by Rhonda Peterson. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

Phil Hewitt, Building and Facilities Supervisor. He reported to the Board of Health that his job description has been revised to allow him more latitude in asking/requiring employees to follow his recommendations as it pertains to the County buildings. The County's insurance company is forbidding space heaters in offices and he is requesting that windows not be opened and thermostats not be adjusted by employees. The Health Department assured Mr. Hewitt and the Board of Health that there are no space heaters in the offices, the windows are never opened because they cannot be opened and maintenance is the only person who adjusts the thermostat.

Mr. Hewitt stated that he has had no issues with the Health Department but that he was instructed by the Buildings and Facilities Committee to attend committee meetings and relay the message.

REVIEW AND VOTE ON VOUCHERS

Bills for December 2015 were presented and reviewed. Shawn Redington moved to allow payment of bills for December 2015. Seconded by Sherrie Seidel. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS

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

- Mass Fatality Plan completed and submitted to Region 4 Health Care Coalition Coordinator as required by 12/31/15. Plan made available to BOH members.
- Work continues on Public Health Capabilities for 2016 as set forth by CDC.

WIC Program Update

- Equipment/Supplies

- The WIC participant count for December 2015 was distributed to the Board of Health.
- WIC staff offered extended hours at one Viroqua Clinic to 6:00 pm and the schedule was full.

Public Health

● Update and possible vote on Environmental Health Activities and Programs

- Private Well Water Program with LaCrosse County Health Department.

LaCrosse County Health Department received a grant from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to promote and offer testing of private well water owners in several surrounding counties of which Vernon County is one. The purpose of the program is to inform and work with key community leaders and partners to protect the private well water. The objective is to increase community awareness of drinking water problems, hazards, exposures to related illnesses and performance gaps by looking at knowledge, attitudes and behaviors. The Health Department is to be awarded \$5000 per year for up to 5 years for participating.

The emphasis for the first year or so will be on arsenic in the water and the testing will be done at the LaCrosse County Health Department laboratory.

Cost of the testing has not been confirmed by the LaCrosse County Health Department. After discussion, Frank Easterday moved that the Vernon County Health Department enter into an agreement with the LaCrosse County Health Department to participate in the Private Well Water Testing Program as set forth by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) for the length of the contract. Seconded by Rhonda Peterson. Motion carried.

- Mr. Moris continues to work with the family on the property in DeSoto that recently had more trash brought in by other relatives. It appears the responsible party has been working to remove the material by the 12/31/15 deadline issued by Mr. Moris.

- **Budget Reports December 2015.** Budget reports for December 2015 presented and reviewed. Sherrie Seidel moved to approve the December 2015 budgets as presented. Seconded by Glenda Sullivan. Motion carried.
- **Public Health Report.** Miss Johnson distributed the report for December 2015. Communicable Disease, Immunization and Referral Reports reviewed by BOH.
- **Funding for POCAN and Medication Management.** The issue has been worked out with the Finance Committee Chair and funding is available for 2016.

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

- Next Meeting

- The February 2016 meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2016 @ 1:00 PM
- The March 2016 meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2016 @ 1:00 PM

ADJOURN

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Glenda Sullivan, Secretary

