

BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

November 08, 2016

The Vernon County Board of Health met Tuesday, November 08, 2016 in the Second Floor Conference Room, Erlandson Office Building. Members present: JoAnn Nickelatti, Glenda Sullivan, David Banner, Rhonda Peterson, RN, BSN, Sherrie Seidel, Frank Easterday and Brian Turben.

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

Excused: Mary Rae

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 October 11, 2016 BOH meeting were presented and reviewed. David Banner moved to accept 10/11/16 minutes as presented. Seconded by Glenda Sullivan. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

No visitors present today.

REVIEW AND VOTE ON VOUCHERS

Bills for October 2016 were presented and reviewed. Frank Easterday moved to allow payment of bills for October 2016. Seconded by David Banner. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS

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

- Work continues on completing objectives for 2015-16 and starting 2016-17.

**WIC Program Update
- Equipment/Supplies**

- The WIC participant count for October 2016 was distributed to the Board of Health.
- Received allotment for 2017 along with another decrease due to decline in participation. If enrollment goes up, the allotment might be adjusted as it is reviewed at least twice a year.

Public Health

● Update and possible vote on Environmental Health Activities and Programs

- Mr. Moris continues to work with a family in Readstown around mold issues. Plans to reissue the order.
 - Mr. Moris reported on the on property in DeSoto Area in which the owner has not followed through on the Order of Abatement. A citation was issued to the owner and a court date is set for December 5, 2016.
 - Closed out a case from 2014 in Westby. House had water damage etc. The property was purchased and damage fixed.
 - Issues with mold in a mobile home in Viroqua. Management company has fixed the problems and Mr. Moris will make a final visit next week.
 - Fee exempt water test kits from the State Lab of Hygiene, Madison, WI have been distributed to those who wish to test their water after the recent flood. The timing issue continues to be a big factor as the sample has to be in Madison within 30 hours and several have not met that criteria. Results continue to come in with several having to repeat the process.
- TNC Program – Water Lab.** The equipment for the water lab has been ordered through UW Oshkosh. Not sure of the time frame in which the equipment will be here. A county resident visited the Health Department asking if a water lab could be started due to the difficulty in getting the samples to the State Lab in a timely manner. He stated the request was on behalf of those who had sent samples to the State Lab and they did not get there in time. We informed him that a water lab was in progress and would be operational sometime in 2017.
- Budget Report September 2016.** Budget report for October 2016 was presented and reviewed. David Banner moved to approve the budget as presented. Seconded by Frank Easterday. Motion carried.

- **Ho Chunk Proposal.** Miss Johnson reported that the Health Department was notified that the Finance Committee would be taking proposals and they were to be submitted by November 7, 2016. The Department submitted two proposals:
 - ▶ The first request is for a new Bio-logic AuDX battery operated audiometer to replace the one purchased in 1999. This instrument is used to test the hearing on infants born at home. The current instrument is recalibrated each year but we are told that new parts for that model are no longer available. The request is \$5000.
 - ▶ The second request is for funding to continue the “Stepping On” Falls Prevention program for Older Individuals. The Health Department has been Providing the Stepping On program for individuals 60 years and older through the Vernon County Unit on Aging for the past several years. Classes are held in different parts of the County. The last class was in Coon Valley and there was a tremendous response. We would like to continue to offer the classes in 2017 and the funding request is \$3000. The Unit on Aging is not requesting funds for 2017.

The Board of Health reviewed and discussed the written material presented to them and David Banner moved to accept the Ho Chunk proposals as presented to the Finance Committee. Seconded by Glenda Sullivan. Motion carried. the

- **Public Health Report.** Miss Johnson distributed the report for October 2016. Communicable Disease, Immunization and Referral Reports reviewed by BOH.
- **Limited Agent – Agent Status.** Work continues on the Ordinance.

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

- Next Meeting

- The December 2016 meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2016 @ 1:00 PM
- The January 2017 meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2017 @ 1:00 PM

ADJOURN

Rhonda Peterson moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Brian Turben. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sherrie Seidel, Secretary